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ROBERT G. PROCTOR,
SECRETARY



DEDICATION
MASTER OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE 1968-1979

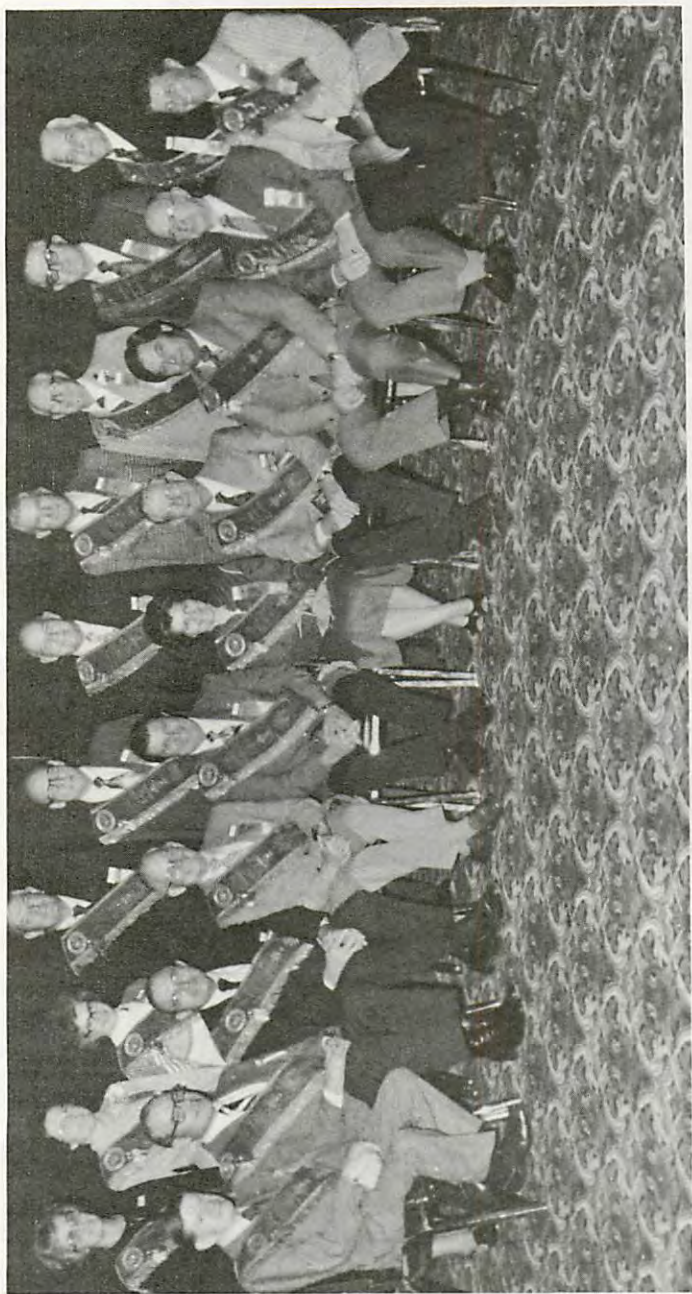
John W. Scott and Dorothy I. Scott

WHEREAS, Brother and Sister John W. Scott have devoted the past eleven years of their lives to the furtherance of principles of our beloved Order, and

WHEREAS, this service has been given with love and devotion above and beyond the call of the office in which they have served, now be it

RESOLVED, That the Delegate Body of the 113th Annual meeting of the National Grange recognize the tremendous contribution the Scotts have made to the betterment of the National Grange, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent to John and Dorothy Scott with the eternal gratitude of the Delegate Body of the National Grange here assembled.



1979 Officers of the National Grange—(seated from left) Master, John W. Scott; Overseer, Edward Anderson (Neb.); Lecturer, Kermit Richardson (Vt.); Steward, W.C. Harris (Ore.); Asst. Steward, James Ross (Ohio); Lady Asst. Steward, Elizabeth Lowry (Vt.); Chaplain, Morris Halladay (N.Y.); Treasurer, Russell Stauffer (Ill.); Secretary, Robert Proctor; Gatekeeper, D. Vincent Andrews (Fla.). Standing from left—Ceres, Patty Wedding (Mo.); Pomona, Jennette Thomas (R.I.); Flora, Betty Hall (W. Va.); Exec. Comm., Delwin Cross (Iowa), Francis Guthrie (Colo.); Woodrow Tucker (R.I.); Jack Silvers (Wash.); High Priest of Demeter, C. Jerome Davis (Ind.), Priest Archon, Lloyd Massey (N.C.); Priest Analyst, J. Luther Snyder (Pa.).

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Betty Beecher
Robert Mitchell
Mae Mitchell
William Pearl
Mary Pearl
Donald Peck

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Norman Dempsey
Dorothy Dempsey
Paul Mitchell
Ruth Mitchell
William Naudain
Mildred Naudain
Ralph O'Day
Peggy O'Day

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Mary Proctor
John Rock
Ruth Rock

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Ethel Davis
Blanche Newsom

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Maynard Dolloff
Phyllis Dolloff

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Naomi Holter
Grove Miller
Arlene Miller
Mary Louise Snyder

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Rexford Smith

MINNESOTA

William Pearson
Alice Pearson

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Pauline Schlectweg

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Norris Hall
Lillian Hall
John Saturley
Doris Saturley

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Ella McSperran
Wayne Readinger
Helen Readinger
Dorothy Scott
Fae Snyder

RHODE ISLAND

Alfred Lawson
Ruth Lawson
Kenneth P. Thomas
Marjorie Tucker

VERMONT

Royal Cutts
Caroline Cutts
Margaret Richardson

VIRGINIA

John Burgess
Margaret Burgess

WEST VIRGINIA

Frank Sutton
Dorothea Sutton

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday
November 7, 1979**

The Staff of the National Grange, some of its officers and delegates began to gather at the Host Farm Inn, Lancaster, Pennsylvania in preparation for the 113th National Session.

**Thursday and Friday
November 8-9, 1979**

On Thursday and Friday the Agricultural Sessions Committee met with Chairman Russell Stauffer.

On Friday the Citizenship and Public Affairs Sessions Committee met with Chairman Richard Carncross.

**Saturday
November 10, 1979**

The Agricultural Sessions Committee and the Citizenship and Public Affairs Session Committee met with their respective Chairman, processing their portion of the 660 resolutions.

The National Grange Executive Committee was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Woodrow Tucker to deliberate upon the budget, audits and preparing for the general business of the Session.

**Sunday
November 11, 1979**

The Grange Patrons attended the various churches of their choice. The two advanced committees continued with tasks.

The Department heads, Brother Kermit Richardson, Lecturer and Sister Jenny Grobusky, Director of Women's Activities, Sister Patty Carncross, Director of Junior Grange Activities and Brother William Steel, Director of Youth Activities, worked with their committees to set up their exhibits. As the remaining delegates arrived the Committee Chairman met with Brother Woodrow Tucker for instructions. They then organized their respective Sessions Committees and commenced with the deliberations assigned to them.

**Sunday Evening
November 11, 1979**

The Pennsylvania State Grange was host to the National Grange Officers, Delegates and guests at a banquet in the appropriately decorated Ballroom of the Host Farm Inn. Brother J. Luther Snyder, Past Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange served as the Master of Ceremonies. The Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange Brother Charles E. Wismer, Jr. welcomed all to the heartland of the host state, wished the National Grange a successful session and offered assistance in anyway needed. After the dinner was enjoyed by all the Honorable Albert Wilson, Mayor of the City of Lancaster was introduced. He welcomed all to this farming and small business community.

Brother John Scott, Master of the National Grange was introduced. He thanked the host Grange for the planning and preparation that had thus far gone toward a successful session and was proud to be welcoming all to his home state. He recognized the National Officers, Staff and his family.

The Host Master, Charles Wismer, Jr. introduced the Pennsylvania State Grange officers and staff.

The Honorable Penrose Hallowell, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture was introduced. He read a letter of greetings and welcome from the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Honorable Richard Thornburgh.

November, 1979

GREETINGS:

I am pleased that my friend and colleague, Penny Hallowell, has the opportunity, on behalf of all residents of the Commonwealth, to welcome to Lancaster everyone attending the 113th annual session of the National Grange.

As representatives of 38 State Granges, you will have the opportunity to discuss common agricultural problems and concerns. Additionally, this conference provides you with a number of enjoyable activities related to farm life.

It is appropriate that you are meeting in Lancaster, the heart of Pennsylvania farmland. I hope that while you are in the Keystone State you have the opportunity to take advantage of some of the many scenic and

historic points of interest that Pennsylvania has to offer.

As Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I welcome you and offer my best wishes for a most enjoyable and successful conference.



Dick Thornburgh
Governor

Secretary Hallowell related to the State of Pennsylvania being the largest agricultural state in the east with 59,000 farms cultivating some nine million acres. His office, therefore, must be concerned with assisting with the solving of the problems of farm prices and how they balance with other prices, the export markets and how they can be expanded, taxes and how the most can be derived from monies spent, energy, the need to restore farmland after mining, and the making of fuel from farm products, the preservation of farmlands and the effects of foreign farmland ownership, credit for young farmers in an effort to continue the family farm concept and research that will aide the production of food and fiber for our nation.

The Master of Ceremonies introduced Brother Doug Bonsall, Director of Youth Activities and Host Sessions Coordinator for the Pennsylvania State Grange. Brother Bonsall recognized and introduced the committee members and State Grange Officers who have contributed their time and talent planning for this session for the past five years.

Sister Mary Buffington, Lecturer of the Pennsylvania State Grange introduced "The Shankweiler Family" from Lehigh County who entertained with a selection of songs, dialogue and pantomime which demonstrated the talents to be found in the Grange and the fun, training, opportunities and wholesomeness of the family that works together.

Sister Mary Shannon, Chairman of the Banquet committee, conducted a count off for the door prizes that decorated each table.

FIRST DAY

Monday Morning

November 12, 1979

The morning was devoted to committee work, preparing reports, setting up the hall and everyone keying up for the opening of the session.

FIRST DAY

Monday Afternoon

November 12, 1979

The 113th Session of the National Grange was called to order by the Worthy High Priest of Demeter, C. Jerome Davis, at 1 o'clock on November 12th, 1979 in the Ballroom of the Host Farm Inn, in Lancaster Pennsylvania. The National Officers marched in, formed the altar circle, and then marched to their stations.

The Session was opened in the 7th Degree with Worthy Master, John W. Scott in the Masters chair. The roll call of officers found all present. The roll call of Delegates found all Grange States represented including Potomac #1 and the Alaska Grange Council. The Session was lowered to the 4th Degree. Charges were read against James Ross, Master, Ohio State Grange by the National Grange Secretary.

IN THE NATIONAL GRANGE OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, D.C.

IN THE MATTER OF:

Charges Preferred Against:

JAMES ROSS
State Master
Ohio State Grange

Comes now the complainant, Mary Ellen Saultz, and the endorsers, Louise King, and

Wayne King pursuant to Chapter XIII, Section 8, 1976 Digest of the Patrons of Husbandry and charge James Ross, State Master, Ohio State Grange as follows:

October 15, 1979

To the Officers and Members of the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry:

The undersigned, a member in good standing in the Ohio State Grange and Laylin Grange #1763, County of Licking, State of

Ohio, does charge Brother James Ross, an officer, to wit: State Master in the Ohio State Grange with conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, specified as follows:

FIRST, that on or about the 10th day of January and continuously thereafter to the present time, has caused the annual word to be withheld from the Officers and Members of Laylin Grange #1763. More specifically, the accused has, through word and deed, denied Laylin Grange the right to function as prescribed by Grange law. Despite the action of the Executive Board of the Ohio State Grange ordering the communication of the 1979 annual word in Laylin Grange, said Grange has never received the 1979 annual word: all said conduct being contrary to and in violation of the unwritten work of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry concerning the communication of the annual word and the obligation of the Master, as prescribed by the installation ceremony, and the Reprimand by the Worthy National Master as ordered by the Delegate body of the National Grange on November 19, 1978.

SECOND, that on or about the 1st day of January 1979, the accused did willfully and knowingly cause all communications from the Ohio State Grange to be withheld from the Officers of Laylin Grange, thus, the Officers of Laylin Grange could not participate in State activities, nor could they aid their Brothers and Sisters in such matters. Said action being contrary to and in violation of the obligation of the First Degree of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry, the duties of Master as prescribed in the Installation ceremony, the Ohio State Grange By-laws Art. VI Sec. 1 and the Reprimand by the Worthy National Master as ordered by the Delegate body of the National Grange on November 19, 1978.

All of said actions are contrary to and in violation of the obligations of the First Degree and more specifically, said actions run counter to the "Specific Objectives", Chapter II, Declaration of Purposes, 1976 Digest of the Patrons of Husbandry, which in part provides:

"We propose meeting together, talking together, working together and, in general, acting together for our mutual protection and advancement. We shall constantly strive to secure harmony, good will, and brotherhood and to make our Order perpetual. We shall earnestly endeavor to suppress personal, local, sectional, and national prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry and all selfish ambition. Faithful adherence to these principles will insure our mental, moral, social, and material advancement."

The complainant asks that the accused be tried by the National Grange in a fair and impartial manner, in accordance with the usage of the Order.

Fraternally,
Mary Ellen Saultz, Complainant
Member, Laylin Grange #1763

ENDORSED BY:

Louise King
Member, Laylin Grange #1763

Wayne King
Member, Laylin Grange #1763

The Trial Committee was appointed:

1. Ross Carter
2. Jean LaForest
3. Margaret Maple
4. Lester Wallace
5. Frank Warner

Motion by Brother Carncross, seconded and carried, that the printed program be accepted as the Order of Business for this session except for Thursday November 15th. The outline for Thursday to be announced later.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM 113th ANNUAL SESSION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00 a.m. Agriculture Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00 a.m. Agriculture Committee Meeting

Citizenship & Public Affairs
Committee Meeting

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 9:00 a.m. Agriculture Committee Meeting
Citizenship & Public Affairs
8:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 9:00 a.m. Committee Meetings
3:00 p.m. Committee Chairmen meet with
Woody Tucker for instruction
4:00 p.m. Committee Organization
Meetings
6:00 p.m. Host State Banquet
(Officers, Delegates & Invited
Guests)
Speaker: Penrose Hallowell,
Pa. Sec. of Agriculture
9:30 p.m. National Officers' Rehearsal
9:30 p.m. Committee Meetings

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 7:00 a.m. New Delegates' Breakfast
Meeting
9:00 a.m. Committee Meetings
1:00 p.m. Opening of the 113th Annual
Session in the Seventh Degree
(Seventh Degree members
wishing to witness the
Opening should be in the
Room by 12:45 p.m.)
1:45 p.m. Admission of Fourth Degree
Members
Roll Call of Officers
Roll Call of States
Partial Report of Credentials
Committee
Adoption of Order of Business
2:15 p.m. Master's Address: John W.
Scott
2:45 p.m. Reconvene in Fourth Degree
Referral of Resolutions &
Interim Reports
Announcements
Reports of New Delegates
5:30 p.m. Recess
7:30 p.m. Reconvene Session
9:30 p.m. Session Closes
9:45 p.m. Committee Meetings

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 9:00 a.m. Opening Grange in Fourth
Degree

Unfinished Business
Committee reports

- 12:30 p.m. Recess
Luncheon for National Officers
2:00 p.m. Reconvene Session
Committee reports
5:30 p.m. Session Closes
6:30 p.m. Harvest Banquet
(Sponsored by National
Grange Mutual Ins.)
(Delegates, Officers & Invited
Guests)
9:00 p.m. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 9:00 a.m. Exhibits Open
(Lecturer's, Women, Juniors
& Youth)
9:00 a.m. Opening Grange in Fourth
Degree
Election of Officers
12:00 noon Recess
12:15 p.m. Farmers & Traders Luncheon
Speaker: George Else, Pres.,
American Red Cross -
(Delegates, Officers &
Invited Guests)
1:45 p.m. Reconvene Session
Election of Officers
3:30 p.m. Youth Rap Session
5:00 p.m. Recess
6:00 p.m. Deadline for check-in of Grange
Youth
6:00 p.m. Youth Candidates Reception
7:00 p.m. Reconvene Session
Announcement of winners in
Community Service Contest
Committee reports
9:30 p.m. Youth Orientation Program and
"Get-Acquainted" Party

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast
9:00 a.m. All Exhibits Open
9:00 a.m. Opening Grange in Fourth
Degree
Committee reports
12:00 noon Recess
12:15 p.m. Past Delegates Luncheon
(Dutch Treat)
1:30 p.m. Reconvene Session
Recognition of Past Delegates
& Officers
Receive Invitation of 1984
Session
Committee reports

- 1:30 p.m. Seventh Degree Rehearsal
- 2:30 p.m. Youth Swimming Party
- 5:00 p.m. Session closes
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Activities Banquet
Presentation of Natl. Awards
& Entertainment
- 10:00 p.m. Teen Dance
Young Couples Party

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 8:30 a.m. Opening Grange in Fourth
degree
(Youth Officers in the Chairs
for Opening)
- 9:00 a.m. All Exhibits Open
- 9:30 a.m. Rehearsal for Family Musical
- 11:00 a.m. Contestants
- 9:30 a.m. Junior Grange Degree
- 11:30 a.m. Session closes
- 11:00 a.m. Family Musical Contestants
meet with National Lecturer
- 11:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m.-Rehearsal for Talent
Finalists
- 12:30 p.m. Rural American Luncheon
- 12:30 p.m. Junior Grange Luncheon
(Dutch Treat)
- 3:00 p.m. Family Musical Finals
- 2:30 p.m. Seventh Degree Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. State Secretaries Dinner
(Dutch Treat)
- 6:30 p.m. Talent Contestants meet with
National Lecturer
- 7:30 p.m. Talent Finals
- 10:00 p.m. Youth Party

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 9:00 a.m. All Exhibits Open
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Conference
- 10:00 a.m. Sixth Degree Conferral
- 9:30 a.m. Seventh Degree Conferral
- 1:00 p.m. Seventh Degree Conferral
- 3:30 p.m. Seventh Degree Conferral
- 5:00 p.m. GROW Club Dinner
- 5:30 p.m. Convocation of the Assembly of
Demeter

- 6:00 p.m. Youth Buffet
- 8:00 p.m. Coronation Pageant
- 10:00 p.m. Coronation Ball

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 9:30 a.m. Memorial Service Rehearsal
Morris Halladay, Chaplain
- 10:30 a.m. Memorial Service
- 11:00 a.m. Business Session of the
Assembly of Demeter
Election of Officers
- 12:30 p.m. Recess
- 2:00 p.m. Opening Grange in Fourth
Degree
Installation of Officers
Committee reports
- 5:00 p.m. Recess
- 7:00 p.m. Reconvene Session

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 9:00 a.m. Opening in Fourth Degree
Committee reports
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon
(National General Insurance)
- 1:30 p.m. Reconvene Session
Committee Reports
- 5:00 p.m. Recess
- 6:30 p.m. Reconvene Session
Committee Reports

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 9:00 a.m. Opening Grange in Fourth
Degree
Committee reports
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 2:00 p.m. Reconvene Session
Committee reports
Communication of the Annual
Word
Closing of the 113th Annual
Session

Brother Delwin Cross, Chairman of the Audit and Credentials Committee gave a preliminary report for that committee. The partial report was accepted for The Journal.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT, CREDENTIALS, COMPENSATION AND SESSION ACTIVITIES

This is a partial report of the Committee, and deals with the credentials of the delegate body. The Secretary's records show the following states have the required number of Granges, have their dues paid for the current year and that the following duly selected delegates are entitled to be, and are, seated as the representatives of these states in this one hundred thirteenth Session of the National Grange.

Arkansas	Michigan
Joe Peters	Richard Carncross
Ethel Peters	Patty Carncross
California	Minnesota
Edwin Koster	Adel Brendemuhl
Edna C. Koster	Albert Brendemuhl
Colorado	Missouri
Francis Guthrie	David Wedding
Harriet Guthrie	Patty Wedding
Connecticut	Montana
Frank Warner	Forest Farris
Margaret Warner	Margaret Farris
Delaware	Nebraska
Claude R. Hoffman	Edward Andersen
Catherine Hoffman	Darlene Andersen
Florida	New Hampshire
D. Vincent Andrews	B. Franklin Hayes
Madelin Andrews	Virginia Hayes
Idaho	New Jersey
Gordon Tate	John U. Maple
Reta Mae Tate	Peg Maple
Illinois	New York
Russell Stauffer	Morris J. Halladay
Indiana	Catherine Halladay
Wendell E. Shireman	North Carolina
Dorothy Shireman	Lloyd Massey
Iowa	Eunice Massey
Delwin Cross	Ohio
Lucille Cross	James Ross
Kansas	Mary Ross
Lewis Cline	Oklahoma
Mildred Cline	Marvin Purdy
Maine	Wilma Purdy
James E. Shores Jr.	Oregon
Dorothy Shores	W. C. Harris
Maryland	Lida Harris
Rodman Myers	Pennsylvania
Jean Myers	Charles Wismer
Massachusetts	Jane Wismer
Vernon P. West	Rhode Island
Connie West	Frank Silveira
	Dorothy Silveira

South Carolina	Virginia
George C. Grobusky	Arthur Du Lac
Jenny Grobusky	Doris Du Lac
Tennessee	Washington
Michael LaForest	Jack Silvers
Jean LaForest	West Virginia
Texas	Edgar Hall
R. G. Carter	Betty Hall
Flo Carter	Wisconsin
Vermont	Lester Wallace
Daryl Lowry	Betty Wallace
Elizabeth Lowry	Wyoming
	Charles E. Buell
	Pearl Buell

The Pianist for the Session is Sister Ella Laing of Pennsylvania.
 Brother Russell Stauffer, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, asked for a personal privilege and read two telegrams one to Senator Tallmadge, and one the Secretary of Agriculture, Robert Bergland. The telegrams were accepted and ordered sent.

TELEGRAM
To: Senator Herman Talmadge

The National Grange, assembled in its 113th Annual Session, urgently and respectfully requests that the House-passed bill to extend the price support program for dairy products at 80 percent of parity through September 30, 1981, be given immediate consideration by the Senate Agriculture Committee and reported to the Senate floor for their approval.

TELEGRAM
To: Secretary Bergland

The National Grange, assembled in its 113th Annual Session, commends the Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, for making the Grange-sponsored Farmer-Owned Reserve Program a major component of this Administration's farm program and for his continued effort to improve the program so as to provide producers with better market opportunities.

The Agriculture Committee of the National Grange makes the following recommendations to further improve the administration of the Farmer-Owned Reserve: (1) a mid-point trigger price between the releases and call levels be placed in effect. When the market price reaches the mid-point, the interest charges would be resumed on the loan, thus forcing some of the farmer-owned reserve on to the market, thus reducing the amount available for market entry when the call level is reached; (2) extend the time after the releases and call levels are reached for farmers to make their marketing decision; and (3) that after the call level is once reached and the price then falls back below the releases level, the grain that once was in the reserve, may re-enter the reserve.

The Agriculture Committee further recommends that the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 be amended to raise the trigger points by approximately 7% on all grains in the reserve and that the CCC selling price be raised to 170% of the current level of the price support for such commodity.

The Worthy Master asked the Worthy Overseer to approach his station. The Worthy Overseer assumed the Masters Station and introduced Brother John W. Scott who welcomed all to Pennsylvania and this 113th Session, and gave his annual address.

NATIONAL MASTER'S ADDRESS

It is with extreme pleasure that Dorothy and I and the Patrons of our home state welcome you to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The State Grange has chosen one of the finest facilities available for this 113th Annual Session of the National Grange.

Host Farm Inn is located in the heart of some of Pennsylvania's most productive agricultural land. In the immediate vicinity are many farms owned and operated by the Amish people who continue to farm without the aid of electricity or power-drawn equipment. Horses provide the power to move their machinery through the fields. Their beautiful, well-kept farms are a reminder that it is possible not only to survive without these "essentials" but to prosper.

This area, settled by the Pennsylvania Dutch, has clung to many of the ways of its forefathers and I challenge you to sit down to a meal anywhere that is more abundant and more delicious than a Pennsylvania Dutch dinner. Unfortunately the language still spoken by the older generation is being lost by the younger generations as are many of the customs.

This is the first time in 42 years that the National Session has been in Pennsylvania. Prior to 1937, when we met in Harrisburg, Sessions had been held in Pittsburgh, 1923, in Harrisburg, 1897, and in Philadelphia, 1886.

During the past year our country has seen events that significantly effect both American history and world history: the nuclear scare at Three Mile Island, progressive moves in trade with the People's Republic of China, the Egypt-Israeli peace treaty, Salt II, the Pope's Visit to America, Gas Lines and the Energy Crises, just to name some of the highlights. This Session of the National Grange is convened at a time when our nation has to face some serious problems. We plan to give our most thoughtful consideration to these many important issues during this Session.

AGRICULTURE

The nation's farmers once more have responded to the marketplace and have produced record or near record crops of wheat, feed grains, and cotton. Net farm income increased in 1978 by 40 percent over 1977 and it is estimated that 1979 net farm income will be a near record. Why, then, do we still have tractorcades in Washington and families leaving the farm?

Net farm income started out this decade at \$1.4 billion, climbed to over \$33 billion in 1973, and dropped to \$20 billion in 1977 as farm prices fell. After that low point in 1977, farm income began to trend upward, reaching nearly \$28 billion in 1978 and continuing to improve in 1979. The estimated net farm income for 1979 is \$30 billion.

What is most striking about the farm financial situation, however, is the relatively low level of farm debt overall. The farm sector on average owns over 80 percent of all farming operations free and clear of debt. The total equity is \$638 billion, up nearly two and one-half times since 1970. Likewise, farm operations today are significant accumulations of wealth. The average farm in 1978 had total assets that exceeded a quarter of a million dollars with liabilities of less than 20 percent of that amount. The net worth of the average farmer was well over \$200,000, a large capital enterprise.

Farm income, debt and assets-to-liabilities are always reported as national averages. A man standing with one foot in a tub of ice water and the other in a tub of scalding hot water, on the average, is comfortable. All such references to the financial condition of farmers must be viewed with care. The diversity of farm sizes today means these figures are not descriptive of the balance sheet of any specific farm. It should also be kept in mind that many family farmers do not own the land they farm and hence their total assets are much smaller than these average figures suggest.

The farm financial picture I have painted differs substantially from what the striking farmers were saying from their tractor seats on the Washington Mall. It is not the picture that represents the largest class of farmers that you and I know as our neighbors. The picture becomes distorted.

It will help if we examine the main principles of the picture. The large commercial and commercial-plus farms include about a half-million families. The small commercial and small family farms include about 1.2 million families. There are also another one million families

living in rural areas, most working off-farm jobs and farming in their spare time. These families produce and sell \$2,500 or less in farm products each year and clear less than \$2,000 annually from farming activities.

Today, there is a significant number of very large farms that control an increasing proportion of farm resources, sell a growing part of farm output and that have high family incomes. In 1968, 1.5 percent of all farms had net farm incomes over \$30,000 (sales over \$100,000); those 45,000 farms sold 29 percent of all farm output and received 11.5 percent of all government payments. By 1978, 7.0 percent of all farms averaged net farm incomes above \$50,000 (sales over \$100,000); those 187,000 farms sold 56.3 percent of all farm output and received 21.5 percent of all government payments. If this rate of concentration continues, by 1988, 12.5 percent of all farms (250,000 farms) will sell 84 percent of all farm output and receive 32 percent of all government payments. The remaining farmers primarily will be rural residents, with off-farm occupations and only a side-interest in farming. The long-term prospect for most of the 1.2 million farmers that have sales between \$2,500 and \$40,000 annually is to become a rural resident.

This, then, is the picture of American agriculture or, if you will, the structure of American agriculture. Or, in the terms of land grant university economists, it is "who will control U.S. agriculture?"

I called the attention of the delegate body to the changing structure in U.S. agriculture three years ago and you responded by asking for a new direction in farm policy that would direct government farm program assistance toward these 1.2 million farm families. The Variable Deficiency Payment program recommended by the National Grange is still under study by USDA. If the \$3.0 billion of government payments that went to farmers in 1978 had gone to these 1.2 million farmers, their incomes would have been substantially improved (about \$3,000 each). Instead, this group received about one-third of all program payments (about \$1,000 per farm) which did not raise their economic bargaining power to a level equal to that of their larger neighbors.

Unless some additional assistance is provided these farmers, most will slowly discontinue farming operations. The Grange, during recent years has come to realize that this assistance cannot come through government programs that support prices through proven yields times the number of acres. Parity prices are one such goal. The improvements in their incomes will be small compared to the gains of larger farms and their competitive position will be worsened rather than improved.

If we are concerned over the demise of the family farm structure in American agriculture, we must support efforts to redirect federal policy that benefits the haves to the detriment of the have-nots. I am not saying that bigness in agriculture is undesirable but, on the other hand, bigness is not necessarily all beautiful—not if it's bought with the loss of 1.2 million farm families and the purchasing power they represent in the market place.

It was his concern over the future structure of American agriculture that led the Secretary of Agriculture, Bob Bergland, in a speech last March, to call for a national dialogue on the composition, control and direction of the U.S. farm and food system. The Secretary also has tried to dispel fears that have been expressed by commercial agriculture that his call is one that will ultimately mean the breaking up of big farms. The Secretary has said, "Let me assure you that our efforts to consider small and medium-size farms are not synonymous with breaking up big farms." The Secretary went on to explain that "big" is a relative term in reference to farm size. "Big" varies in definition by region and locale. Second, all but 2 percent of our farms are "family farms" regardless of how big they are. In many instances, their size determines their success. And, third, I believe that the broadest possible competitive mix of farms—large, medium and small—is in the best interest of rural and urban America." The point the Secretary, and I hope I, am making is—if present trends continue we will only have big farms engaged in productive agriculture—a situation I believe is not in the best interest of our nation.

Fourteen years ago economist Harold Breimyer, now a professor of agricultural economics at the University of Missouri, listed four attributes of the traditional structure of American agriculture: (1) Land is privately-owned and cultivated. (2) Much of the land is owned by persons within agriculture, rather than by a non-farm propertied class. (3) Individual proprietors are managers and laborers and provide most or all of their operating capital; they may also

own their own land. (4) The individual proprietorship is comparatively small. Today, 14 years later, 40 percent of all farmland in production is rented land. I happen to believe that the best fertilizer on a farm is the owner's footprints. We are rapidly moving away from the owner-entrepreneur in American agriculture. We therefore should advocate and support legislation that keeps farm land in the hands of farmers. Absentee land ownership should be avoided whether the landlord lives in Germany, the Netherlands, Chicago, New York or Los Angeles.

Increased concentration is not unique to the farm sector. Trends and factors outside of the immediate farming sector are undergoing their own rush toward bigness and are combining to encourage farm size growth. Gone is the time when buyers and sellers traded all farm products on an open, competitive market. Traditional markets have been replaced since World War II by a variety of exchange arrangements, such as vertical integration, formula pricing, and contractual agreements. The broiler industry is totally vertically integrated. Production, processing, and marketing are all under company control and no price exists at intermediate stages of production. We must ask ourselves how long it will be before eggs, turkeys, hogs and beef cattle go the way of the broiler industry.

The Agriculture Committee, in their report to the delegates last year, emphasized the importance of keeping markets open. Markets for both inputs and products of agriculture are essential to the continuation of family farming. As markets go, so goes family agriculture. Whenever either diminishes in number the other will also decline. And whenever family farms become so few that marketings from them drop below a critical volume, the markets will wither and disappear. The remaining family farms will then vanish almost overnight.

It is therefore essential that the Grange continue to give strong support to farmers' right to cooperate in the purchase of the inputs of agriculture, as well as in the marketing of farm products. We must guard against cooperatives that become so large that their management is more interested in their own profit and loss statement rather than the well-being of family agriculture. Likewise, as forward contracting, integration and other marketing innovations become a part of the marketing systems, farmers must have the continued right to join together and bargain in good faith with their counterparts in the marketing of agricultural products. We therefore should give strong support to the National Agricultural Bargaining Act now before the U.S. Congress which requires good faith bargaining on the part of the producers as well as the processor. Such legislation will enable family farms to keep markets open and provide them with a method of price-setting. It does little good to assist smaller farmers to continue production if markets are lost because of the concentration inside and outside of agriculture.

The Grange has been the leader in proclaiming the continuation of the family farm system in American agriculture as a way of life. Since the beginning of farm programs back in the 30's, the preambles of farm bills have endorsed the traditional family farm system of agriculture. I have tried to point out the diversity of American agriculture, a fact I believe the Grange has come to realize, but we, as producers and consumers and our government still approach that diversity with price and income policies and programs that were devised to meet the needs of a monolithic structure of agriculture which existed in the 30's. The real question before the nation is, "Should we continue to try to preserve the family farm system in American agriculture?" Are the social, economic and political benefits of the family farm system worth saving? Are there future benefits to be derived through increased efficiency and productivity to offset the loss of one-and-a-half million family farms that will go by the wayside if the present rate of concentration continues?

The excess resources, primarily labor, that have been in agriculture since the end of World War II no longer exist; therefore, the emphasis on farm policies that encourage consolidation of farms into larger farm units no longer is essential. We are in a new ball game. Further consolidation can provide little additional benefit and we need to focus our attention on the social costs of further concentration both in and outside agriculture.

The words of Benjamin Hibbard of Wisconsin, over a quarter of a century ago, echo back: "Objectives involved in . . . older agricultural policies were of a broad-gauged character. The settlement of the country; the establishment of an independent, sturdy, middle class of proprietors; the promotion of the highest type of citizenship; the promotion of the highest degree of morality, happiness, and prosperity." There is no doubt that the sociological objectives of our agricultural policies have modified over time. But who among us can say that the objectives envisioned by Mr. Hibbard are not needed today?

If we are really concerned about the future of the family farm structure in American agriculture, what policy changes are needed to stop the continued concentration?

The Grange should continue its call for a re-direction in farm programs that would reduce the assistance provided to economically strong farm operations. Obviously, a federal policy of removing all income differentials in agriculture would be unacceptable. But there is a serious question in my mind whether federal income transfer programs for agriculture should provide above-parity income farmers with sizable federal income supplements. Closely related to that is providing farm program assistance that is flexible enough to meet the special requirements of small family farms with their diversified crop and livestock mix. The Agriculture Committee should study the various changes needed in present farm policy to meet the above objectives and report their recommendations to the delegate body.

In addition to federal farm policy changes to benefit small to medium-size family farms, the greatest assistance to family agriculture can come about by reducing the advantage big farmers have in the U.S. tax code.

Dr. Leo Mayer, Senior Specialist in Agriculture of the Library of Congress, whose recent paper entitled "Farm Income and Farm Structure in the United States" contributed much to my remarks, suggests the following, and I call it to the attention of the Taxation and Fiscal Policy Committee for their study:

"The cyclical nature of agriculture makes it a prime candidate for tax programs that smooth out taxable income between years. Income averaging is useful in a year of rapid increase in farm receipts. However, farmers also suffer years in which there are sharp decreases in incomes; 1976 and 1977 are recent examples. These reductions can impose a serious income burden on farm families. One policy possibility would be to substitute the current 'loss recovery provision' that is in the Internal Revenue Code for large corporations for the income subsidy payments currently made to farmers during low-price years."

Dr. Mayer explains further in a footnote: "In some respects, a 'loss recovery' concept approaches a negative income tax proposal, although it now applies only to business because only businesses can suffer operating losses. Some tax analysts argue that a farm business can now receive both a tax refund under the loss recovery provision and if cash accounting provisions are utilized to spread income between years properly, the farm could also receive income supplement payments under the federal farm program. *From an equity standpoint restrictions might be considered to ensure that no farming operations could receive both income subsidy payments and 'loss recovery' payments.*"

At first glance I would say that the above suggestion would not help small to medium-size family farms because to take advantage of the "loss recovery provision" of the code the farmer would have had to have a tax liability in previous years. And as you and I know, the farmers we want to help by changes in the tax code do not, in most cases, have heavy tax liabilities. If my information is correct, some of the big boys are using "loss recovery" now, plus receiving federal payments. If this is so, it should be prohibited.

I also would like the Taxation and Fiscal Policy Committee to take a long look at the federal tax code to determine its effect on farm structure. In particular, I would direct your attention to the recent changes in estate tax, which not only encourage outside investment in farm land, but also inhibit sale of farm land beyond the family, thus creating a "landed gentry" with fewer avenues for young farmers to enter agriculture. The "carryover" provisions of the tax code should also be examined for their effect on farm structures and whether they also inhibit the entry of young farmers into agriculture. The Grange in the past has supported increases in estate tax exemptions and favored repeal of the "carryover" provisions. I ask that this delegate body re-examine our policy on these two tax provisions as well as our position on investment tax credit, accelerated depreciation allowances and the ability to deduct interest on borrowed capital from federal income taxes.

One other possible federal policy change should be looked at and studied by the Agriculture Committee. That is the scope of credit eligibility of the Farmers Home Administration, Small Business Administration and certain lending policies of the Farm Credit System.

There is some question whether assistance presently given is helping middle-sales classes of farms or whether most assistance is going to larger farm operations. Currently, the limitation on credit programs for FmHA is \$400,000. It is doubtful if most farmers in the middle sales categories could use this amount of credit. One possibility would be to reduce sharply the

interest rate on the first \$50,000 of credit provided by FmHA and raise the interest rate to commercial levels on larger amounts.

I have been concerned over the operation of the Business and Industrial Loan Guarantee Program of the FmHA. At one time FmHA wanted to extend this type of loan to the production of farm commodities to supply processing plants in rural areas. Fortunately, they thought better of it after reading the recommendations of a special report requested by the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. The report concluded that not only was the new program inappropriate for FmHA, but also found that the present guaranteed loan program to finance custom feedlots and processing and marketing shares of vertically-integrated livestock and poultry operations would create a "gross inequity" since "family farms" would be subject to loan limits, "credit elsewhere" tests, and "graduation" on loans for agricultural production, while large corporations would not be subjected to such tests.

The Grange wrote to Gordon Cavanaugh, Administrator of the FmHA, requesting that the credit agency stop making B & I loans to commercial feedlots, etc. We received a reply from Mr. Cavanaugh stating that the B & I loan programs for such agricultural operations would continue. Therefore, I would recommend that the National Grange seek legislative amendments to the Rural Development Act of 1972 to repeal that provision of the B & I loan program.

The cattle-feeding industry is a classic example of the evolution taking place in U.S. agriculture. Over 61 percent of the fed cattle marketed in 1964 were from 223,000 feedlots with a capacity of less than 1,000 head. Small-feedlot numbers decreased to 130,000 and accounted for less than a third of the fed cattle marketed in 1977.

The hog industry is not far behind poultry and cattle in killing off family farm production. According to the University of Missouri study "Large and Medium Volume Hog Producers", 10 percent of the nation's large-volume hog operations (those producing more than 7,500 head per year) are part of agribusiness firms—primarily feed companies but also meat packers, poultry firms and others.

Custom hog producers have taken note of FmHA loans to custom feedlots and the agency is considering its first application for a B & I loan guarantee to a custom hog feedlot. Already the Small Business Administration has financed four custom hog feeding operations, two of which are tied to grain elevators.

Presently, according to the Small Business Administration, the dollar definition of a small business engaged in custom feeding of hogs is \$1,000,000. You heard right—one million dollars! Therefore, they are making SBA loans to farming operations that have gross receipts up to the amount. We have written the Size Standards Division of SBA taking exception to their dollar definition. By return letter they agreed to review their size standards for agriculture. But more is needed if family farms are to survive the onslaught of big agribusiness. The SBA Act should be amended by law to place stricter limits on their lending authority to agricultural operations, including their disaster loan program.

The Farm Credit Administration has issued proposed regulations that would expand Federal Land Bank and Production Credit Association loans to off-farm businesses providing on-farm custom services for farmers. The proposed new regulations would also waive the present requirement to obtain the concurrence of the Bank for Cooperatives. We protested such expansion of the loan authority on the grounds that it could be used to finance custom feedlots in competition with on-farm family farm livestock feeding operations.

The Farm Credit Administration also has before Congress a package of amendments to the Farm Credit Act of 1971 that the Agriculture Committee should consider during this Session of the National Grange. The proposal that will affect the structure of agriculture the most in my opinion is one that would amend the Act to permit PCA's and FLB's to provide credit to eligible borrowers (one who is raising an agricultural product or owns farm land) to finance processing and marketing enterprises.

I know it is difficult to develop an effective farm program and change other federal policies that affect farm structure—effective in the sense of providing adequate assistance to medium-size, low-income farms without over-assisting large, higher-income farms. This difficulty will continue so long as federal assistance is distributed according to the size of farm production rather than the size of farm income.

The task before us is a difficult one but I am confident that the National Grange will

continue its 113 years of agricultural leadership and recommend alternatives that differ substantially from the current mix of program assistance. A new policy strategy is needed that would focus on providing more financial assistance to intermediate-size farms, without subsidizing the parity price farmer, that would encourage their continuation, and add to the social fabric of rural communities, and could help achieve the social goals of the nation.

TRANSPORTATION

Agricultural transportation is beset by many chronic problems and few easy solutions. The 1980's will confront us with the familiar issues of rail car shortages, trucking inefficiencies, rail abandonments, and deterioration of rural roads and bridges. The answers to these and other long-standing issues remain elusive, and they will be further complicated by the changing energy situation.

Nearly 100 years ago the Grange petitioned Congress to regulate the freight rates on the nation's railroads. We took on the railroad barons and won. The battle resulted in the Granger Laws and the formation of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Times have changed; the railroads no longer are in a non-competitive position. Trucks haul a high percentage of farm production and transportation service to agriculture is in a state of decline. Agricultural shippers, the transportation and distribution managers who deal with the daily problems of getting goods to market, continually complain that despite rising costs, the transportation industry is not meeting their requirements for service, reliability or efficiency.

Regulations that once were necessary are no longer needed and should be eliminated. This is not to say that agriculture would fare best under total economic deregulation. There are many situations where agriculture needs the safeguards that regulation provides. In those circumstances where the forces of competition are available to an adequate degree, regulation can lead to over-regulation, contributing to inflated transportation costs and inadequate service.

More pricing flexibility for railroads and fewer regulatory restrictions for motor carriers may be needed to improve transportation efficiency. However, it should be borne in mind that reduced regulation is not a panacea. The key to improving agricultural transportation is to identify those situations that do not need continued regulation and apply regulations in those non-competitive situations, and then only to the extent needed to protect the public interest.

Railroad Deregulation

The Grange is not in support of the deregulation of railroads, but we should support regulatory reform in non-competitive situations. For this reason we should not support the Administration's "Railroad Deregulation Act of 1979".

The 4-R Act represented a significant shift in approach, since for the first time Congress concluded that the improvement of the railroads' fortunes appeared to depend on less regulation rather than more. The broad aim of that legislation, as expressed by Congress in its declaration of policy, was to restore, maintain, and revitalize an efficient railway system under private enterprise. The 4-R Act is still relatively new, and the continuing debate over its effectiveness is one of the reasons why we are again discussing regulatory reform of the railroads.

The issue of regulation needs to be set in perspective in viewing the railroads' situation. It is an important issue, but it is only one of several which needs to be addressed. Perhaps the most significant issue is the alleged disparity of federal investment in different modes of transportation, particularly highways and inland and coastal waterways vis-a-vis the railroads. The problems of both management and labor in making adjustments in utilizing rail labor in order to take advantage of technological changes also constitute a significant issue.

The question of whether rail management has moved swiftly enough to make needed changes is also an issue. A point needs to be stressed here. "Unimaginative rail management", like "stifling regulation" and "featherbedding", has become a convenient term to embrace a set of simplistic diagnoses of the railroad problem. When we say that the railroads have failed to adjust to changing conditions in the past three decades, we do not mean to imply

that poor management is the cause. The situation is far more complex than that. A number of factors, including a long tradition of pervasive regulation (ended, we believe, with the 4-R Act) lie at the heart of the problem. But whatever the root causes of the problem are, it is a simple fact that the railroads themselves must take the initiative in establishing new marketing practices.

The asserted goal of the Administration's legislation is to permit railroads the managerial freedoms available to other basic industries. DOT seems convinced that this would make the industry profitable and no longer dependent on various forms of government financial assistance to meet its obligations. However, as I have tried to point out, the railroads have not utilized the new freedoms granted them in the 4-R Act, and until such time as the railroads demonstrate that they are going to manage their industry rather than invest it in non-railroad enterprises, the Grange should not support the freedom they are seeking in the new legislation.

Rail financial experts estimate the bill, if enacted, would increase freight rates by nearly \$8 billion over the next five years. The heavy reliance of the bill on the contract rates and service agreements would indicate that a disproportionate share of that money is to come from small shippers. Any legislation to gain Grange support must protect captive shippers from unreasonable rates and adequately address the question of railroad abandonment.

I am supplying the Transportation Committee with copies of a draft bill that was developed by the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives entitled "Railroad Management Freedom Act of 1979". I realize this proposal is not as far-reaching as that requested by the railroads and the DOT. However, many of their suggestions are vigorously opposed by shipper groups. We believe the total rail community can best be served by timely enactment of a bill containing those regulatory reforms with widespread support and more deliberate consideration of controversial proposals. I believe the referred-to bill developed by the Council meets these objectives.

Motor Carrier Regulatory Reform

Since 1935 when Congress first provided for economic regulation of motor carriers, the National Grange has been in the forefront in obtaining the agricultural exemptions from the Act and preserving those exemptions.

We have had more than 40 years of experience with unregulated truck transportation, which now constitutes more than half of the trucking business. We say, without reservation, that we would not want to depend on a regulated system. Our overall experience in operating within a relatively free market has been good. We have a system which is responsive to the demands of agricultural production and which provides the quality of service we need at rates which we believe are substantially below those we would pay under a regulated system.

If agriculture had been saddled with a totally regulated motor carrier and barge transportation system, the cost of transportation, which now accounts for nearly 10 percent of the cost of marketing food, would be at least 20 percent higher, and we would be experiencing far more difficulties in obtaining the kind of transportation service we require. The fact that the regulated motor carrier industry enjoys a 20 percent return on shareholder equity indicates there is room for additional competition.

In general, we favor far-reaching, meaningful regulatory reform. We do not believe that a majority of the shippers, the carriers or the members of the Senate or House are ready to accept complete deregulation—meaning an end to all economic regulation of motor carriers.

The Grange should not, at this time, favor deregulation, and I believe it is unfortunate that the term "deregulation" is being used indiscriminately, when virtually no one is proposing an end to economic regulation. The Grange has supported and should continue to support regulatory reform, but not total deregulation.

My perception is that any major reform of motor carrier economic regulation will be difficult to enact, given the facts that: (1) most of the regulated carriers have demonstrated a strong determination to oppose all but minor reform, and (2) a good portion of the shipping public is opposed to operating with a motor carrier system that is free from collective ratemaking and with the test of entry reduced to "fit, willing and able".

In light of these facts, I would recommend that the Grange go slowly in freeing the motor carrier industry from economic controls. However, when I see a group of government-

regulated businessmen being the chief defenders of their regulators—it makes me want to back up and reassess my position. Likewise, when I see that the regulated trucking industry—particularly the large firms—now enjoy one of the highest returns on shareholders' equity, I feel that there's fat in the business that the disciplines of the market would reduce.

However, the agricultural exemption has worked well over the years. Agriculture has turned more and more to truckers to move an expanding volume of freight. I believe that rigid economic regulation is neither necessary nor desirable, particularly for truckload lots.

Therefore, I believe that one of the best ways for the Grange to proceed is to support legislation that would build on the success of the agricultural exemption.

Specifically, I suggest that Congress start by eliminating the restriction currently imposed on agricultural cooperatives by limiting their business with non-member freight to 15 percent of their annual volume. I see no logical reason for retaining the 15% limit on non-member business. The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1929, as amended, provides that no agricultural cooperative shall do more than half of its business with non-members. Trucking cooperatives owned and controlled by farmers should operate under the same limitations as all other cooperatives. This liberalization of truck transportation by farmer-owned cooperatives would encourage additional competition without any major adverse impact on regulated carriers and would be easier to enforce than the present restriction.

Second: Sec. 10526(a)(6) of the U.S. Code should be amended to include all uncooked meat and bananas. Transportation of red meats has been a problem in several areas of the country, and it makes no sense to continue this commodity under regulation while all poultry is exempt. Bananas should be treated the same as other fresh fruits and vegetables which are already exempt.

The Administration's bill, S. 1400, would expand the agricultural commodities to include all processed food intended for human consumption and most farm input items except petroleum products. I believe that this is unsound for two reasons. First: It is too far-reaching and will surely be fought hard by the carriers who own ICC certificates to move such freight and therefore, in my judgment, is unattainable from Congress. Second: I am afraid that such an expansion will lead to the reduction in trucks available to haul perishable agricultural commodities, such as fresh fruit and vegetables. Truckers would sooner haul processed food items coast to coast than perishable commodities. If the agricultural exemption is to be expanded, I would recommend that unregulated trucking firms be permitted to backhaul regulated food items at any rate they can negotiate, provided that no more than half of their annual tonnage consists of regulated commodities and that such carriers file an annual notice with the ICC indicating they intend to engage in such backhaul business. The United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association shares my concerns, but has approached the problem somewhat differently. They are seeking a rule change from ICC that would permit exempt truckers to haul regulated commodities from a point within 150 miles of the final delivery of an immediately prior shipment of commodities exempt from regulation under 49 USC 10526(6), in the same vehicle as the prior movement of exempt commodities, and commencing within 7 days after the completion of the prior movement to points in the United States.

I would also recommend that the agricultural exemption contained in Section 10526(a)(6) of the U.S. Code be amended to include the major agricultural production input items purchased by farmers.

If the approach I am recommending were approved by Congress, the motor carrier industry would be 65 percent free from federal economic regulation. After three or four years, the Congress would take another look at the results and adopt additional exemptions, such as the exemption of all food from ICC regulation.

Regulatory reform is not only overdue at the federal level; it must also be accompanied by reforms in state regulation of interstate motor carriage which, in many ways, is more troublesome and costly than ICC regulation.

More than three years ago, the Congress increased the maximum gross weight limit for trucks on the Interstate Highway System to 80,000 pounds. Forty states have since taken action to bring their weight limits up to the federal maximum, but ten states have repeatedly refused to do so. Seven of these states lie along the Mississippi River and thus constitute a barrier to the East-West movement of trucks with the maximum weight permitted by federal law. Three are in the East—Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut—and constitute a North-South barrier.

I call upon the Governors and legislators of those states to make the necessary changes in their state laws to bring into conformity with the 40 other states their weight and length requirements. If it is not done at the state level, I am fearful that we will see federal legislation passed to force states to comply with the 80-65 weight and length standards. It is estimated that this action alone would result in a fuel savings of a quarter-billion gallons annually, or one-third of present fuel consumption.

Highways

The road system of the United States consists of 3,867,400 miles of State, county, municipal, and Federal roads and streets. Some 815,921 miles are on the Federal highway systems—or a little over 21 percent of the total—and eligible for Federal Highway Aid. The remaining 3,051,479 miles are not eligible for Federal-aid, with two exceptions which will be discussed below. The Federal-aid program, as delineated in the 1978 Surface Transportation Assistance Act, is structured as follows: the Interstate System, which is part of the Primary System, is scheduled to be completed under a schedule requiring all segments that fulfill the requirements of filing environmental impact statements, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, by September 30, 1983, and if funds are available, to be under contract by September 30, 1986, (\$13,450 million has been authorized from 1978 through 1982); the Rural Primary System authorizations total \$6,550 million over the period; the Rural Secondary System, \$2,050 million, and the Urban System, \$3,200 million. In addition, the funding for resurfacing, restoring, and rehabilitation of lanes on the Interstate System over five years old and not on toll roads (the 3R program) amounted to \$900 million, and 20 percent or more of Primary System apportionments must be obligated for 3R work.

Since these funds must be applied to the Federal-aid Systems, Federal aid to the remaining 3 million miles comes from two separate provisions. These are: the Safer Off-System Roads program, authorized in the Highway Amendment Act of 1974, and the extension of eligibility for off-system roads to be included in the bridge replacement and rehabilitation program.

Under the Safer Off-System Roads provisions, \$800 million in general funds was authorized for the 1978-82 period, and at least 50 percent of a state's apportionment must be for highway safety construction projects. The Special Bridge Replacement program, already seven years old when the Act was passed in 1978 to allow off-system road agencies to qualify for funding, was authorized \$4,200 million from the Trust Fund over the period, and required that at least 15 percent, but not more than 35 percent of a state's apportionment be used for bridges not on a Federal-aid System.

With 79 percent of all roads being "off-system", and with most of the deficient bridges being included in that percentage, it isn't likely that recognizable relief will occur any time in the near future.

Highway Bridges

Of the 564,000 bridges in the United States, one of every five is unsafe. Used daily by millions of cars, trucks and buses, these unsafe bridges imperil human life and hamper social and economic growth.

High numbers of traffic mishaps, poor access, and restricted movement of emergency vehicles are all results of unsafe bridges. Impassable bridges also present difficulties for industry and agriculture through delayed shipments, increased transportation costs, and possible loss of business to firms and farms. Without bridges capable of safely supporting today's legal load limits and traffic volumes, many highways and roads could end up as "roads to nowhere".

The Federal Highway Administration defines "bridge" as a structure at least 20 feet long erected over a depression or an obstruction, such as water, a highway or a railroad. There are 564,000 bridges in the country, and thousands of other smaller highway structures for drainage, pedestrian crossings, cattle crossings and the like.

The reasonable, useful life span of a bridge is about 40-50 years, but many bridges carry traffic for a much longer time. About 407,000, or 72 percent of the nation's bridges were built prior to 1935; some bridges carrying large volumes of traffic—with reduced load limits—date back to the 1890's and early 1900's. Of the 373,000 bridges on county and local rural roads,

including some on Federal-aid secondary routes, approximately 343,000, or 92 percent pre-date 1935.

On the Federal-aid system, 98 percent of the bridges—248,233—have been inventoried and classified. A total of 9,003 have been found to be structurally deficient and 30,917 are functionally obsolete.

Although there is a lack of exact data for local bridges not on the Federal-aid system, it is estimated that at least 65,600 deficient structures exist on off-system roads.

The most recent cost estimate to replace deficient bridges totals \$23.0 billion—\$12.4 billion on the Federal-aid system and \$10.6 billion off the system. This estimate is based on a \$310,000 average replacement cost for the 16,452 applications for special bridge replacement funds on file with the FHWA. The figures do not account for inflation.

Numerous deteriorated bridges could have extended service life through reconstruction or strengthening, but available information has not been analyzed to determine how many bridges are suitable for rehabilitation or the cost of such an undertaking.

In 1976, a total of \$768 million, exclusive of Interstate System expenditures, was spent on new bridge construction and major reconstruction with participation of Federal funds. The bridge spending total for the five years from 1972 to 1976 was \$2.87 billion, including only \$105 million from the special bridge replacement program. Since July, 1971, 1,640 bridges on the Federal-aid system have been replaced or reconstructed with funds from regular Federal-aid highway programs and state and local sources.

I recommend that the Transportation Committee study the Highway bridge problem, taking into consideration the following:

- expansion of the special bridge replacement program to include bridge rehabilitation. Many deficient bridges do not need to be replaced; they can be made safe by reconstruction at substantially lower cost.

- increased funding for the bridge program. Funding levels should be increased in orderly increments from the present \$180 million per year to a total Federal contribution of \$1 billion per year. The Federal share of program costs should remain at 75 percent.

- a balanced approach to bridge needs. About one-half of the Federal funding for bridge repair should come from the special bridge program. The other half should come from regular Federal-aid program funds, since much of the necessary work is properly part of the basic upgrading of the highway systems. This two-pronged approach is particularly necessary since special bridge replacement program funds are not apportioned to the states; they are distributed by the U.S. Department of Transportation under a priority system. With one-fourth of the deficient bridges in just four states (Illinois, Louisiana, New York and North Carolina), distribution of Federal assistance solely on the basis of need would create inequities. Continued use of regular Federal-aid program funds for bridge repairs will assure that bridge needs are addressed in all states.

The 65,600 deficient off-system bridges are a Grange concern. In a recent report to Congress, the DOT reported that "it would be virtually impossible to administer successfully an off-system bridge replacement program due to lack of available inventory and inspection data." The National Association of Counties is taking the lead in correcting the information shortage on off-system bridges, but it will probably be some time before sufficient information is available to put together an effective, long-range national program.

The Grange should remain active in state and local areas, initiating and supporting every effort to replace and repair off-system bridges. It's a long range project, but one that needs to be completed as soon as possible if agriculture is going to have the highways necessary to deliver the production from our farms.

ENERGY AND INFLATION

At the risk of sounding redundant, I will again mention my concern for the energy situation in this country. This has been a recurring topic in my annual address since 1973 and although I feel that each year the delegate body has responded to the challenge and has passed a number of resolutions that have addressed the root problems, national recognition of the

crisis that faces us and adequate solutions that would follow this recognition have been slow in coming.

Hanging like a pall over the country for the last several years has been the inroads that inflation has made on our individual lives. Certainly the current price of home heating oil and a dollar a gallon gasoline are vivid evidence of this problem.

But what many of us fail to realize is that these two visual evidences are the effects of inflation and not the cause.

Although there have been many scapegoats identified as causing our inflationary problems, there is no doubt that the basic cause is a weakened American dollar brought about by the rapid escalation in the world price of oil. Our increased dependence on foreign sources of oil have caused a huge deficit in our balance of payments. Agricultural exports have increased dramatically, but the increase has not been large enough to offset the price increases the OPEC nations have placed on oil.

It is the old question of supply and demand. The OPEC nations can control supply and demand whatever price the marketplace will bear. The United States has an insatiable appetite for this oil and we have increased imports since the 1973 crisis to a point where we depend on foreign sources for almost fifty percent of our oil demand.

The price of foreign oil was approximately two dollars a barrel in 1972 and now it approaches 20 dollars a barrel. This price has shown up at the gas pumps and in the cost of home heating oil. As long as we have no alternatives and we continue to place our demands on OPEC, we can expect nothing but escalating prices. At some point in time high prices will cause people to conserve.

Price controls on domestic sources of oil would help some in holding down costs but it would discourage development of domestic resource and cause more foreign oil to be imported.

This would be a pretty bleak picture if we had no alternatives to the problem. So far I have been discussing the energy crisis in terms of oil but energy sources involve far more than oil. All sources are interrelated when we consider supply and demand. Electricity generated by burning oil or natural gas can be generated using coal or liquids derived from coal. Improved strip-mining practices introduced by a company in Southern Illinois, could revolutionize this method of obtaining coal by their greatly improved land restoration process. Wood, wood wastes and garbage can be substituted for other more critical fuels. Much work has been done at the grass roots level to produce alcohol as an extender to gasoline and we are taking a new look at hydropower from small dams. We have vast supplies of tar sands and shale containing oil in the far West but extraction is expensive and takes time to develop on a commercial basis. A recent unbiased study by the Harvard Business School concludes that solar energy and conservation are the two most practical solutions to the near-term problem.

All of these alternatives must be considered if we are to solve the problems of energy shortages and having foreign countries dictate what our foreign policy will be. A realistic look must be taken to see which alternatives offer the best solution to a particular problem. In most cases each of these energy sources can play a vital role. Some can be developed sooner or cheaper or with less risk to the environment. There will have to be trade-offs made.

The easy but impractical solution is to blame different sections of the economy for inflation or shortages. The natural reaction is to lash out at the oil companies or labor or business or the farmer or the government in an attempt to find what seems to be an apparent and logical cause of the problem. There has been too much of this emotionalism already. This nation can solve the joint problems of inflation and energy if we work together. The solutions are there but we must stop throwing stones and get on with solving the problem.

Those of you who flew into Harrisburg airport saw the now sleeping Three Mile Island. The panel studying the fiasco has concluded that the accident was caused primarily by the inability of the operators to recognize the mechanical failure when it occurred, lack of adequately-trained personnel and poor design in the reactor room. The results of that accident are far-reaching. According to W. W. Goode, Pennsylvania State Public Utility Commission, "nuclear power is a dead issue in Pennsylvania for the next two decades."

So we ask, what now? Solar and fusion power are largely dreams of the future. We must come up with a sound alternative *now*.

CONSERVATION

Another area that deserves a great deal of attention is our nation's land and water resources. These resources are finite and yet are so vital to our very existence.

Land is a commodity whose value for farming, home building, recreation, preservation, industrial development and for other uses has taken on a vastly different dimension in recent years. There is a growing awareness among competitive forces that some positive action must be taken if their interests are to be protected. The various laws and Bills passed and introduced in the Congress dealing with land are too numerous to mention.

The Grange has supported legislation to protect farmland and has opposed legislation, such as the Alaskan Lands Bill, which would prohibit future development of agricultural land because of long-term commitment to other uses. With a growing population and increased time for leisure, there is an increasing demand for recreational land. Much of the land dedicated to recreation also has timber, mineral and energy potential.

Water resources have a direct relationship to land resources and the use of one impacts on the other.

Water resources on the whole are unlimited, but evidence indicates that water resources on a regional or local basis are indeed limited. In some areas it is a question of quality not quantity. Wells, lakes and flowing streams have been contaminated and action is needed to control pollutants.

In the West, water has been the lifeblood of development. Much of the land is arid and will not support agriculture or settlement of any kind without man-made means of storing water. Increased agricultural use, increased population and industrial development have placed severe stress on available supplies of water. The consequences of these shortages have an effect locally, regionally and nationally. In some instances there is an international effect. Because of the wide-ranging effects of water quality and quantity, the federal government is taking an active role in trying to solve these problems.

The water rights of individuals and States are being questioned and land use by water regulation is being attempted. The Grange must become involved in these issues. The biggest role will be played at the local and State level by individuals and Grange leaders influencing hearings, regional and state committees and legislation. We must stop action at the national level or federal action that will directly or indirectly preempt local prerogatives. I feel that legislation at the local and State level is much better in this instance than relying on the federal government. Thomas Jefferson said it best when he said that the federal government should only do that which the local and state governments cannot do for themselves.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Two sleepers have raised their heads during the past year warning us that we dare not become too complacent. The polio outbreak among the Amish and the increasing incidents of tuberculosis make us ever aware of necessary vigilance, examinations and inoculations to keep dreaded diseases under control.

Continued research by scientists have added more foods, additives and pesticides to the list of items believed to cause cancer. While more and more causes are found, the cure still remains elusive.

The banning of smoking in public places by Mr. Califano, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, while lauded by the non-smokers has not been as graciously received by those who indulge.

Public health, care of the elderly, drug abuse problems, the lack of health care in rural areas, still need the concern and guidance of sound thinking.

Busing for racial balance is being more graciously accepted than in its infancy but it still poses a problem for both blacks and whites. The Grange has always felt quality education for all students is a better solution than busing.

Products of the baby boom of the 50's have passed through our public school systems leaving many school districts to face another problem—too many teachers and classrooms—too few pupils. Teacher strikes still disrupt many districts. Vocational agriculture still must fight for its existence.

At last year's Annual Session the delegates adopted a resolution opposing any division of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Recently we have seen the creation of a new Department of Education raised to the Cabinet level. Not only the Grange, but many other organizations worked hard to defeat this legislation. However, it was adopted. How much this will help the educational system remains to be seen. We are well aware that the creation of any new department carries a sizable price tag payable from the tax dollar.

They say if water drops a drop at a time long enough, it can wear away a rock. Perhaps our continued efforts to speak out against offensive literature and advertising falls in this area. Many other concerned individuals and organizations are now lending their support to the cause and we are seeing results. Morality in Media, Inc. based in New York City, is devoting its entire energy in this direction. It takes many people working together to accomplish worthwhile goals.

NATIONAL WELFARE

Danger Flags on the Horizon

The freedoms and opportunities we enjoy in the United States are unmatched anywhere in the world. Millions have come and many are still coming to our shores looking for an opportunity to make their lives better. However, there are those who would tear down this great nation. Some citizens are unintentionally helping in that effort of tearing down by failing to carry out their responsibility as voters. Casting a ballot for the person of your choice is a freedom billions of people would like to have.

I urge the National Grange to mount a tremendous campaign to "Get Out The Vote". Under Brother Richardson's leadership, we carried out such a program within the Grange in 1976. This time let's expand it, not only to our own members, but to all voters in our community. Publicity, phone calls, and helping to get folks to the polls will help overcome this terrible voter apathy that is hurting our nation.

Another area of concern is increasing government regulations. During the last fifteen years, we have seen an explosion in the number of regulatory agencies. These agencies issue regulations that have the effect of laws. Some regulations go far beyond the intent of Congress and I feel these abuses should be stopped.

Even with all the problems we have, there are answers to be found and an aroused citizenry is the first step to finding solutions to these problems.

IN MEMORIAM

Since we last met, our hearts have been saddened not only by the death of many faithful members in the Junior and Subordinate Granges, but by the loss of those who have served as delegates to the National Grange. We treasure our memories of them and express our deepest sympathy to their loved ones. On Sunday morning, time has been set aside to honor those Patrons who have been called to their heavenly reward. This past year we have received word of the death of these Past Delegates.

In Memory Of

NETTIE F. (CLARENCE E.) JESTER
Wife of Past Master, Delaware State Grange

GROVER A. GRIGSBY
Past Master, Michigan State Grange
Past Gatekeeper, The National Grange
Past Steward, The National Grange

JOHN E. JOHNSON
Past Master, Massachusetts State Grange

GEORGE A. SPIDEL
Past Master, Nebraska State Grange
Past Member, Executive Committee, The National Grange

C. WESLEY THAYER

Past Master, Massachusetts State Grange

FLORENCE (BRYAN) HOLMES

Wife of Past Master, Nebraska State Grange

MAX A. BAILEY

Past Master, Kansas State Grange

MARGUERITE (C. L.) DIETZ

Wife of Past Master, Nebraska State Grange

Past Ceres, The National Grange

DANIEL A. JESSUP

Past Master, Arkansas State Grange

CONCLUSION

My sincere appreciation is extended to each member, officer and delegate who has helped to promote the Grange this past year. Words are not sufficient to express my appreciation to each faithful, dedicated Patron.

Worthy State Masters and National Officers, your fine leadership and constant support of National Grange programs are the qualities which have made Grange accomplishments possible across the country.

The National Grange is very fortunate in having the help and support of an excellent staff. Bob Frederick and Dave Lambert continue to serve the Grange in an outstanding manner. Through their efforts, the Grange maintains a highly-respected position on Capitol Hill and in the Executive Branch of government. Mary McLane, who serves as assistant and secretary to the Legislative Department, has done an excellent job again for the Grange this year. My special thanks to my secretary, Diane Liepold, who serves as my right arm. When Grange business takes me out of the office, she takes care of members needs in a very professional manner. My thanks, also, to Bob Proctor for his continued dedication to the work of the National Secretary's office and the production and supply department.

Judy Massabny, along with her public relations work and convention-planning, has developed another National Grange Cookbook, which is fresh off the press and ready for sale at this Session. Sister Lorena Stigers has been working very diligently again this year on the financial and practical aspects of the Grange and its programs. Lois Deckert, her assistant, is also doing a great job with the Resales Department.

We are truly blessed with a great staff and I want to thank every one of them for their efforts on behalf of the Grange.

Each of our National Grange Department Heads deserves special recognition. Sister Jenny Grobusky and the Women's Activities Committee continue to polish the image of the Grange with their fine programs and contests. The Youth Department has continued to prosper under the leadership of Bill Steel. My thanks to him, his wife, Mary-Lee, the Youth Team and youth leaders across the country. Patty Carncross has given fine leadership to the Junior Grange program. I am grateful to her and to the Junior directors and leaders who work with this important group of young people in our Junior Granges. Brother Kermit Richardson, our Worthy National Lecturer, administers many programs which are vital to the Grange and I want to thank him for his outstanding service to the Grange.

As Membership Chairman for the National Grange, my wife, Dorothy, has spent long hours developing programs, keeping records and corresponding with Grange membership chairmen and deputies across the country. My very special thanks to her, not only for the work she has done for the Grange in this area over the last year, but also for the wonderful support she has given me as my lifetime partner.

Relying upon the spirit of fraternity that originated and has prospered our Order, let us move on to the work at hand.

Fraternally submitted,
John W. Scott, *Master*

At the close of the address the delegate body gave Brother Scott a standing ovation. Brother Andersen referred the various sections of the Masters address to the respective committees for their consideration.

The session was called at ease while television cameramen were allowed in to take pictures.

The reports of new Delegates were made with Sister Adel Brendemuhl, Master of the Minnesota State Grange, Brother Forest Farris, Master of the Montana State Grange and Brother Charles Wismer, Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange making their reports. The Worthy Master introduced the respective spouses of these State Masters who were heartily welcomed by the Delegate body.

REPORTS OF STATE MASTERS

ARKANSAS

It is with honor that we bring greetings to the National Officers and Delegates from the Patrons of the state of Arkansas.

Although we have had the privilege of representing the Arkansas State Grange for only a short time, we fully realize there is much work ahead, which we sincerely intend to fulfill to the best of our abilities.

Due to the excellent management and efforts of the officials of the credit union, we are very pleased with its growth. The State Lecturer promoted many excellent programs. Our D.W.A. has been headed by the leadership of Sister Verna Dixon for the past 2 years and during that time the programs have been good. She asked to be relieved from her duties and Sister Gladys Richards (a former State D.W.A.) has been appointed. We know she will carry on as she did before. The W.A. program has always been a highlight in our Granges.

Interest continues to increase in the Community Service contest with about 50% reporting projects completed.

At our State Session, we had the pleasure of having Dr. Davis a retired professor at University of Arkansas. He gave a very good talk on the growth of the Grange from the beginning. I'm glad we had a very good turnout to hear his speech.

We also had Legislator Mr. Melson who spoke on taxes and energy. We had our first State picnic in many years. The response was real good and we all enjoyed ourselves so much we decided to make it an annual affair.

Our youth program is beginning to pick up. We have several Granges that have started the youth growth and the 4 H club together. Zion Oak Grange had a Japanese boy on the exchange program and he was thrilled to be in America.

Our fifth degree team this year was made up of young married couples and Juveniles. They did an excellent job and we were very proud of them.

With the cooperation and support of the National Grange, the State Officers, Deputies and Patrons, we will endeavor to progress further in the coming year. Grange growth and service will continue to advance with their assistance and support of our progressive plans of the future.

It is a pleasure for Ethel and I to be here representing all of our members from the State of Arkansas.

Fraternally Submitted,
Joe Peters, *Master*

CALIFORNIA

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Members of the National Grange:

Once again it is an honor and a privilege to report from California, and Edna joins with

me in bringing greetings from the Grange membership of the State of California.

The 107th Annual Session just concluded four weeks ago firmly declared the Grange's

position on the many anxieties facing our membership, the people of California, and the Nation.

During the past year by delegate authorization in 1978, four intersession committees provided valuable service in developing strong positions relating to inflation, energy, water development, agricultural structure, use of pesticides, and many other related agricultural problems.

It was a pleasure to welcome Brother Jack Silvers, Master of the Washington State Grange and a member of the National Grange Executive Committee, to our State Session; as well as Mary Richmond, Washington State Director of Women's Activities. We also had with us for the entire Session the Oregon State Master, W. C. Harris, and his first lady, Lida. All provided inspirational input to our Session.

The past year has been an active one in California. We lost a few members; however, the September reports indicate that the loss has been repaired. Effective November 1, we have two full time deputies in the field to try to engender some vigor in the weaker areas and to organize new Granges in communities where the Grange should thrive.

We are looking forward to another year of achievement and continued growth, not only in membership and new Granges, but increased activities in the Subordinate and Pomona Granges, by getting them interested in not only the community concerns, but in the Grange Legislative and Economic programs.

Fraternally submitted,
Edwin Koster, *Master*

COLORADO

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates to the 113th Annual Session of the National Grange:

We bring greetings from Colorado Grangers to all of you we were privileged to entertain in Colorado last year.

We are happy to report that Colorado State Grange has had a good net gain in membership again this year. We have also formed another new Grange, and prospects look good for our continued growth.

Our Youth and JGs conducted a Beef raffle and raised \$2,000.00 toward the purchase of a hearing dog. They hope to accomplish their goal of \$2,500 by the first of the year.

Our Youth Camp was held during July and featured swimming, dancing, a hay ride, good food and fellowship in addition to workshops, programs, contests and election and installation of officers. Dayle Lye, National Prince runner-up was a welcome guest. Patti Davies and Van Quick will represent Colorado in the Prince and Princess contest this year. We are proud of our Youth program and our young Grangers.

Junior Camps were held on both the Eastern and Western Slopes this year. Our JGs participated wholeheartedly in selling tickets for the Beef raffle. They were active in many areas, completing the JG programs and being active in Community Service. We would like to see a larger JG membership in Colorado.

Ken and Kathy Reeves have enjoyed their year as National Young Couple. They do suggest that the various States consider inviting the National Young Couple to their Sessions, feeling that these outstanding young Grangers have much to offer.

Four \$500 and one \$750 scholarships were awarded this year through our Memorial Fund and through our Grange Leadership and Scholarship Foundation.

National Overseer Ed Andersen and Sister Darlene were welcome and inspiring guests at our State Session in September, and everyone enjoyed and appreciated their presence.

It was a wonderful experience to host the 112th Annual Session of the National Grange in Denver a year ago. It was the incentive for real Grange cooperation and generated much enthusiasm among our members.

Sister Harriet and I were asked to represent the National Grange at the Washington State Grange at Port Angeles in June, and the Kansas State Grange at Topeka in October. We were made to feel very welcome in both States, reinforcing our belief that Grangers, wherever they may be, are the greatest.

The National Water Resources meeting, held in Denver in September, and the Colorado Resources meeting held at the same time were attended by representatives of the Colorado State Grange. This changing environmental aspect of usage of, and the resul-

tant increase in the monetary value of water, increases our concern for the availability of water for agriculture. Proposed legislation affecting water must be a very vital subject for consideration by all Grangers.

Our State lobbyist has gained the respect of our State Legislators and by working with representatives of other farm organizations has helped to accomplish legislative action for the benefit of Grangers and other farm and ranch people.

We are in constant communication with the State Board of Agriculture for information and advice pertaining to the welfare of Agriculture and the people affected by it.

We are proud of our Colorado farm people and their ability to produce 2½ billion dollars worth of farm products in 1978 to help the economy of the state and nation.

Fraternally submitted,
Francis Guthrie, *Master*

CONNECTICUT

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates:

It is again our pleasure to represent the great State of Connecticut at the 113th Annual Session and to bring greetings from our 19,500 members who wish patience and good judgement in your deliberations and solutions of many problems.

We did not have a net gain in membership nor make our dress quota, but I do believe we have achieved the right attitudes so all these things can be accomplished. Our C.W.A. presented over a thousand dollars to the Newington Children's Hospital, and \$1600.00 to the Camp Berger Trust Fund.

Our Grange Camp is the focal point for summer activities, youth weekends, Grange Sunday, clean-up weekends and a five-week camping season. We are completing plans for some major improvements in the next year, in the form of a new parking area. Our Camp Berger Trust Fund is steadily increasing, and this has proved, for us, to be the road to go as the interest income will be used for these improvements.

Our Grange newspaper has undergone many changes this year including a new editorial staff and publisher. These transitions have gone smoothly and without delays. Our Agricultural Fair is steadily improving, and we are real proud of the good exposure it has given our Granges and the fine associations we all make working together.

Our State Session was most successful and well attended. The sixth degree was conferred on 156 candidates. We had 72 resolutions and a most friendly and happy Session. We were again honored, and as always, enjoyed having Marge and Woody Tucker represent The National Grange. They are well loved in Connecticut.

We have two new Junior Granges—one newly organized and one re-activated. We are happy about this.

I have been appointed to serve on the Task Force for the Preservation of Farmlands in Connecticut and enjoy working as a part of this most important committee.

Our motto for the coming year will continue to be "Think Positive and Dare To Do", and we will add "Move Forward". We have all been thinking positively and daring to try new ideas for the good of our Granges. Now, putting that thinking into action, we hope to move forward. My wife and I appreciate the fine support we have received from our fellow officers, deputies, directors and Connecticut patrons. We are looking forward to a good year, accomplishing many of our goals.

Fraternally submitted,
Frank H. Warner, *Master*

DELAWARE

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Patrons:

What an honor and privilege it is for

Catherine and I to once again bring you Greetings from the Patrons of Delaware.

A goal I set when I became Master was

finally reached this year when many dedicated members responded to my ardent call and our State showed an increase in Membership.

On the first anniversary of the opening of our State Grange Headquarters all our furnishings had been donated and dedicated either in the name of a Grange or Grange members and appropriate plates engraved.

Income from our Food Booth operation on the Delaware State Fair Grounds reached an all time high, netting us over \$27,000.00 profit in a ten day period. This financial support helped us not only to maintain our two State Grange buildings but also complete many worthwhile Grange projects.

Enthusiastic Youth members continued to have slide presentations of Youth activities, direct Delaware State Grange Camp, present Booster Awards, have a Rose Drill Team, dances, picnics, trips and Youth choir. A new project was a Grange Promotional Booth at the Delaware State Fair. \$250.00 was raised for Stercks School for Impaired Hearing. Several Youth members are taking Sign Language classes. Our Young Couple, Phil and Sally Bowman, Youth of the Year, Joanne Jarrell and Wright Robinson will be representing Delaware in National competition.

The Juniors supported all State and National Programs, held a State Junior Grange Session, Junior Prince and Princess, Cheerleading and Junior Talent Contests. We had another successful Junior Grange Camp with many adults lending assistance.

Committee on Women's Activities went well over their sewing quota. Entries in the

Sewing, Stuffed Toys and Needlework were forwarded to National. Money was raised for CARE and the Deaf Fund. Needlepoint calendars were made and presented to National Officers and Delegates.

Ritualistic Workshops were held for the first time, one in each county. These classes were very well received by our members and much was accomplished to improve our Ritualistic work.

I have continued to have an active installation team traveling statewide installing officers.

Attendance was good at our Worship Together Service, Scholarship Dinner, State Leadership Conference and other Grange functions.

Our Legislative Director was active and contacts were maintained with the Governor and other State officials as well as agricultural leaders in Washington concerning bills and other legislative matters.

We are proud Andrea Valentine was recipient of the first \$500.00 Grange Deaf Education Scholarship.

We were very honored to have the Worthy National Master, John W. Scott and his gracious wife Dorothy attend our State Session. Worthy Master Scott was also guest speaker at our banquet.

I am grateful to my fellow Officers, Deputies, Directors, and dedicated members for their fine support.

Fraternally submitted,
Claude R. Hoffman, *Master*

FLORIDA

Worthy Master and Patrons All:

Greetings from the Sunshine State and best wishes for a successful 113th Annual Session.

1979 proved to be a rather hectic year for our family. Sister Andrews and I wish to thank all who sent us messages of getwell and sympathy throughout the year.

I owe Worthy Chaplain, Morris Halliday, and Sister Kitty, National Representatives to our State Session last January, a deep debt of gratitude for filling in so ably in my absence. Although not present, I was re-elected and later installed at my home by Brother Halladay.

There were several changes in the line of officers. The number of Deputies and Jr. Deputies was cut. I personally did six inspections of Granges and six State Officers were each assigned one inspection.

Four regional conferences were held in January and February. One new Grange was organized in April which I had the pleasure of installing.

Sarasota and Zephyrhills Granges hosted the judging for the Sewing, Needlework and Toy contests by providing the hall and serving the luncheons. The CWA donated \$100 to the deaf project at the Millard Conklin

Center in Daytona Beach. Pomona CWA's are pushing the use and sale of "Lift Up Your Hands".

The Youth had their usual weekend camp-out, 10 went to the S.E. Youth Conference in S.C. and all worked hard raising funds for a bus to come to National. We were proud to have Raymond Rock receive a National Youth Representative award to Washington.

A State picnic was held at Myakka State Park.

We are sorry that 1979 saw the termination of some programs which were the few incen-

tives that Florida Granges had. Twenty-one entered Community Service with definite improvement in caliber. Eleven entered the "Grange of the Year".

Our next State Session will be January 3-5, 1980 at the Ramada Inn, St. Petersburg, Fl. We are trying a three-day Session in this off-election year in an attempt to cut expenses for our delegates.

Fraternally submitted,
D. Vincent Andrews, *Master*

IDAHO

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Members of the National Grange:

It is a pleasure to bring greetings from Idaho, where we have just completed our 71st Annual Session. We are proud of our accomplishments and yet realize that so much more needs to be done. We did have a net increase in membership in spite of rather large losses of members during the year.

All of our major programs did well during the year. We had two placing second in the National Sewing Contest, a Grange member and a sponsored non-Granger.

Our affiliates have had successful years, and we are working closely with them to keep them strong and financially sound. Our Grange News continues to serve the membership with a better, more timely paper in spite of rapidly rising postal rates. We have been able to increase advertising support this year.

It has been a busy year in legislative work. Since nearly two-thirds of Idaho is either National Forest or Bureau of Land Management land, the wilderness and Rare II issues have demanded a lot of attention. Other allied problems include a proposed expansion of the

Birds-of-Prey Area, Resource Planning Act Review, and environmental impact studies that proposed to reduce grazing of livestock from 25% to over 70%.

The disastrous and deadly fires in the wilderness areas and the crash of a plane ferrying eleven workers into a wilderness point up the high cost and risk in administering these areas. A Senate Committee has just recommended wilderness areas for Idaho that will be larger than any other of the lower 48.

All these reviews and many others have taken a large amount of time. Perhaps next year we can devote more to Grange work.

We give thanks to all those who have helped in all phases of our work during the past year. Together we can make better communities and a greater America.

We were proud to visit the Alaska Grange Council on behalf of the National Grange and the Idaho State Grange. We have much in common with these fine Grangers. The two halls we visited are a great credit to their Granges and their communities.

Fraternally submitted,
Gordon Tate, *Master*

ILLINOIS

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates:

Greetings and best wishes from the Patrons of Illinois State Grange. It is indeed a pleasure and a privilege for me to represent our membership here at National Session.

We have had another successful year here in the heart of the nations breadbasket, in our

108th year of service to those engaged in agriculture, and all rural Illinois. This will be a brief summary of our activities during the past year.

The Midwest Leaders Conference started our year out on a high plane despite all the ice and snow in Moline. We finished our confer-

ence in the dark and cold because of the weather, but the Illinois welcome to the other midwestern states was warm and friendly.

Soon after the first of the year we held a series of regional conferences to start our departments off on the right foot. These conferences help to disseminate the information on new programs to our officers and department heads, with plenty of time for questions and discussions.

Our Youth and Young Married Committees are alumni of our Youth Camps and Conferences, and are doing a fine job as leaders of both programs.

Illinois youth programs consist of a four day Leadership Camp, and a three day Midwestern Conference, plus the Prince and Princess Contest, and numerous events and programs at local levels. Camp and conference programs stress ritualism, code reading, proper Grange procedures, etc., all aimed at the development of leadership talents, mixed with fun, fellowship and good food, to hold the interest of all the participants.

The results of these programs are very evident in the naming of our Princess candidate, Sister Sarah Jeffers as National Princess. Sarah is a product of our junior and youth programs, and very deserving of this honor. We are all proud of Sister Jeffers, and know that she has represented Illinois State Grange and the National Grange well during the past year.

Our Young Marrieds hold at least two statewide events each year, as well as many local events aimed specifically at the interests of this age group. This group is growing yearly and are very enthusiastic and active in their participation in all Grange activities.

Our Junior Granges, under the leadership of a fine Director and Deputy team, do a fine job in all programs planned for them. A Junior camp is held in the north end of the state and one in the south, and this is a very enthusiastic and active group of Juniors.

We were fortunate to have received top Junior Grange honors at Denver last fall, namely, Matron of the Nation, Sister Marie Koerber, and Junior Grange of the Nation Floraville Community Junior Grange of which Sister Koerber is Matron. This is a well deserved honor for this Matron, and her fine group of Juniors from Illinois.

OUR 108th Annual Session was held in Fairview Heights this year, with National Master John Scott and Sister Scott as our national representatives. The enthusiasm, inspiration and wealth of knowledge of Brother & Sister Scott were appreciated by all those present.

This meeting was a great success with good programs, excellent exhibits and lots of work for all. The adoption of a substantial dues increase will mean funding for new programs.

Though we failed to achieve a net gain this year, we have appointed a new membership director for this year, and we have a planned extension program already in motion, with the goal of a good net gain for 1980. We will be working hard to achieve this goal.

I bring the greetings and best wishes of the Illinois Patrons to our fraternal hosts, Brothers and Sisters of Pennsylvania, and anticipate an enjoyable and productive meeting in Lancaster.

Fraternally submitted,
Russ Stauffer, *Master*

INDIANA

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the 113th Session of the National Grange.

It is a privilege to bring you greetings from the Grange Members of the State of Indiana.

At our 1978 State Session we distributed the 1979 programs to all Subordinate and Pomona Granges. This put the Grange Program in the hands of the members two months earlier than we ever had before. We then followed up with District Meetings in the early spring. At our first meeting Sister Dorothy Scott was with us and did an outstanding job of membership promotion. She

also gave us some solutions on our membership problems. We failed to show a net gain in membership this year but we are happy to report our loss was held at minimum.

We have just completed our 109th Session of the Indiana State Grange and as in the past all six degrees were exemplified in full form. Our Women's Activities Department under the direction of Mary C. Cain made their quota for the sewing contest and had a good year all around. Our State Agriculture Committee, Fred Bowen Chairman, had an outstanding Grain Show. Our Youth and Young Marrieds

Director, Joe and Donna Hibschan, held a Young Adults conference in the spring and a Young Marrieds Conference in February. As usual our Junior Director, Idabelle Ballou, did a good job with the Juniors and held a Junior Camp this summer.

Our leaders in Indiana approved the decision to move the date of the Mid-West Leaders Conference from December to August. Indiana had a good representation at this conference.

We extend a special thanks to the officers and members of the Pennsylvania State Grange for hosting the 113th Session of this National Grange. We are looking forward to a great meeting and a very prosperous new Grange Year.

Fraternally submitted,
Wendel E. Shireman, *Master*

IOWA

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates:

It is an honor and privilege for Lucille and I to bring greetings from Iowa and a special invitation to be with us in 1980 when we host the National Session.

As we review the past year we have mixed emotions, while program participation has increased, membership again showed a slight decrease.

Our Women's Activities Committee, Lecturers, Youth and Junior Departments presented exceptional programs with good participation and our Digs program more than doubled its entries.

Lucille and I had the pleasure of being National Representatives at Nebraska, Missouri and Minnesota State Sessions as well as the Great Lakes Lecturers Conference. We enjoy the opportunity to visit and exchange ideas with Grange leaders.

We were favored by having National Rep. Brother & Sister Ed Anderson, National Overseer and Nebraska State Master, at our State Session. Also, Sarah Jeffers, National

Princess, and several other out of state visitors at our State Youth Camp.

Our Legislative team continues to work very hard to represent the Grange on those matters vital to rural America.

At our conferences a slightly different approach was suggested with membership growth given priority. We had very good attendance with enthusiasm at a high level. We are looking forward to a busy and rewarding year of 1980. We will be hosting the Corn State Lecturers Conference soon after this National Session and this coupled with regular Grange activities plus hosting National next fall shall provide us with a busy year. Our Adult Conferences have been very successful and we look forward to the up coming on where many hosting plans will be discussed.

Again, may we invite you to share National Session in 1980 with the Grangers in Iowa.

Fraternally,
Delwin D. Cross, *Master*

KANSAS

Worthy Master,

Mildred and I are privileged to bring greetings from the Granges in the Sunflower State. There is always something good even in the bad. We have continued to see a loss in total membership. However some of the members of our smaller and inactive Granges that have closed have demitted to other Granges. There are Granges that have taken in several new members.

The Juniors and Youth seem to be taking a new interest and thrust in their program's and activities. The Young Married's exemplified

the fifth degree at the State Session doing a magnificent job. They are planning some new activities through the coming year. Even with the increase of goals the Womens Activity Program again exceeded their goal under the continued fine leadership of Sister Geneva Atkinson.

We had more delegates and saw quite a number of first time delegates at our Annual Session this year and more than normal changes in county deputies. The D-I-G-S program continues to be of interest.

I think the most bright spot in our future is

the concerned effort by so many people in the planning and implementation of our Membership Campaign. Some very attractive awards have been established for those securing new members. More Grangers are getting concerned and attending hearings and meetings that have a bearing on their future.

I have had and taken advantage of more opportunities to witness and testify as to Grange Policy and Views the past year. I real-

ly believe the Grange is and has what a lot of people in this country are looking for. We must live it and not keep it a secret.

All in all I expect to see an increase in membership and a good year for the Kansas Grange through 1980.

Fraternally Submitted,
Lewis R. Cline, *Master*

MAINE

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates:

It is indeed a pleasure for Dorothy and I to bring greetings from the Patrons of the State of Maine. It has been a pleasure to serve as Master the past two years and we look forward to greater progress for Maine in the next two years.

I feel we have had a very successful year. Brotherly love and harmony is much improved across the State and our State Grange is in very good financial condition. We have increased our net worth \$8500.00 this year. I am however, very disappointed that we did not have a gain in membership. I certainly hope we can come up with a gain this coming year.

We have had three Junior Granges re-organized and one new one organized this year. Our Youth have been very active this year trying to build membership and participating in the various contests.

This year we have started a new Deaf Awareness program with Sister Elmira Collins as Director. This program has been very successful and I feel has done much to improve the image of the Grange in Maine. A total of \$3,752.11 has been donated by Grangers across the State. We have purchased three TTY machines for the Deaf to be used for relay services in different areas across the State. We intend to continue this program again this year.

Our Agriculture committee has been very active and our new Commissioner of Agriculture has been very cooperative with the Grange.

We look forward to a very active and productive year for the Grange in Maine.

Fraternally,
James Shores, *Master*

MARYLAND

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates:

Maryland just completed their most successful Session in twenty years. Our overall attendance during the session and banquets were excellent. The Agriculture Banquet was attended by 320 persons. State Comptroller of the Treasury, Louis L. Goldstein was our main speaker. The Service to Maryland Agriculture award was awarded to C. Lester Dudrow, a dairy farmer from Frederick County, for his outstanding work with 4-H and FFA youth in dairy judging and community involvement for nearly 23 years.

We had a membership gain for the first time in several years and our membership chair-

man, Brother Maurice Wiles and I hope this will continue. We had twenty 4-H and FFA members join the Grange and receive the sixth degree at the state session this year.

Women's Activities Director, Katherine Naylor and the Maryland Extension Homemakers Clubs cooperated on the stuffed toy contest. Over 1,100 turtles were made and given to county hospitals.

We had four Grange members attend the small family farms conference in Cortland, New York. Everyone enjoyed the hospitality and program.

We continue to be active in the legislative area with other farm groups in Maryland.

We are involved in farm safety week activities, agricultural exhibits at the malls, parades, community shows and fairs.

Our cooperation with the FFA and 4-H in

Community Shows have proven beneficial for all groups.

Fraternally Submitted,
Rodman Myers, *Master*

MASSACHUSETTS

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates:

Once more I have the privilege of reporting to you from the State Grange in Massachusetts. The past year has been one in which we have experienced the loss of many more members than we would have wished, and we offer no excuses for this. We had some excellent classes of new members, and will continue to do so, but it is evident that we must find some way to stop the losses by demit and suspension. In conjunction with this effort, however, the fact that all our Granges must face the need for added funds, thus necessitating an increase in dues, may cause more losses.

In addressing our State Session in October, I pointed out to the Officers and Delegates the need for the Grange in our state to become a more progressive organization. I stressed the need for us to improve our image, as we see ourselves, and then to improve our public relations, based upon this better picture.

As we begin this second year term we find ourselves working with some newly appointed officers, and we look forward to increased activity in many areas. Our most recent National Prince, Michael J. Martin, of whom we have been very proud, is our new Membership Chairman. He has many ideas, and we look forward to what he can accomplish in this position.

My feeling is that we had one of the most progressive sessions that we have had in Massachusetts in many years, and as a result the coming year will be one in which we will make rapid strides toward increased membership, more involvement, better publicity, more unity of effort, and as a result of all this a greatly increased public awareness. These things can only improve our Grange.

Fraternally,
Vernon P. West, *Master*

MICHIGAN

Officers and Members of the National Grange:

Again it is my pleasure to report the activities of the Michigan State Grange to the delegates here assembled at session. Patty and I bring the warmest wishes of Michigan Patrons who wish you a successful and fruitful convention.

The Womens Activities department, headed by Marie Thelen, continues to excel in the promotion and participation of the most successful division that the Grange has. A prime example is the Stuffed Toy Contest, wherein over 2600 toys were made for distribution to children in hospitals. This program has served as a catalyst for many Granges to get involved in something worthwhile. We should give as much support to the WAC program as possible.

Luanna Swainston and Mary Jane Wagner

continue the tradition of a fine Youth program. As a first year State Lecturer, Hazel Ely has demonstrated an ability to increase participation by her enthusiasm for the position. As the new Junior Director, Ann Mills is providing the type of leadership needed to increase the number of JG's in our state. Community Service work continues to grow under the direction of Clare Wagner, State Chairman. These individuals have directed their efforts in building the Grange and are to be commended.

We are not able to report a net gain in membership, and we are concerned about the near term prospects for a reversal of the trend. We will redouble our efforts to see that a gain is accomplished.

Because of the generous donation of property to the State Grange from Capitol Grange, we are pleased to announce that we will begin

construction of a new State Grange headquarters very soon. We are looking forward to the future in so doing, and believe that this new building will begin a period of renewed enthusiasm and effort to build the Grange in Michigan.

Our year was mixed, with very successful programs being carried out in some areas, while others seemed to lose interest and participation. I believe that there will come a time very soon in our Order when we will be faced with major decisions as to the very future of the Grange. We must be ready to make those decisions which will insure the continued ex-

istence of the Grange, else something precious will have slipped through our fingers, and we will have accomplished that which no one has been able to do in over 100 years, namely, allow the demise of the Grange.

We must dedicate ourselves to those principles espoused by Oliver Kelly. Ours is a rare opportunity, for we have the ability to change the course of the Grange to that of a positive nature. We must rise to the occasion.

Fraternally Submitted
Richard Carncross, *Master*

MINNESOTA

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates; we bring you greetings from Minnesota the Land of 10,000 Lakes. Yes we have them, only it is more like 12,000.

Our Women's Activity Program fared quite well this year. At our state session, which is just past, we had more wild and tame stuffed toys, more knitted and crocheted items and more macrame than we had room to exhibit properly.

Our Sewing contest, however, was not quite so well received this year. For the first time in many years we did not make our quota. I am hoping that 1980 will bring an upswing in that area again as I believe it is one of the finest contests of it's kind.

Our Youth Co-chairmen struggled mightily to perfect a good program for the year but due to the scarcity of youth in our state their efforts met with little success. Their most successful venture was a camp-out at William O'Brian State Park on the St. Croix River.

Much interest was shown in the Lecturer's contest and projects but the final results were rather scarce. One state project in photography did bring in lots of fun and comments to the photography contest. It was a series of pictures telling a story. The stories were all the way from the growth of rhubarb to the building of a new house.

In December, our Master and his wife, Lecturer and her husband, the Women's Activities Chairman and our co-youth chairmen

attended the Mid-west Officer's and Leader's Conference in Moline, Illinois. It was a tense, icy journey for us and we were all glad that the date was changed to August, hereafter.

We held six winter conferences throughout the state in January for Officer's and Worker's. Again we were glad that they can now be held earlier. They were quite well attended in spite of the severe weather.

We enjoyed a pleasant state picnic at the O. H. Kelley Farm near Elk River. The Historical Society has been doing a massive restoration job on the place to bring it back to conditions comparing to those in Oliver Kelley's time.

We brought the year to a close with the state session in St. Paul. Maybe our out state members are afraid of big cities. We had the smallest attendance ever at a state session. Brother Delwin Cross and Sister Lucile were representatives of the National Grange. We enjoyed having them very much.

One of the resolutions that we pondered was concerning our state publication. For many years our state paper has been becoming a financial drag on our small Grange State. It was finally resolved to dispose with it in it's present form and find a less expensive means of communication.

Fraternally Submitted,
Adel Brendemuhl, *Master*

MISSOURI

Worthy National Master, Officers, Delegates and Grangers; Patty and I bring greetings from the Show-Me State and are honored to have the opportunity to report on the activities of the Missouri State Grange.

Following the 107th Session of our State Grange we were eager to get started on a new year, because we had a good package of State Legislative resolutions and the new "Grange Promotion" (growth) committee was formed. The real challenging problems began with a paralyzing snow which occurred the week following Christmas. This was the third straight harsh winter and very few Grange meetings were held until after mid-March, thus our dues paying suppers and membership drives never came off.

Through Grange support; the State Legislature passed laws which exempt agriculture production supplies, machinery repair from state sales tax, a county option sales tax to relieve pressure of property tax, roll back provision for all property tax following reassessment and partial repeal of the Blue Laws.

Clara Garr, Director of Women's Activities, held a very nice fashion show following the dress contest. Clara and her committee served as youth camp cooks, the food was great and plentiful.

Youth Director, Patty Wedding, and Junior Director, Virginia Henderson continue to

provide very good leadership for our youth. The combination Junior and Youth continues to work very well. This year many of our youth were first year campers. Mary Justi, National Grange Representative, was a great addition to the camp staff and we were very pleased to have her attend.

Agriculture Chairman, Vernon Calvert, had one of the best displays of garden products, seeds and field crops at the state session. These contests are increasing in both quality and quantity each year. The Grange acre project is getting started—one acre or more of crop to pay the expenses of the hall and send Delegates to State Session.

I continue to serve on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Agriculture. Rep. Harold Volkmer's committee on agriculture and energy has been a pleasure to serve on this year. This year Senator Eagleton asked that I serve as one of his advisors.

Missouri Granges lost almost 100 members this year, mostly in two large Granges. I think we were fortunate to lose so few with the rocky pathway of the past year. Two of our goals for 1980 is to publish a newspaper and provide a complete insurance program for all members.

Fraternally,
David Wedding, *Master*

MONTANA

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Members: It is an honor and a pleasure for Margaret and myself to be representing Montana State Grange of the Big Sky country at this 113th Annual Session.

Our State Session was held the 4th, 5th and 6th of October in Thompson Falls, Montana. It was in my opinion a real productive session and one of the best sessions for attendance for some time. As a point of interest, we had two Past Masters and their spouses in attendance, Winton and Hallie Weydemeyer and Orin and Ivey Kendall, with Jack Iman presiding Master and his wife, Pat.

The past year has had some disappointments, namely loss of membership and closing of two smaller Granges in more remote areas.

However, on the brighter side, the year of 1979 was rewarding in the fact we were able to form a non-profit corporation, Montana Agriculture Progress, Inc. This corporation consists of Grange, Farm Bureau, WIFE, Farmers Union and NFO. The first action of this group was to file for four million acre feet of water in Montana for agricultural purposes. Whether or not this is approved by the Department of Natural Resources, we feel it will make our Legislature aware of the fact our State waters must be protected. This Coalition of farm organizations, I believe, is a step forward for the farm population to have more and stronger voice in government.

The Womens Activity program under the find leadership of Alice Hankinson, was very

successful this year. We had a substantial increase in entries and the quality was excellent.

We are revising our membership program this year in hopes of achieving a substantial increase in members.

Margaret and I, being new Delegates, are

very happy to be a part of this National Session and will strive to do our part.

Fraternally,
Forest Farris, *Master*

NEBRASKA

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Grangers all—"Hello" from the Grangers in Nebraska. We just completed our 91st Annual State Grange Session with honored guests Delwin and Lucille Cross of Iowa as National Grange Representatives. Our State Session Delegates processed 64 resolutions into State Grange Policy and also reviewed policies adopted in our 1977 and 1978 Sessions. We review our present policies every two years to keep them current.

Our State Officers & Directors attended the Midwest Leaders Conference last December and conducted Program and Leadership workshops in each Pomona last January. Grange Insurance Association (GIA) has licensed 10 Agents in Nebraska to sell G.I.A. insurance coverages to our members. Salt Valley Grange #413 celebrated its 25th Anniversary this year. Our State Legislative activities were centered on 53 bills that were introduced in the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. The areas of primary concern were Water and Land Use and Conservation; Taxation; Education and Energy Development. The recent 4 year drought in Nebraska brought the Water Use issue to the forefront with demands from many sectors for changes in our State water laws. The sharp increase in

irrigated acres in Nebraska has increased the need for study and research on water supplies and water movement underground.

We had a small gain in membership this year and we expect to remain in the gain column. Womens Activities Chairman, Millie Otte, reported a drop in entries in the National Grange Sewing Contest this year. This follows several years of increasing participation. State Lecturer, Doris Peters, reported excellent participation in our State Lecturers projects, including the Community Service Contest. State Youth Directors, Leo & DeVohn Peterson, held a Grange Youth Camp in March and concluded a successful money raising raffle at our State Session. Mike Peterson, State Grange Prince, received our State Grange Scholarship and Becky Geis was awarded an at large scholarship from Grange Insurance Association at Seattle, Wash.

We look forward to doing our part in making our 113th Annual National Grange Session an enjoyable and successful meeting for all Grange members.

Fraternally Submitted,
Ed Andersen, *Master*

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Worthy Master, Officers & Delegates again assembled for work at this 113th Annual session of the National Grange:

It is with great pleasure and a privilege that Virginia and I have the opportunity to meet with you here in this beautiful Dutch country of Pennsylvania.

I am happy to report that the Grange in New Hampshire continues to be a thriving agricultural and community conscience or-

ganization. We have initiated (in full form) many new members in the past year, but the loss by suspensions and deaths was too much to overcome, so that we may have a net gain, but we showed good signs because our loss percentage was much lower than the previous year. We did manage to have a net gain during the 2nd quarter.

During the year, it was necessary for five Granges to surrender their charters. Two of

these consolidated with another neighboring Grange and no members were lost, as there oftentimes are when this happens.

We have with us this year at this Session our "Outstanding Young Couple", Brother Wilber and Sister Jane Heath; Our "Outstanding Young Man" and "Outstanding Young Woman" Brother Stephen Tracey and Sister Beth Yardley, who will be competing in the Coronation Pageant on Saturday evening. Our best wishes accompany them. We also have our State Talent winner, Brother Harold Harper, who will be competing in the Talent Contest.

I am looking forward to many Granite State Patrons attending this Session and many of them will be receiving the Seventh Degree.

At our 106th Annual State Session, we had as our National representatives Brother and Sister Woody and Marjorie Tucker. It was great having our National Executive Committee Chairman with us, and the inspiring messages that he gave and the wisdom he left with our many Patrons will be long remembered.

In conclusion, I look forward with enthusiasm to leading my Grange in New Hampshire another two years and in our goal of "Shaping Tomorrow's Legacy Today".

Fraternally submitted,
B. Franklin Hayes, *Master*

NEW JERSEY

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates to the 113th Session of the National Grange:

Margaret and I bring greetings from the GARDEN STATE and wish you all success in the coming Grange year in making our voice heard throughout the Nation. We, as leaders are the ones that have to get things started.

At this session we all will have our work cut out for us and must come in and work with open minds for the good of the order. The future of the GRANGE is in our hands and we must take action NOW to preserve what we now have and expand into the future. Our basics must be explained, understood and encouraged for the future of Agriculture, Society and of the people. Lets show that we are PROUD TO BE GRANGERS.

I would like to remind all of you that this Nation consists of all type people, land and controversies and it is up to us to get the truth, facts and then enlighten the people of these facts. We ourselves, sometimes, are our biggest enemies, and must keep thinking of the future, the ones that will replace us someday.

We in New Jersey are still fighting in getting the people to understand that Agricultural land is still needed here in New Jersey. Too many people think because they go to the Super Market, food will always be there. We in New Jersey and YOU in other parts of our Nation are going to let the facts be known

about food. NOW is the time to do something about it, not tomorrow. We slowly are getting the message across and people are beginning to see that OPEN SPACES, rural land and productive land is important. I hope this feeling will continue on.

This past year all our State Committees have been pushing the National as well as State programs to the members with a mixture of success and failure. We are proud of a couple of our Jersey people for being National Winners in the Sewing Contest. We hope this success rubs off onto this years contestants. Membership in New Jersey has not been what it should and could be. Some parts of the State have been working hard while other parts have gotten the feeling "We are too old to get new members". We cannot afford to get into this situation as you all know what the result is.

I hope that the DEAF programs can be expanded so that our organization will get identified with the outside world. Lets open our doors to the Community and let them see what is inside of the Grange Hall.

To the newly elected National Officers, may we in New Jersey be the first to congratulate you and wish you much success in the future of your term and in the future of the GRANGE.

Fraternally,
John U. Maple, *Master*

NEW YORK

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the National Grange:

From the Empire State, warm and sincere greetings! The year that has elapsed since the 1978 National Session has, for the most part, been good to New York State Grange. Although death and other causes have claimed some of our members, the well organized program of the Membership Development Committee has brought in many new members. The net loss diminished dramatically in the latest quarter of operation.

Probably the most exciting change that has occurred is the upturning of the spirit, the longing for achievement that seems to be growing. Increased activity in many areas, led by solid, capable leaders, has stimulated growing interest in legislation, Community Service, Youth, Juniors, CWA and other matters concerning society in general.

Agriculture and rural life remain as topics in the forefront of activity. The preservation of family farms and prosperous rural living enjoy top priority in N.Y. State Grange programming.

It was a real privilege to host the Northeast Family Farm Conference this past summer. We were highly honored to entertain prestigious Grange, Government and educational leaders in our Grange Headquarters Building in Cortland. We would be pleased to host other conferences of equal importance at any time.

During the year, a quarterly report reporting system for Deputy State Masters was initiated. Just off the ground, it appears that this will further strengthen communication between the State Master and Deputies.

The past twelve months have seen the purchase of additional printing equipment. The Information Department and Empire State Granger, our monthly paper, have forged

ahead in many ways. There has been a significant increase in the amount of printing of forms and materials in our own plant, which has (1) decreased the expense in this area and (2) allowed us to provide more printed materials than we could have afforded had we jobbed it out.

Looking ahead, I see three major goals (1) train our leaders (2) develop an expanded Community Service Program (3) Advance and build our legislative department.

Feeling the need for hard hitting leadership training, nine day long sessions were conducted on October Saturdays by carefully selected, dynamic people. Hopefully, follow up classes will be held.

New York has pretty well fashioned a strong Community Service Plan for the coming year which is ready to go. We feel this needs growing emphasis in our state.

Legislatively, we hope to apply even greater energy. This is one of our strong pillars and one which requires constant strengthening.

At our 107th Session, just concluded, we were highly honored by the presence of our distinguished National Grange Master, John W. Scott and National First Lady Dorothy Scott. Their presence gave the session a real boost.

Catherine and I have found it most rewarding this past year to have been invited to participate in Annual Sessions in Florida and Rhode Island. Rich, indeed, are the memories carried from these meetings.

The members of the Empire State covet a most successful 113th National Grange Session and a highly prosperous year ahead in Grange achievement.

Fraternally submitted,
Morris J. Halladay, *Master*

NORTH CAROLINA

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates:

Miss Eunice and I bring greetings to you from the Grange members in North Carolina.

The past year has been an unusually busy year for the Grange members. The delegate body last State Session (1978) set forth sev-

eral programs they wanted put into action this past year. I will list them so you may know the extent of them.

1. Reorganize or organize a Pomona Grange in every Grange area that qualified for a Pomona Grange.

2. This being the fiftieth anniversary of N.C. State Grange they decided that a commemorative plate be issued. This was done and you will receive a sample of this plate during this Convention.

3. A fifty year history would be prepared. William Humphries, Food and Agriculture News Editor, Agriculture Information Department of Agriculture and Life Sciences, N.C.S.U., Raleigh, N.C. is putting this together and it should be ready for circulation soon.

4. Have a 50th Birthday Party, celebrating the first fifty years of service in North Carolina. Plans were made to return to the spot where the Grange was reorganized in North Carolina on September 27, 1929—the Old Hall of the House of Representatives in the State Capitol Building. We had some over 250 Grange members and guests present for this occasion. The Honorable James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor of North Carolina, was the guest speaker. He pointed out the service the Grange has been to our state; he also discussed the future development of the state and the role the Grange should play in this development. He emphasized the work of the Grange is not finished.

We had a most active Grange Week, with many of the Granges having programs on the local level. At the state level we had a luncheon in Raleigh and invited government and farm leaders. The Youth participated by being guests on a statewide radio program during the noon farm hour. They also visited with the governor in his office and with the Commissioner of Agriculture and while in the capital city they also visited their senators and representatives.

We had a very successful Grange Camp, having over 100 Grangers in attendance.

During the early part of the year we held four leadership conferences across the state with good attendance and much interest. We also had the Director of Women's Activities in our state. She held three instructional workshops in the state, had very good attendance and we believe these workshops made it possible to present the Grange program in a very meaningful way, creating more

interest in the sewing contest, AND we had a national winner.

We were busy in the early part of the year working with the state legislature in getting Grange policy implemented into law and were successful except on two issues: land use and litter along the roadways. We shall continue our efforts on these.

We have had many contacts with our senators and representatives and other government departments at the national level.

As Master of the State Grange, I am serving on the Governor's Advisory Committee of Agriculture, Seafood and Forestry and the Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Transportation. The demands on our time are tremendous and in all our activities we try to exemplify the principles of the Grange and use the Grange's influence in getting Grange policy adopted into policy, regulation or law.

We have just completed the most successful State Convention that we had had in several years, with the largest attendance; more and larger exhibits for all contests. We had a talent contest winner that will be competing at the National. We believe the talent, photo and art contests are beginning to catch on here and will be an excellent tool to use to increase interest in the Grange work.

The North Carolina State Grange has instituted a new contest, "Family Craft." This brought in the most interesting items and created a lot of excitement.

North Carolina State Grange representatives have been selected to participate in the first Farm Structure Field Hearing to be held in Fayetteville, North Carolina on November 28. This will give us a real challenge.

As we meet here in the 113th Annual Session of the National Grange, each Delegate and member must realize that the work of the Grange is not finished; there is yet much to be done. As our society becomes more and more complex, we must meet this challenge under the principle of the Grange. We must steadily face the light that shines brighter and brighter unto the perfect day.

Fraternally,
Lloyd M. Massey, *Master*

OHIO

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates:
It is that time again to bring you greetings

from the Buckeye Grangers in Ohio. This past year has seen some difficult and trying

times for our Order, but nothing that I hope will deter us from working ever harder to accomplish harmony and good will.

First of all, our I.R.S. audit, which has only been done in Ohio, resulted in our State Grange being assessed unrelated income and a liability for income tax each and every year, which I am sure will also affect other State Granges and Subordinate Granges across this nation as well.

The second was the problem that we have had of unrest in our dues situation, but these items were taken care of this past month at our Delegate Session. Our 107th Annual Session in Cincinnati did seem to have everyone enthused and ready to go to work. We are going to sponsor our own Community Service Contest in Ohio. Our fifteen Delegate committees at our 107 Annual Session had 221 resolutions to work with and our legislative program in Ohio is increasing year by year.

I am also happy to report that the many different areas of our youth program seem to be increasing, in our ritualistic contests for all ages including the Juniors; our different camping facilities for all ages; the young marrieds' projects that they do; this year saw our largest bowling tournament ever with over 7,500 lines of bowling on two weekends; our golf tournament; horseshoe tournament; youth and Junior camps, and the like—all seem to have an air of expectation and good feelings.

We have selected for our theme for the coming year, "The Grange—The Cornerstone of Any Community," and I hope that this will be the year for Ohio to see a net gain in membership so we can serve those communities which our Granges represent.

Our Friendly Hills Camp facility has been a huge success—thanks to the aid of our Christmas card and all occasion card program, which not only has helped pay on the debt at Friendly Hills but has also returned money to our general fund to operate the Grange on. Rising costs and inflation continue to plague us and hold us down, but we trust and hope that this will be the year for Ohio to really assert itself. We have paid off on our Friendly Hills Camp in five years strictly from donations nearly \$60,000 in interest and \$175,000 in principle, and now have a camp debt that stands at only \$30,000,

which five years ago was \$205,000. In addition, many improvements have been made at the camp and just at state convention our young marrieds sold chances and collected over \$2,600, which will now buy the tile for our kitchen and dining area floor which will fully complete that building. We still need four more buildings built to complete our complex, but in addition to the Granges, we have many other organizations that have been renting and using our facility and it is a real asset and tribute to the Grange people of Ohio for what they now have and own and for the work that they have done.

We do hope that the national situation will remedy itself and that inflation will come to a halt so that we can live within our means. We do look forward to working with the other Grange states in promoting this great fraternity of ours and look forward to the Grangers of Ohio being united in their efforts not only to serve and represent their community both in the legislative field and in the human relations field of just good times, good meetings and good fun, but to see an increase in membership and return to the service that the Grange has provided over this past 100 years of its existence. It is our earnest hope that our last goal of a net gain in membership will soon be realized. We did have one quarter this past year with a net loss statewide of only 13 members which is encouraging. Perhaps with all of us working together, we can make the star shine bright on Ohio as we enter the year, 1980.

We want to thank our Host State of Pennsylvania for all their fine efforts in hosting this National Session and appreciate the opportunity of working with all of the states these many years in the Delegate Body of the National Grange. Without an earnest hope that all of us in every state will see improvements not only in our programs but in our membership and in our service as well, we look forward to continued good will and good thoughts in the years ahead. We appreciate the opportunity to serve and for Ohio to be a part of all that goes on in the National delegate body.

Fraternally submitted,
James Ross, *Master*

OKLAHOMA

Worthy National Master, Officers and Delegates to the 113th Annual National Grange Session, Wilma and I bring you "Greetings and Best Wishes" from the State of Oklahoma.

The Grange in Oklahoma has a net gain again this year, it isn't large but at least we aren't back sliding.

We visited several granges this past year and also several Masters throughout the State.

We were privileged to attend the Texas State Session in August, and we are looking forward to the Carters attending ours in the near future.

Our Community Service Program went well, and our Director of Women's Activities is striving to bring our Sewing and Needlework contests to the top again.

We have 31 Resolutions for our State Session, not as many as we would have liked, but perhaps we can do better next year.

As a representative of the State Grange, we have attended a number of meetings across the State this year promoting our Grange and our new Auto Insurance. Our Auto Insurance has gotten off to a pretty good start now and it seems to be helping us get new members. One Grange alone has gotten over 100 new members.

The dry weather we're having in Oklahoma now is threatening our wheat crop. Most of the farmers have their planting done but there is wheat that isn't up as yet. The cattle market is down, it seems partly due to dry weather and no wheat pasture as well as high interests rates. Needless to say we need rain badly.

In closing, may we be ever mindful of our order and its teachings, and represent our State of Oklahoma well.

Fraternally submitted:
Marvin Purdy, *Master*

OREGON

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates of the National Grange:

Again it is a pleasure for Lida and me to bring greetings from the State of Oregon. We have had a very busy and good Grange year in Oregon. Our committees have been very active and along with a good deputy force, made the Oregon State Grange have a very active and successful year. We held several officers and members conferences this year and several State Officers traveled the state and held conferences in the Pomona Districts. These conferences were well attended and much interest was shown by all officers and members attending.

Again the Oregon State Grange has been

very active in legislative work. We worked on several bills and were successful in getting several passed that we wanted and stopped several bills we were not in favor of. We are convinced that the legislative work, not only in the past but also in the present, has proven to be a large plus in the State of Oregon.

We held several Youth and Young Married's conferences this year. We are looking forward to these programs aimed at getting more interest in the Grange from all members. We are looking forward to a more active and successful Grange in the year ahead.

Fraternally submitted,
W. C. Harris, *Master*

PENNSYLVANIA

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates of the National Grange:

It is a honor and pleasure for Jane and I to welcome you to Pennsylvania. The Grange

members of Pennsylvania have been looking eagerly for a long time to this year's 113th Session here in our state. The opportunity to serve as the host state is an exciting experi-

ence, and we hope your stay will be enjoyable and that you will have a very productive session. We also hope that each of you will be comfortable and have an enjoyable stay in Lancaster, Garden spot of the U.S. If we can be of any service to you, please call on us.

We concluded our 107th Annual Pennsylvania State Grange session only two weeks ago at which time I was elected the new State Master so this report will be a report of two past State Masters that served this past year namely Brother Luther Snyder who is now Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and Brother Robert Steese.

So that all patrons in Pennsylvania had an opportunity to receive the 6th Degree, the 6th Degree was conferred 8 times across Pennsylvania to 1360 candidates. Therefore we hope that we will have a large class for the 7th Degree.

During the past year the State Grange started publishing the "Grange Advocate", a weekly newsletter to inform all members of articles of interest, and activity for them. Again this past year we had a Junior Grange Camp with over 150 campers, also a Youth camp which was well attended and our 56th Annual Leadership School, which involved Lecturers, Womens Activities Chairmen, Youth and Young Married Chairmen, Junior Leaders, Deputies and Masters is one of the highlights of our Grange year. Also this past year Pennsylvania State Grange leaders con-

ducted sixteen area meetings explaining programs in detail to subordinate and Pomona Grange leaders. The Young Marrieds held their 10th annual weekend conference which was a success.

As I take the helm of Pennsylvania State Grange for the next year I will be the servant of the members. I have listed 3 areas that Pennsylvania State Grange will do something about during the next year, namely,

1. Subordinate and Pomona Lectures Programs, we need to really improve our meeting if we expect members to attend with the high price of gas.

2. Legislative programs: I hope to have several contact people in every county so that when State Grange wants a piece of Legislation passed or defeated, we will have people to exert pressure on our elected Representatives. Also using the Advocate to really inform all of our members of Legislation that is moving and the Grange position.

3. Membership: This has been a real problem for Pennsylvania State Grange. I hope to make our members proud that they are members of the Grange and that we will inspire them to ask others to join the Grange.

As the Master of Pennsylvania State Grange I will be alert and aggressive for Agriculture and rural Pennsylvania.

Fraternally submitted,
Charles E. Wismer, Jr., *Master*

RHODE ISLAND

Worthy Master, Officers, and Delegates of the National Grange:

Once again I bring greetings from the Ocean State to all of you here at the 113th Annual Session of the National Grange.

The past year has been one of successes and failures and although we are always happy to discuss the successes for they fill our hearts with joy, we must also consider well the failures for they are the challenges of tomorrow.

The loss of membership in our Grange continues to cause much concern as it affects not only our strength, but also the amount of funds needed to finance our programs and activities. We continue to improve our membership program in hopes of showing a gain.

One bright spot of the past year was the

reorganization of a Junior Grange, with the hopes of still another being formed. We hope this will lead to increased interest in the Grange by the new Junior Leaders.

Our youth share many of its activities with the older members. Some of our youth sponsored contests include members of all ages and thereby creates an atmosphere of family competition with fun for all. Our youth also avail themselves of the educational aids, such as scholarships and student loans, sponsored by the State Grange.

This year Rhode Island was host to the New England Lecturer's Conference and our new State Lecturer wasted no time in making contacts and arrangements so that everyone would have an enjoyable and informative time. Our National Lecturer, joined by the

State Masters and State Lecturers of the New England States, made the conference that much more successful.

The program of the Committee of Women's Activities was completed by Sister Anna MacLaughlin who, along with the committee, carried on after Sister Rae Fiore was hospitalized and passed away early in September. We in Rhode Island will sadly miss Sister Rae. Her enthusiasm for the Grange and the Women's Activity Program added so much to our Grange experience. Needless to say, our program was very successful and all who entered the contests were rewarded, if not by prizes, by the spirit of competition.

All the committees in the state are working hard to create interest in their respective programs and activities. The Agriculture Committee continues to hold tours and, with the Apple Growers Association, co-sponsor the Apple Blossom Festival in the spring.

Meanwhile, our '82' committee has been

most successful with their efforts to raise funds and increase interest throughout the state for the 116th Annual Session of the National Grange to be held here in Rhode Island in 1982.

We were happy this year to have the National Chaplain, brother Morris Halladay and his lovely wife Kitty, as our guests at our State Session. Everyone enjoyed their stay with us.

Sister Dot and I are looking forward to meeting with all of you and hoping that all of us can make this session a fruitful one. It is through the process of deliberation and consonance that we can hope to promote the welfare of our Order more effectively. Let us not forget. The one who holds the ladder at the bottom is about as important as the one at the top.

Fraternally submitted,
Francis J. Silveira, *Master*

SOUTH CAROLINA

Officers and Delegates of the National Grange.

It is a pleasure to bring greetings from the South Carolina Patrons. We have had a good year in Grange activity and growth. Through cooperation and work of State Officers, Deputies and Department Directors, we continue to show a gain in excess of ten percent in membership. We are indeed proud to have passed the five thousand mark.

We have one new Subordinate Grange with a charter list of fifty one. Also, I am proud to

report the organization of a new Junior Grange.

We have been actively involved in the 208 Clean Water Act, Farm-City Week sponsorship, Cotton Council, and State Agricultural Council. We are also represented on the various Commodity Boards.

We are looking forward to continued growth in membership and service in the years ahead.

Fraternally submitted,
George C. Grobusky, *Master*

TENNESSEE

Worthy Master, Officers, and Delegates, for the 6th consecutive year Tennessee is proud to report a modest gain in membership. Thanks to a financial grant from the National Grange, we have been able to organize three new Subordinate Granges over the past two years. The enthusiasm shown by the new members is extremely welcome for everyone. Over the past years we have learned that Granges who involve themselves in all Grange activities including and especially the ritual work of our Order are the happiest, and

most importantly, the longest lasting. As a social institution, the Grange is at a critical point in its career. A number of socio-economic factors are combining to make it more and more difficult for families to enjoy the Grange. Therefore, it is imperative that we analyze all Grange program activities and emphasize those that are worthy of our time and which appeal to young families if we expect our Order to grow. Finding the best qualified National Program Directors is imperative.

The 1979 SE Youth Leadership Conference was reported to me as being the best ever held. In 1980, Tennessee will host the SE Youth Leadership Conference.

The proposed National dues raise was supported by Delegates at our 1979 State session. Much dissatisfaction was expressed over the National Executive Committee's decision to eliminate National funding of the Community Service contest. We are proud of our new

State cookbook, *Country Harvest*; State and Subordinate Granges are profiting, and we are already talking of reprinting. Our State Chartered Credit Union and newspaper, *The Tenn. Granger* continue to serve our membership thanks to dedicated Grangers.

Fraternally submitted,
Michael LaForest, *Master*

TEXAS

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates of the National Grange.

Hello Grangers near and far. Again Flo and I are the proud bearers of greetings and good wishes from Lone Star Grangers.

Several events are very much in the public eye this year. The run-a-way Mexican oil well playing havoc with Texas fishing grounds and public beaches; apparent lack of cooperative attitude on the part of Mexican authorities; possibility of Mexican natural gas in consideration for Texas electricity (oddly enough this item is due to the efforts of city and industrial management rather than that of state and federal action); ever increasing freight rates by railroads for hauling Wyoming coal to Texas power plants; excessive spring moisture and a hot dry summer. To add to the commotion Texas baseball and basketball teams caused no end of anxiety to out-of-state fans.

Our state session in Fredericksburg was, to me, very successful and thoroughly enjoyable. An abundance of good resolutions, alert attitude of the delegates, with a very pleasant social spirit prevailing throughout the session. Brother and Sister Purdy, Master and First Lady of Oklahoma State Grange, were our honored guests. Highlight of the social function was the 25th Anniversary Reunion of Rose Drill team members.

Flo and I visited the State Session of the

Oklahoma State Grange in Enid, Oklahoma. We are very happy with the exchange of ideas across state lines as our two states did. I submit this as an excellent means of communication throughout our order, especially during the current period of austerity.

We were indeed pleased with the mini-biographies of our National Officers, State Masters and First Ladies. Isn't it interesting to see the parallel of interests, hobbies and general attitude of so many people who are so widely scattered geographically!

A small amount of planning for the 1983 Session has been accomplished. A steering committee has been selected and they are well aware of the requirements of their position. Funds are slow but a working plan in that direction has been established.

Occasional calls from out-of-state Grangers visiting hereabouts always gives us pleasure.

Our latest venture, entering the newspaper business, has afforded Texas Grange members much pleasure, judging from reports. We hope soon to have it running in proper order. Of one thing we are certain: it is progress, which is what our order is about.

And so it goes. We are alive and well, and looking forward to continued Grange activity and prosperity. May God bless.

Fraternally,
R. G. "Tex" Carter, *Master*

VERMONT

Worthy Master, Delegates and Friends:

It is a pleasure for Liz and me to again have the opportunity to bring greetings from the Grangers in the Green Mountain state and to

extend our best wishes for a successful and productive 113th Annual Convention.

Grangers in Vermont have worked hard during the past year to reach their goals and

to carry out their programs. One of the highlights of the year was the official dedication of the Vermont Grange Center. Our Grange property was viewed this year for the first time by many of our Grange people and expressions of support and enthusiasm were common. Our first annual State Grange Fair was held at the Grange Center in late September with a good attendance and outstanding exhibits. We look forward to continued growth in this annual event where we have the opportunity to educate the non-Grange public of our activities.

All departments had a successful year with good participation in their contests and programs. This year found many new activities included in Grange programs. These new programs were well received and should continue to involve members who would not otherwise be active. Membership numbers again declined this year but our new program

is beginning to show signs of success. Through the efforts of our Grange Extension Director, many Granges have become more aware of membership programs, that can and do work and we now see many Subordinate Granges conferring degrees on good classes of candidates. As we enter our second year in this program we expect to show positive results for those Granges who participate and look forward to the day when membership trends change direction.

Vermont State Grange is beginning to be recognized as an agricultural organization which can respond to citizens needs. This provides us with improved insight and a positive direction as we accept the challenges of this new year.

Fraternally submitted,
Daryl Lowry, *Master*

VIRGINIA

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates:

The Officers and members of the Virginia State Grange join Doris and I in bringing you greetings at this the 113th annual session of The National Grange. It is with pride that I am reporting the highlights of events that transpired since my report of last year. It has been a year of continued growth both in membership and activity.

For the first time in many years a net gain in membership is being reported. The reorganization of True Blue Grange plus an active membership program directed by Doris Du Lac is responsible for the net gain of 59 members.

Under the direction of Brother Joe B. Cox, Chairman for Community Service this program increased in participation from the 57 percent reported last year to 87.5 percent this year. A goal of 100 percent has been established for the coming year.

Sister Norene Cox, Director of Womans Activities, provided the leadership and again directed an active program. Quotas for the sewing contest were exceeded. Interest and participation in the Peanut contest reached an all time high.

The camp for Juniors was held at Hawfield Grange and was a delightful experience for our young Grangers. Sister Gladys Hancock

displayed outstanding leadership and her ability for organizing the activities was a prime factor in making the camp a huge success.

Last month our 52nd annual session, hosted by Woodpecker, Beach Community and Chesterfield Pomona Granges, was held in Chester. It was a most successful event, well attended and very productive. It was dedicated to John W. Scott "In appreciation for all the assistance and support he provided the Virginia State Grange while serving as Master of The National Grange". Special thanks to Jack and Margaret Burgess not only for their help during the session but for also hosting the Scotts as their house guests. Without this act the session would not have been able to have John and Dorothy Scott as our guests.

The litigation between Great Falls Grange Inc. and the Virginia State Grange has not been brought to trial and the appearances in court have been limited to hearing motions. On the 10th of May, Judge Plummer ruled that the State Grange did have the right to bring suit in this matter. Hopefully within the next four months the case will be heard and a decision handed down.

On July 30th I gave demits to all members of Great Falls Grange #738, suspended the Charter and reorganized this Grange. This ac-

tion has resulted in an improvement of an intolerable situation and has restored the fraternal environment in this Grange.

The coming year has begun on a positive

note and I am sure the future will show continued increases in growth and activity.

Fraternally Submitted,
Arthur J. Du Lac, *Master*

WASHINGTON

Worthy Master, Officers and members of the National Grange:

Grange activities in the Evergreen State continue on a high plain. Once again we show an excellent membership gain for the year with a total membership of approximately 72,000. This reflects the level of Grange activity and interest in the state.

We continue to maintain programs with approximately fifty radio stations within the state on a regular basis with our own commentator, Adrian De Vries. Adrian has also assumed the responsibility of our regular television broadcast, and acts as its moderator.

Cooperating with the Mariners Baseball Club, we again sponsored a Farmers Day at the Kingdome, featuring agriculture in the

State of Washington. This unusual activity has given agriculture a day of recognition in our metropolitan area.

Legislative activity has again played an important role in our schedule this year. The regular session of the Legislature demanded our attention for a prolonged period of time. Activities preparing for the general election; ballot issues kept our legislative interest and activity high all during the year.

All our departments are working at their usual active pace, and continue to contribute their share to the success of the Grange in the State of Washington.

Fraternally submitted,
Jack Silvers, *Master*

WEST VIRGINIA

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Members at the 113th Annual Session of the National Grange:

I am pleased to bring greetings from the Grange membership in West Virginia. Although we did not gain in membership during the year, we have a very alert and active membership, several Granges have made improvements to their meeting places, thus I believe we are improving our image, and will help us get into the gain column next year.

I am happy to report that our own West Virginia Agricultural Hall of Fame is in the final planning stages and activities have been started to raise two and one half million dollars to build the structure at our own State 4H Grounds at Jackson's Mill. I have repre-

sented the Grange from the beginning of the Ag. Hall of Fame.

The C.W.A. work under the direction of Director Barbara Hukill passed the quota, given to her, for the sewing contest. Thanks to all who helped.

The Youth Program has been good this year, with a state wide camp in June, weekend campouts and other planned activities. Thanks to Directors John and Phyllis Hall and a very active State Committee.

Our State Lecturer Frances Ralston is doing a good job getting people involved in discussions, contests and talent.

Fraternally submitted,
Edgar L. Hall, *Master*

WISCONSIN

Greetings from Wisconsin Grangers. Our Grangers are participating in Grange ac-

tivities at all levels. Many of our Grangers are serving as representatives on State, County,

and local committees. Although we *narrowly* missed having a net gain in membership, we are very optimistic about future Grange possibilities in Wisconsin. I am going to diverse from the usual masters report. Having accepted our second term as State Master, Betty and I are determined to make every effort to start a new era in our State Grange. We must regenerate the growth and image of Grange in Wisconsin. It is time to attack the real "gut issues" of why so many of our Subordinates have become stagnant. My job as Master, is to meet the challenge to make

every Subordinate a constructive force in its community. We have the leadership ability in our State Grange to activate the necessary constructive changes. I will report next year, how successful we are in motivating and directing these leaders into reaching our goals and objectives. Betty and I look forward to making new friends and renewing friendships at the 113th National Session at Lancaster.

Fraternally,
Lester Wallace, *Master*

WYOMING

Worthy National Master, Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters:

It is a pleasure to serve as Master of Wyoming State Grange and represent Wyoming at this 113th Annual Session of the National Grange here in Lancaster. Wyoming has supported the National Grange in the Farm, Educational, and Legislative programs. We also supported our Senators and Representatives. We have written several letters supporting and opposing different legislation brought up before the two Houses.

We supported the predator control, the S1680 bill taking Federal land and putting it in control of the States, opposed stringent enforcement of the 55 mile speed limit, the Rare II bill, putting any more land in the wilderness act, opposed sand and gravel as being classified as a mineral, the Federal Government buying anymore land for non-essential projects unless vitally needed for national defense.

Wyoming membership is small in our State but, we are working toward organizing some new Granges in the near future. Our insurance program is working well and is very competitive with other insurance companies.

Election of officers put five new changes in office. Eight Granges entered the Community

Service Contest, with six completing their projects. Klondike-Piney Grange of Buffalo won first place.

Our department heads are very cooperative and do a good job of getting their work done. They all had outstanding programs at our State Session. A lot of interest was created in the contests and we had a lot of entries on display.

The Klondike-Piney Grange and Pete Meike of Kaycee, each gave a \$100 to the Century Club.

National Overseer, Ed Anderson and wife, Darlene represented the National Grange at our State Session. They were very welcome and gave lots of interesting information to us. Ed was the featured speaker at our annual banquet which was well attended.

This winter we plan to hold workshops in each Pomona district for Masters, Secretary, Lecturer, Youth, Junior and DWA heads to provide more information to the Subordinate members.

We are working for a gain in membership and a fruitful coming year.

Fraternally submitted,
Charles E. Buell, *Master*

ALASKA

Greetings to the 113th National Grange Session from the Alaska State Grange Council.

This has been a busy year for Alaska

Grangers. We have held two Council Sessions, one in Palmer with the Northland Pioneers and another in the Two Rivers

Grange Hall, near Fairbanks. We were honored to have Brother and Sister Tate of Idaho giving us a lot of help and moral support.

In the course of the year a delegation from Fairbanks Granges made several trips to the new 500,000 acre farm development near Delta Junction to try and organize a new Subordinate Grange. We should have this done before spring of 1980.

The Northland Pioneer Grange #1 has been able to again become active in bettering their community. With the moneys saved after the sale of their hall they now give a \$750 college scholarship and another \$750 the second year if the student does well. They have also given both financial and moral aid to local 4-H and FFA clubs.

Two Rivers Grange #3 is still our most active Grange. Much time has been spent this year on the state lands issue, trying to meet both the states mandated lands disposal and the Two Rivers communities desire for more agricultural soils release. Of course, there are many community projects we continue to work on.

The Tanana Valley Grange #2 has had very little activity in the past year.

Eielson Area Grange #6 is an active grange, but continues to have serious vandalism problems. This year they have had to replace three thermopane windows at \$350 each. They feel they may be forced to sell this property.

The Two Rivers Junior Grange #2 has sponsored a sign language class this year. We hope that sometime in the near future they can come to a National Grange Session and talk in sign with some of you. Their members continue to grow with their great leadership.

I wish to take this opportunity to express the appreciation of all Alaskan Grangers for the splendid support the National Grange has extended to us in our fight on the D-2 lands bill, making it something we can live with.

I regret being unable to attend this Session, but I have a State Soil Conservation and ASCS Convention in Homer, Alaska that is in conflict.

Fraternally,
William G. Lewis, *Deputy Master*

POTOMAC GRANGE NO. 1

Brothers and Sisters:

Over the years the National Grange has asked Potomac Grange to perform special efforts in its behalf. In that role we are always asking you and asking ourselves how Potomac Grange No. 1, the Grange of our Founders at the Nation's Capital, can make its small constructive impact on this proven institution—the Grange.

Highlights of recent Potomac activities include:

—We analyzed National Grange finances nearly a decade ago and forecast much of today's situation. Last year we put our money where our mouth was with the "Potomac Challenge".

—We established the Potomac Grange Rural Leadership project in 1974. Since then outstanding young couples from Kansas, Colorado, Maryland, Connecticut, North Carolina and Indiana have had their special week at the Capital. That project continues with Potomac members' guidance.

—We alerted you to the coming energy crunch four years ago—today you have about 70 resolutions on the subject.

Today in the few remaining moments we want to share some thoughts on leadership

and membership that are important to each of us who want the Grange to have a future.

Problem Solving From Within

Within this assembled body and within each Grange back home there is much expertise. All of you are expert in several things such as:

1. your professions
2. public issues
3. problem analysis
4. leadership and group action

On this latter point, "family relationships", we have often referred to the Grange as a family. This is a very appropriate reference. It also occurs to us that since we have so many family experts among our members and since the Grange is like a family, then why don't we consciously apply more of our talent as family experts to the solution of Grange problems? Let us illustrate some parallels between the family and the Grange.

1. Under stress (such as those caused by financial problems) strong families and strong Granges pull together—weak ones in fight and blame each other.

2. Some family members work at being a part of the solution while others insist on

being a part of the problem, It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

3. Some families have members that provide and respond favorably to leadership and cooperation—others have members that refuse to lead, respect leadership or cooperate. They have no solutions but reserve the right to criticize (ants on a log).

4. Some families have free and open communications—others keep members in the dark and uninvolved (like raising mushrooms).

5. Some families have members that like responsibility and willingly share the burdens—others have members that avoid work and avoid responsibility.

The point is maybe we too often look to others to solve the serious problems of the Grange—for a moment let us test ourselves on how we as individuals view the National Grange.

1. Under financial stress do we fight our friends or join them in seeking solutions?

2. Do we aggressively propose and assist in solutions or do we blame others for poor leadership?

3. Are we being a part of the problem or a part of the solution?

4. Do we provide leadership and cooperate with leadership toward common goals or do we defy leadership and set our own independent goals?

This week you will again choose our Grange leaders and I'm sure you will choose them well. Now let's face it, the chosen leaders and the current Grange family members probably have a very short period left to keep or lose the Grange as a viable national force. To your credit, you have by a very thin margin momentarily eased the Grange financial plight however I hope we all realize this is not a long-term solution.

We in Potomac Grange will continue to pitch in as responsible Grange family members and we do expect to be with you when the Grange turns around and reclaims its leadership role as a prominent national farm organization.

Fraternally submitted,
Leo Choate, *Master*

Resolutions were transferred. 10 minutes recess called.

When the session was called back to order the Worthy Secretary, Robert Proctor reported for that office, and it was accepted for the Journal.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates:

The following is the report of organizations and reorganizations of Granges from October 1, 1978 to September 30, 1979.

ORGANIZATIONS & REORGANIZATIONS

October 1, 1978—September 30, 1979

	Subordinate Organization	Subordinate Reorganization	Junior Organization	Junior Reorganization
California	1		1	1
Connecticut			1	
Florida	1			
Idaho				1
Maine			1	2
Massachusetts			2	2
New York		2	2	8
North Carolina			1	
Ohio				2
Pennsylvania				2
Rhode Island				1
South Carolina	1		1	
Tennessee			2	
Texas				1
Vermont			1	
Virginia		2		
Washington				3
Wyoming				1
	3	4	12	24

The following is the auditors' report of the Secretary's accounts.

G. P. GRAHAM & COMPANY
 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
 4600 North Fairfax Drive
 Arlington, Virginia 22203
 October 31, 1979

To the National Grange of the
 Patrons of Husbandry
 Washington, D.C.

We have examined the secretary's account
 of the National Grange of the Patrons of Hus-

bandry for the fiscal year October 1, 1978 to
 September 30, 1979 and submit herewith a
 statement of cash receipts and disbursements
 and related schedule of fees and dues re-
 ceived.

In our opinion the attached statement pre-
 sents fairly the cash receipts and disburse-
 ments of the secretary's account of the Na-
 tional Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry for
 the fiscal year October 1, 1978 to September
 30, 1979.

G. P. GRAHAM & COMPANY
 Certified Public Accountants

**THE NATIONAL GRANGE OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY
NATIONAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1979**

Cash on deposit		\$	300.00
Receipts			
Charter fees	\$	165.00	
Junior dues		5,137.22	
Subordinate dues		541,863.49	
Sixth degree fees		4,600.00	
Seventh degree fees		7,270.00	
Miscellaneous		45.00	
			<u>559,080.71</u>
			559,380.71
Disbursements			
National Treasurer			<u>*559,080.71</u>
Cash on deposit September 30, 1979		\$	<u>300.00</u>

*Note—Disbursements to the National Treasurer includes transmittals dated October 1979 of September receipts of \$51,517.75.

THE NATIONAL GRANGE OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY
NATIONAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE
SCHEDULE OF FEES AND DUES RECEIVED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1979

	Junior Dues	Subordinate Dues	Sixth Degree Fees
Alaska	\$.36	\$ 141.99	
Arizona		102.90	
Arkansas		693.30	\$ 13.50
California	143.60	61,785.55	327.00
Colorado	86.70	12,113.35	336.00
Connecticut	136.60	23,262.60	184.50
Delaware	41.40	1,746.25	73.50
Florida	24.80	1,721.95	51.00
Idaho	25.20	13,495.50	81.50
Illinois	101.60	4,603.05	25.50
Indiana	15.60	2,350.85	48.00
Iowa	33.00	1,756.35	93.50
Kansas	39.60	7,604.06	33.00
Maine	242.60	22,791.70	325.50
Maryland	52.00	1,686.60	25.50
Massachusetts	211.50	19,007.35	240.00
Michigan	98.70	5,384.15	33.00
Minnesota		832.05	7.50
Missouri	19.54	1,749.50	
Montana	10.00	1,915.39	4.50
Nebraska	2.06	1,367.95	24.00
Nevada		76.10	
New Hampshire	109.60	13,321.00	154.50
New Jersey	155.00	6,450.90	64.50
New York	1,100.70	42,782.85	195.00
North Carolina	33.70	15,554.15	13.50
Ohio	613.90	41,690.55	154.50
Oklahoma		1,065.25	4.50
Oregon	373.40	40,128.40	448.50
Potomac Grange No. 1		293.70	
Pennsylvania	882.90	58,504.75	705.00
Rhode Island	99.70	3,863.35	64.50
South Carolina	23.40	6,472.55	9.00
South Dakota	3.20	121.00	
Tennessee	29.90	692.75	42.00
Texas	13.50	1,944.10	30.00
Vermont		7,778.10	70.50
Virginia	62.10	860.75	36.00
Washington	260.96	110,396.15	616.50
West Virginia	13.00	959.25	16.50
Wisconsin	58.90	1,081.55	16.50
Wyoming	18.50	1,713.90	31.50
	<u>\$5,137.22</u>	<u>\$541,863.49</u>	<u>\$4,600.00</u>

RECOGNITIONS

The Silver Star Certificates are furnished by the National Secretary's Office to the respective State Granges.

The Gold Sheaf program continues with having issued the 52,577th Certificate this past year. The first Gold Sheaf certificate was issued to a Sister Martha L. Gamble on November 6, 1931 in the State of California.

The Seal Program continues to be popular

Eight more Patrons received the 75 Year Certificate this past year over last year and two more receiving the 80 Year Letter over last year.

Sixth Degree Certificates are issued from this office and are sent to State Grange Secretaries upon receipt of the candidate list and the proper fee.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE

	Oct. 1, 1978 to Sept. 30, 1979	More or less than last year	Totald Issued to date
50 yr. or Golden Sheaf	1709	100 less	52,577
75 yr. certificates	35	8 more	355
80 yr. letters	8	2 more	
6th Degrees	3056	208 less	595,004
	4808		

NATIONAL GRANGE DUES RATIFICATION

WHEREAS, to provide sufficient funds to allow for an expansion of programs, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Article 8, Section 4, of the National Grange Digest be changed to read: the Treasurer of each State Grange shall pay to the Secretary of the National Grange, in quarterly installments, the annual dues of \$2.00 for each member in the state, except Golden Sheaf members, said installments to be due on April 1, July 1, October 1, and January 1 of each year.

The following is the results of the State Granges action:

Ratification Results			
		Pennsylvania	Yes
		Rhode Island	Yes
Arkansas	No	South Carolina	Yes
California	No	Tennessee	Yes
Colorado	Yes	Texas	Yes
Connecticut	No	Vermont	Yes
Delaware	Yes	Virginia	No
Florida	Yes	Washington	Yes
Idaho	Yes	West Virginia	Yes
Illinois	Yes	Wisconsin	Yes
Indiana	Yes	Wyoming	Yes
Iowa	Yes	Total	Yes - 28 No - 9
Kansas	Yes		Fraternally submitted,
Maine	No		Robert G. Proctor

Fraternally submitted,
Robert G. Proctor

National Grange Treasurer, Russell Stauffer, reported for his office and it was accepted for the Journal.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER

Worthy Master, Officers, and Delegates of the National Grange:

This report included the receipts from the National Secretary for dues and fees from October 1, 1978 to September 30, 1979. All checks drawn were authorized by the National Master.

Balance of cash on hand as of October 1, 1978	\$560.06
Receipts from the National Secretary from October 1, 1978 to September 30, 1979	\$559,080.71
Total receipts and cash on hand:	\$559,640.77
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Checks sent to the National Grange Imprest Fund:	\$545,819.26
Balance on hand as of September 30, 1979	\$ 13,821.51

Fraternally submitted,
Russell Stauffer, *Treasurer*

Brother John Mundt from Idaho, a Vo-Ag teacher, was introduced by the National Master and brought greetings from the Board of Directors for Vocational Ag teachers. He thanked the Grange for its support for the Vo-Ag program and the Future Farmers. He expressed his concern about the future of Vo-Ag education and thanked Master Scott and Brother Frederick for their help and support.

Session recessed for dinner.

FIRST DAY Monday Evening November 12, 1979

The Session reconvened at 7:30 P.M. An Executive Committee resolution with reference to the trail was read by the National Secretary. Brother Woodrow Tucker, Chairman of the Executive Committee, reported on the finances and membership of the Grange for his committee.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL GRANGE
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1978-1979

November 11, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 Noon by Chairman Woodrow Tucker with all members present.

Legal Counsel, Alton Denslow, met with the Committee to discuss new charges filed against Ohio State Master James Ross.

It was *Voted* to adopt the following resolution for presentation to the Delegate Body:

WHEREAS, there are pending before the National Grange at this One Hundred Twelfth Annual Session convened in Denver, Colorado, charges accusing a voting member of the National Grange of being guilty of specified conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry; and

WHEREAS, the pertinent rules and regulations of the National Grange provide that the accused shall be tried on such charges at this Annual Session in accordance with specified rules of procedure and evidence, that the guilt or innocence of the accused and any penalty for any such guilt shall be determined at this Annual Session by written ballot of the National Grange, and that both the complainant and the accused are entitled to a just, fair and impartial trial according to the laws of our Order; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that it is the sense of the Delegate Body of the National Grange that a just, fair and impartial trial according to the laws of our Order requires that each

voting member of the National Grange, on arriving at his or her ballot on the issue of guilt or innocence, shall refrain from discussing that issue with either the complainant or the accused, or any supporter or advocate for either.

Sister Lorena Stigers, bookkeeper, reviewed the annual financial report and proposed 1979 budget with the Committee.

It was *Voted* "that the National Grange open and establish a checking account with that certain banking institution known as the Central Bank of North Denver, Denver, Colorado, for the purpose of establishing a depository of the funds of the National Grange during its Annual Session at Denver, Colorado, November, 1978, and that

John W. Scott, Master of the National Grange, and Jack Silvers, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the National Grange, be and the same are thereby authorized to sign jointly all checks and drafts drawn against said account".

It was *Voted* to recommend to the Audit and Budget Committee that for the 1979 National Convention, tourist air fare and hotel expenses only be paid for the Delegates by the National Grange. The Executive Committee also suggests that the non-delegate personnel per diem pay be considered by the Audit and Budget Committee.

The Committee recessed at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene at 6:30 p.m.

It was *Voted* to adopt the proposed budget for presentation to the Audit and Budget Committee.

NATIONAL GRANGE BUDGET EXPENSES

<i>Estimated Expense:</i>	<i>Proposed Budget 1978</i>	<i>1978 Actual Expenditures</i>	<i>Proposed Budget 1979</i>
General & Administrative	\$ 88,750.00	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 83,750.00
Lecturer	41,500.00	41,457.00	40,000.00
Secretary	26,000.00	40,725.00	30,000.00
Executive Committee	9,000.00	9,102.00	9,500.00
Women's Activities	31,750.00	32,697.00	30,000.00
Youth Activities	37,200.00	40,543.00	36,000.00
Junior Activities	12,000.00	11,945.00	10,000.00
High Priest	9,000.00	8,100.00	8,000.00
Extension	38,000.00	12,112.00	15,000.00
Legislation	75,000.00	90,264.00	75,000.00
Regulatory Affairs	34,000.00	36,502.00	32,000.00
Information	38,500.00	41,785.00	37,000.00
Annual Session	80,000.00	95,327.00	100,000.00
Supply & Service	28,000.00	24,382.00	25,000.00
Pension Trust Fund	20,000.00	30,248.00	30,000.00
Grange Promotion	17,000.00	16,187.00	15,000.00
Contributions	1,200.00	1,172.00	1,200.00
Furniture & Equipment	4,700.00	3,847.00	2,000.00
Community Service	13,000.00	5,796.00	10,500.00
Building Management Account	14,500.00	16,404.00	14,500.00
Accounts Payable	47,043.00	28,988.00	28,938.00
Total	\$667,143.00	\$670,583.00	\$633,388.00
		interest on loan	11,500.00
		total expense	644,888.00
		deficit	6,666.00

NATIONAL GRANGE BUDGET INCOME

<i>Estimated Income & Cash on Hand 1978</i>	<i>Budgeted Income 1978</i>	<i>Actual Income 1978</i>	<i>Proposed Income 1979</i>
Cash on Hand	\$160,852.00	\$ 17,248.00	\$ 17,248.00
Subordinate Dues	511,000.00	505,411.00	546,527.00
Junior Dues	5,150.00	3,061.00	3,060.00
Subordinate Charter Fees	165.00	150.00	150.00
Pomona Charter Fees	—	—	—
Junior Charter Fees	115.00	70.00	75.00
Sixth Degree Fees	5,000.00	4,901.00	5,000.00
Seventh Degree Fees	5,460.00	5,460.00	10,000.00
Accounts Receivable	17,000.00	11,065.00	3,000.00
Sewing Management Fee	2,170.00	2,270.00	1,500.00
Interest	1,200.00	536.00	—
Secretary's Account	22,166.00	22,166.00	*20,662.00
Miscellaneous	—	3,180.00	2,000.00
Total	\$730,278.00	\$575,547.00	\$609,222.00
		Net Building Income	29,000.00
		Total	\$638,222.00

Borrowed \$100,000.00 at 11½% interest from Riggs National Bank, to pay 1978 deficit expenses and to cover National Session.

*Secretary's Account = Dues Income: more than 60 days overdue.

The question again has been raised regarding the interpretation of the 1938 Journal of Proceedings granting the Privilege of the Floor to Potomac Grange No. 1. After a lengthy discussion, it was *Voted* that the Delegate from Potomac Grange No. 1 shall be limited to reporting to the Annual Session and being recognized to speak, subject to the Parliamentary Guide.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was set for November 12th at 10:00 a.m.

November 12, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chairman, Woodrow Tucker, with all members present.

National Youth Director, Bill Steel, reported on the Song and Game Book prepared by the Youth Department. He also discussed a proposal for cost share financing the Washington Conference by the State Granges or participants. Approval was granted to proceed with both projects as presented.

The Committee received eleven additional charges against the Ohio State Master, James Ross, submitted by Mary Ellen Saultz and William Dwelle and Bernice Arter as endorsers.

Two of the charges, number one and number six were referred to the Trial Committee.

The Committee recessed at 12:10 p.m. to reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

National Secretary, Robert Proctor, presented a report on membership and the Auditor's report of the Secretary's Account.

The minutes of the November 11th Executive Committee meeting were approved.

In order to provide for the orderly approval and payment of the expenses of this Session, it was *Voted* as follows, viz-

"In connection therewith and in connection with financial aspects of the Session, it was *Voted* that the Secretary of the Executive Committee be authorized to clear, sign and approve all bills for payment from the Imprest Fund, covering the charges incurred in connection with the Annual Session, transportation payments and per diem and other payments; and that the payments thus made should be totalled as soon as feasible, to become the basis of the usual Blue Jacket authorization to the Worthy Treasurer, to reflect the total cost of the Annual Session, and to bring the total financial operation in con-

nection with the Annual Session into conformity with Section 5 of the Constitution, Article VII."

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

November 20, 1978

The meeting was called to order by Woodrow Tucker at 11:45 p.m. with all members of the Committee present. The Committee welcomed the newly elected member, Brother Francis Guthrie of Colorado and congratulated him on his election to the Committee. Brother Tucker requested Overseer Ed Andersen to preside during the selection of a Chairman and Secretary of the Executive Committee.

On motion it was *Voted* to elect Brother Woodrow Tucker, Chairman.

On motion it was *Voted* to elect Brother Jack Silvers, Secretary.

Committee members also expressed appreciation for having the opportunity to work with Brother Chester Deaver during his eight years of service on the Committee and for his contribution to the Order.

It was *Voted* to advance to Master John W. Scott a check for \$120.00 for tips to hotel employees.

It was *Voted* to pay the bill for the Trial Transcript to Daily Copy Specialists in the amount of \$1,817.50, to be charged to Convention expenses.

Sister Jenny Grobusky, National Women's Activities Director, appeared before the Committee. She discussed the relationship with Coats and Clark, sewing contest and needlework sponsor, who have indicated their desire to terminate their participation in the contests. Most of the other contests sponsors have indicated continuing interest in participating. Potential additional sponsors were discussed with the Committee.

The item of a new cash register for use at the National Convention was discussed, but no action taken; it being considered more economical to rent a machine at each Convention site.

It was *Voted* to pay the Session pianist, Dorothy Chambers, at the Delegate rate per diem for the session.

The disposition of the Trial Transcripts was discussed. It was *Voted* to secure the transcripts and exhibits at the National Grange Headquarters Building, not to be released until authorized by the Executive Committee.

It was suggested that the Trial Committee

be asked to submit recommendations regarding Trial procedures outlined in the Trial Book for future reference.

It was *Voted* to adopt the Minutes of the November 12th Executive Committee meeting as presented.

Appropriate checks were prepared to make payments toward the Convention Hotel Bill.

It was *Voted* to set the next Executive Committee meeting for January 22nd, 23rd, and 24th at the National Grange Headquarters Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 a.m.

January 23, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Woodrow Tucker with all members present except Overseer Ed Andersen.

Brother Delwin Cross offered the invocation.

The Chairman welcomed Brother Francis Guthrie and explained the operation and conduct of the meeting, urging full participation.

The November 12, 1978 Executive Committee minutes were corrected in the first line of the second paragraph by striking "for the Deaf Program" and inserting "by the Youth Department."

It was *Voted* to approve the November Executive Committee minutes as corrected.

Sister Lorena Stigers reviewed the December 31, 1978 financial statement with the Committee.

It was *Voted* to have an actual accounting of all Department funds included in the next financial statement.

Brother Ed Anderson arrived at 9:50 A.M. The Committee completed the review of the financial statement.

Correspondence from several Ohio State Grange members regarding the activities of the Ohio State Master also serving in the State Legislature were reviewed and discussed.

The Committee recessed for lunch at 1:10 P.M. and reconvened at 2:30 P.M.

Brother Bob Frederick and Brother Dave Lambert joined the Committee to review legislative and regulatory activities. Subjects discussed included:

1. Farm price legislative proposals, target prices, loan rates and reserves.
2. Meat import quotas
3. Sugar Legislation

4. Dairy Legislation
5. Proposed bargaining legislation and the propriety of introducing it at this session of Congress
6. Federal Crop Insurance Expansion
7. Multi-lateral trade negotiations
8. I.C.C.—truck and railroad deregulation
9. Social Security Amendments
10. Gun registration and control legislation
11. Anti-trust Exemption—Capper Volstead Act
12. Federal Budget—Cuts in Agriculture Budget
13. Regulatory Reform—Budget limitation
14. Oil Industry divestiture legislation
15. Deregulation of domestic crude oil prices
16. 208 water quality program—S.C.S. Funding
17. Nitrites in processed meats
18. Foreign investment in farm land

Following a most welcome coffee break, Information Department Director, Sister Judy Massabny, joined the Committee to discuss the following items:

1. Information Department Budget deficiencies
2. 1979 tentative program and plans for the Annual Session
3. Proposal to create a National Grange \$100 Century Club as suggested by Sister Blanche Newsom and Brother Henry Christensen

It was *Voted* to approve in principle the National Grange \$100 Century Club proposal and to continue the discussion of program implementation on Wednesday.

Sister Massabny presented a proposal for the Grange Cookbook project as voted by the 1978 National Delegates at Denver, Colorado. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

January 24, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Woodrow Tucker with all members present.

The invocation was offered by Brother Ed Andersen.

National Youth Director Bill Steel appeared before the Committee. He requested authorization to again send the Youth Lead-

ership Fund Appeal letter to all Granges and a letter to all Youth Alumni requesting funds.

It was *Voted* to authorize the Youth Leadership Fund appeal letters.

Implementation of the Agri-business tour for fund-raising as recommended by delegate body action was discussed.

Youth Department Budget allocations were discussed.

Plans for conducting the Regional Youth Conferences were presented in view of the budget restraints.

Youth Team recommendations were reviewed. (1) The 100 tapes of Song/Games No. 1 have all been sold—recommend ordering 200 additional tapes. (2) Developing a "Cookbook for the Complete Ignoramus" or "how to survive with a popcorn popper"—a book for the college student or first time cook. Director Steel requested more time to fully investigate the project.

The State Youth Director Recognition program as directed by the delegate body was reviewed. Suggestions for implementation were outlined by Brother Steel.

Allocation of money from the Deaf Fund to cover development and administrative costs of the Deaf Program now covered by the Youth Department Budget was discussed.

Following a brief coffee break, Virginia State Master, Arthur Du Lac, appeared before the Committee to discuss progress on the Great Falls Grange Property court case and to seek more financial aid for costs incurred. He also recommended a complete review and compilation of all fraternal organization laws and court cases regarding the handling of fraternal organization property.

It was *Voted* to approve the minutes of January 23 as corrected.

Worthy Master Scott reported on building management and tenant changes.

He also announced that Coats and Clark will sponsor the 1979 Sewing Contest, but will not be a sponsor after that time. Negotiations are under way with new sponsors.

Worthy Master Scott indicated that money to pay the 1978 Community Service Contest awards should be available in late March or early April. Dues income from the states is again slow in coming in to the National Grange which further complicates the financial problem of paying bills on a current basis and taking advantage of discounts.

The Committee reviewed the membership figures in states receiving Extension Funds during 1977 and 1978. So far the results are not encouraging.

The payment of the \$100,000 bank note and general budget allocations and deficiencies were discussed.

The Committee recessed for lunch at 12:45 P.M. and reconvened at 1:40 P.M.

National Secretary Robert Proctor joined the Committee to report on his many activities starting with the production room, giving a summary of printing jobs done for each department and Virginia and Arkansas State Granges.

The problem of delivery of the National Grange Handbooks on a timely basis was discussed without resolving the problem of slow or non-delivery.

The procedure for notifying Pomona Masters and Secretaries of the change in the Fifth Degree opening ceremony passed by the National Delegates was discussed. Brother Proctor indicated he is still trying to find a suitable Secretary's Minute Book at a reasonable price. He reported that the printing of the Journal of Proceedings is under way and should be completed by March 1.

Membership figures showing a net loss of 3731 for the September quarter were reviewed on a state by state basis.

The budget for the Secretary's Department was reviewed with Brother Proctor.

A written report from National Lecturer Kermit Richardson was read. It was *Voted* to receive the report and grant the request for a new category in the Photography Contest in a class entitled "Themes".

Details for implementing the formation of the National Grange \$100 Century Club were completed by the Committee.

A letter to the President regarding the lack of attention to Agriculture in his State of the Union Message was approved.

The Legislative Department budget was reviewed with Director Bob Frederick.

It was *Voted* to authorize the National Master to approach State Granges for loans to pay the \$100,000 note borrowed to conduct the 1978 Annual Session, in the event such loans become necessary.

It was *Voted* to borrow funds from the Deaf Fund for current Grange needs, repayment to be made with appropriate interest.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

January 25, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Woodrow Tucker with all members present.

Brother John Scott offered the invocation.

It was *Voted* to authorize the Master to investigate alternative proposals for the production of a National Grange Cookbook as directed by the delegate body.

The National Master will also investigate the potential tax liability of the cookbook project.

It was *Voted* to authorize contributions as follows:

American Institute of	
Cooperation	\$100
National Future Farmers of	
America Foundation	\$100
4-H Foundation	\$100
National Highway Users Federa-	
tion for Safety and Mobility	\$110
National Safety Council	\$115
National Farm-City Committee	\$100
Foundation for American	
Agriculture	\$100
National Association of Soil	
Conservation Districts	\$100
National Watershed Congress	\$100
Farm Film Foundation	\$100
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	\$1,025

John Scott requested that he be recorded as having voted 'no' in the decision to delete the National Mastitis Council from the contributions list.

It was *Voted* that because of our financial condition, we do not contribute \$500 to the Food Defense Fund.

It was *Voted* to approve the minutes of the January 24th Executive Committee meeting as corrected.

It was *Voted* to approve the Eighth Day's minutes of the National Grange Session as corrected.

It was *Voted* to authorize National Grange Representatives at State Grange Conventions provided that the State pay the expenses of the representative and that clearance be obtained from the National Master.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was set for April 17, 18, 19. The following meeting was set for August 1, 2, 3.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon in order for the Committee to attend the briefing by Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland on Agriculture-related aspects of the President's decision to normalize relations with the Peoples Republic of China.

April 17, 1979

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Woodrow Tucker, Worthy Master John Scott was absent because of illness and Brother Del Cross was absent because of transportation difficulties due to the airline strike.

Brother Ed Andersen offered the invocation.

National Secretary Robert Proctor appeared before the Committee for his report. Volume discounts on resales were reviewed.

Bids for new Junior Grange Manuals were reviewed.

A discussion of the cost of kits for newly organized Junior, Subordinate, and Pomona Granges was discussed. These charges have not been changed since the Grange was organized. The charge for the kits is as follows: Junior Grange—\$5; Subordinate Grange—\$15; and Pomona Grange—\$5.00. Current costs of the material are approximately 5 times the fee currently charged.

The problem of providing bumper stickers and name badges for Granges was discussed. The cost of bumper stickers is 10 cents and name badges 6½ cents in lots of 20,000. Slow moving inventory has been a historic problem with these supplies.

Personnel problems in the printing department were reviewed.

Membership records of states were reviewed by Brother Proctor. A national net loss of approximately 500 members resulted for the quarter.

Brother Del Cross arrived at 10:10 a.m.

It was *Voted* to approve the Executive Committee Minutes of January 25, 1979.

Brothers Robert Frederick and Dave Lambert appeared before the Committee to review the legislative program.

Subjects discussed were:

1. Farm Coalition activities
2. Emergency Farm Bill and removing Cap from Food Stamp program
3. Emergency Food Aid Reserves (4 million bu. wheat proposed)
4. Farm Production subsidized for Alcohol crops for energy
5. Proposed Mandatory Farm Program
6. Multilateral Trade Negotiations
7. Repeal of Carry-over Provision on Inheritance Tax
8. Transportation Deregulation
9. Farm Credit Administration proposals

10. Government Subsidized Young Farm Entry proposal

The Committee recessed for lunch at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

The discussion of legislative programs with Bob Frederick and Dave Lambert continued.

11. Structure of Agriculture best for America
12. National Bargaining Act
13. Alaska Lands Bill
14. RARE II—National Forest Lands Preservation
15. Reorganization of Department of Agriculture
16. Energy price Decontrol—windfall profits tax
17. Farm Land preservation
18. 245 T Suspension by EPA
19. Packers and Stockyards—Leins on Cattle in sales yards
20. Payment of expenses by federal agencies of witnesses to public hearings

Dave Lambert gave a short summary of the states that returned the questionnaire regarding Grange Goals.

Director of Information, Judy Massabny, joined the Committee to discuss several subjects.

The 1979 Annual Session plans were reviewed with all preparations reported to be in order.

Future Annual Session plans were also discussed.

Response from the Century Club requests for donations was reviewed. Approximately 35 checks have been received. Promotion programs by states are needed to make the project successful.

Proposals for a cookbook project were reviewed. No decision was made because of the absence of the National Master.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

April 18, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present.

Brother Del Cross offered the invocation.

Bookkeeper Lorena Stigers appeared before the Committee to review the financial statements for March 31. She reported receiving loans from Granges in the amount of \$80,000, which, along with \$20,000 from the Deaf Fund, will retire the \$100,000 loan from Riggs National Bank borrowed prior to the 1978 Annual Session. Granges will be paid 10½ per cent interest on the loans. The notes

are made to mature in three years or upon ninety days demand. The National Grange may make payments in any amounts at any time prior to the due date of the notes.

Employee retirement program costs were reviewed in view of retirement program benefits.

It was *Voted* to approve the minutes of April 17 as corrected by changing bushels to metric tons on item 3 of the Legislative report.

Legal Counsel Alton Denslow joined the Committee to discuss legal aspects of internal problems regarding Ohio State Grange.

The Committee recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

Worthy National Master Scott reported on changes in tenants in the building.

He also reported a staff meeting has been scheduled for April 30th and a meeting of the newly-appointed Deaf Committee on May 1st at the Grange Headquarters Building.

Methods of encouraging the organization of new Granges in Alaska were discussed. Proposals offered were deferred to the next meeting pending further contact with Alaska Grange leaders.

National Lecturer Kermit Richardson joined the Committee for a report of activities. He outlined a program for promoting the Heimlich Maneuver to restore breathing because of choking.

He also discussed details of administering contents in the Lecturer's Department.

Clippings from Community Citizen Award programs were presented. Costs of plaques and awards for the program were presented, with the idea of keeping the program financially self-supporting. Preliminary plans for a Pomona Citizen Award Program were presented.

Results of questionnaires returned by State Lecturers regarding program suggestions were reviewed.

Jim Starkey, Agriculture Director, Special Trade Representative's Office, appeared before the Committee to discuss the Multilateral Trade Agreements and implementing legislation. Concessions gained affect \$3.8 billion dollars of Agricultural Products. Concessions given affect \$2.6 billion dollars of Agricultural Products.

It was *Voted* to authorize a statement supporting the Multilateral Trade Negotiations and Implementing Legislation for presentation to the House Ways and Means Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

April 19, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Woodrow Tucker with all members present.

Brother Francis Guthrie offered the invocation.

It was *Voted* to authorize the National Master to sign the termination of contract agreement with Legal Counsel, Sandra Sue Adams.

The National Master was asked to again remind all Departments that the investment of funds is the responsibility of the Executive Committee. This reminder seems necessary because of investments again having been made at a low interest rate.

It was *Voted* that the National Master ask for the two cookbook proposals in writing, that copies be sent to all members of the Committee and followed up by a conference call for final decision.

The Committee recessed at 9:30 a.m. to meet with Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland for a discussion of policy regarding the future structure of agriculture and legislation affecting and directing that structure.

The Committee reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

It was *Voted* to approve the minutes of April 18.

It was *Voted* to recommend we do not accept the invitation to Oklahoma by the Phillips Petroleum Company because of cost. The motion passed by majority vote.

It was *Voted* that the 'View from the Hill' be restored to its original publication schedule.

It was *Voted* to discontinue the discounts on supply orders in amounts under \$200 because the cost of administering is greater than the benefit to the Granges.

The whole cost of Grange organization kits is as follows: Junior—\$21.15; Subordinate—41.95; and Pomona—\$16.24.

It was *Voted* to table the subject of increasing the fees for new Grange organization kits until the August meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2, and 3.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

August 1, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Woodrow Tucker with all members present.

Brother Del Cross offered the invocation.

It was *Voted* to approve the minutes of the

April 19th meeting of the Executive Committee.

Sister Lorena Stigers joined the Committee to review the June 30th financial statement. The continuing problem of slow dues payments by states was discussed. It was also noted that \$2,009.47 from the previous cookbook sale is being written off from the accounts receivable.

A letter from Potomac Grange No. 1 requesting that their contribution in excess of dues be shown as a separate item on the financial statement was read. These amounts were \$45.45 in March and \$45.90 in June. It was the consensus of the Committee that if space permitted, the request be granted.

It was noted that approximately \$12,000 had been contributed to the National Grange Century Club.

It was *Voted* that the Riggs National Bank of Washington, D.C. is hereby designated a depository for the funds of the National Grange Century Club and the said bank is hereby authorized and directed to pay checks and other orders for the payment of money drawn in the name of the National Grange Century Club when signed by any one of the following: John W. Scott or Lorena D. Stigers.

Sister Stigers reported that the Internal Revenue Service had audited the Grange Foundation and found all accounts in order.

National Master Scott reported on several items including the building security system. It was suggested that bids be secured on a security system to more adequately protect the Grange Building.

Brother Scott indicated that a representative appointed by Colorado State Master Francis Guthrie would represent the Grange at the Western Water Resources Symposium in Denver, September 26-29.

Rulings relating to the problem of dues increases and collection in Ohio were discussed.

The Committee recessed for lunch at 12:40 p.m. to reconvene at 1:40 p.m.

Governor Don Wilkinson and Deputy Governor C. K. Cardwell of the Farm Credit Administration appeared before the Committee accompanied by Staff members Bob Frederick and Dave Lambert. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss pending amendments to the 1971 Farm Credit Act. Proposed amendments discussed would:

1. Broaden the authority to finance off-farm participation in processing and marketing facilities.
2. Authorize the financing of cooperative

marketing facilities outside the United States by the Bank of Cooperatives.

3. Remove the 85% of appraisal limit on loans guaranteed by FmHA.
4. Reduce the percentage of farmers participating requirement from 70% to 60% for borrowing from the Bank of Cooperatives.
5. Exempt federally-chartered lending institutions from State Usury Laws.
6. Exempt federally-chartered lending institutions from State Truth in Lending Laws.

Staff member Mary McLane joined the Committee to report on the progress of Food Stamp Program and welfare reform legislation.

Legislative Director Bob Frederick reported on several items including:

1. Target price and loan rates on wheat and feed grains.
2. Dairy support prices
3. Emergency Food Reserve
4. Set aside program
5. Trade legislation and reorganization
6. Transportation
 - a. Railroad de-regulation
 - b. Truck de-regulation
7. Anti-Trust legislation

Dave Lambert, Director of Regulatory Affairs, discussed the following items:

1. Farmland Protection Act
2. Family Farm Anti-Trust Act of 1979
3. Youth unemployment Compensation payments
4. Estate Tax Carryover provision amendment
5. Energy regulations—Gas and oil
6. Soil Conservation Services policy directions
7. 1902 Reclamation Act Amendment, S-14
8. Crop Insurance Programs

The Committee adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

August 2, 1979

The Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Woodrow Tucker with all members present.

The invocation was offered by Overseer Ed Andersen.

National Master Scott reviewed correspondence regarding the Ohio State Grange request for assistance with Internal Revenue Service audit problems. It was the consensus of the Committee that the National Grange

was not in a position to respond to the request because of the nature of the difficulty being peculiar to that State Grange.

National Youth Director Bill Steel appeared before the Committee. He reported on Regional Conferences and Youth Team assignments, the Washington Conference, and the Youth Leadership Fund. Youth Fund contributions are at about the usual level of \$14,400. The Washington Conference expenses will be about \$3,000. He also reported on 1979 convention youth activities.

Brother Steel reviewed the National Deaf Committee activities, the information having previously been distributed to State Masters and others.

It was *Voted* to commend the Grange Deaf Activities Committee on the selection of Andrea Valentine of Delaware and Andrea Leake of Texas as the Deaf Scholarship recipients.

The Committee released a statement opposing the Administration's announced 1980 Wheat Program removing the set aside program while failing to increase loan rates which reflect cost of production.

National Secretary Bob Proctor appeared before the Committee. He reviewed membership gains and losses in the various states. He also reported on the Supply and Production Department activities. Delays in mailings were discussed. Mailing of 1980 Handbooks is tentatively scheduled for September 1.

The Committee recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. to reconvene at 1:25 p.m.

Director of Information Judy Massabny joined the Committee for a program update. Recognition was given Etuk Inyanette, building security guard, for growing a small garden in front of the National Grange Building.

Convention plans for future years were reviewed.

Because of the deterioration of downtown Des Moines, which makes it not conducive to hosting our 1980 convention, and the lack of cooperation of the Visitors and Convention Bureau, it was *Voted* to cancel the tentative reservation at the Savery Hotel of Des Moines and make reservations at the Stouffer's Five Seasons Hotel at Cedar Rapids for the 1980 Convention.

Hotel room rates in Washington, Rhode Island and Texas were discussed.

Arrangements and program for the 1979 Convention at Lancaster, Pennsylvania were reviewed.

It was *Voted* to approve the sponsoring of a

luncheon by the National General Insurance Company on Monday, November 19.

Progress on the production of the new National Grange Cookbook was reviewed with a tentative delivery scheduled by November 1.

Further solicitation for the National Grange Century Club was discussed.

It was *Voted* to table the subject until Friday morning.

National Junior Director Patty Carncross joined the Committee to discuss the 1979-80 Junior Program. Two new projects are being announced, Dogs for the Deaf and Small World-International Project. The Something from Nothing and the Nature Craft Contests have been discontinued.

It was *Voted* to set Grange Week for 1980, April 20-26.

A written report from the National Lecturer, Kermit Richardson, was reviewed.

Because of budget restrictions, it was *Voted* to suspend the Community Service Program for 1980.

It was *Voted* not to authorize the National Lecturer to establish a fire extinguisher sales program in the Lecturer's Department.

It was *Voted* to approve the minutes of the August 1 Executive Committee meeting.

The Committee reviewed a written report from National Director of Women's Activities, Jenny Grobusky. The report outlined the Department's program for 1979-80.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

August 3, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Woodrow Tucker with all members present.

Brother Francis Guthrie offered the invocation.

Discussion continued on the report of the Women's Activities Director, Jenny Grobusky.

It was *Voted* not to authorize the inclusion of non-sponsor advertising "stuffers" in mailings of any department.

At the request of the Ohio State Grange Executive Committee, a letter was authorized to be sent to all Granges in Ohio regarding the State Grange dues subject to the approval of the letter by the Ohio State Grange Executive Committee.

It was *Voted* to authorize a letter to all State Masters requesting them to promote the National Grange Century Club.

Brother Alton Denslow, Legal Counsel for the National Grange, appeared before the Committee to discuss the Grange employee retirement plan amendments to make the plan conform to federal regulations.

It was *Voted* to approve the minutes of the August 2nd meeting of the Executive Committee.

Bob Frederick, Dave Lambert and Bob Steel joined the Committee to review the response from State Masters on the "Grange Goals" questionnaire.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

THE NATIONAL GRANGE OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1979

The National Grange of the
Patrons of Husbandry
1616 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

We have examined the balance sheet of The National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry as of September 30, 1979, and the related statements of income and expenses and net worth for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures that we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of The National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry at September 30, 1979 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

G. P. GRAHAM & COMPANY
November 6, 1979

**THE NATIONAL GRANGE
BALANCE SHEET
AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1979**

ASSETS	<i>Grange Operating Account</i>	<i>Grange Building Fund</i>	<i>Deduct Offsetting Accounts</i>	<i>Total National Grange</i>
Cash on hand and on deposit	\$126,422			\$ 126,422
Accounts receivable	6,011			6,011
Prepaid expenses and supplies	7,063			7,063
Inventory - Resales	99,772			99,772
Due from Grange building fund	173,477		\$173,477	
National Grange building				
Building - At cost		\$1,174,014		1,174,014
Furnishings - At cost		46,040		46,040
Accumulated depreciation		(492,164)		(492,164)
Land - At 1960 appraised value		192,238		192,238
Total assets	<u>\$412,745</u>	<u>\$ 920,128</u>	<u>\$173,477</u>	<u>\$1,159,396</u>
LIABILITIES				
Loans payable	\$ 80,423			\$ 80,423
Accounts payable	28,895			28,895
Deferred income	12,457			12,457
Due to Grange operating account		\$ 173,477	\$173,477	
Special funds	62,730			62,730
Total liabilities	<u>\$184,505</u>	<u>\$ 173,477</u>	<u>\$173,477</u>	<u>\$ 184,505</u>
NET WORTH				
Building fund				
Contributions		\$ 260,745		\$ 260,745
Provided from exchange of former building		396,936		396,936
Bicentennial cookbook		313,549		313,549
Building operations		267,585		267,585
Accumulated depreciation		(492,164)		(492,164)
Operating account	<u>\$228,240</u>			<u>228,240</u>
Total net worth	<u>\$228,240</u>	<u>\$ 746,651</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>\$ 974,891</u>
Total liabilities and net worth	<u>\$412,745</u>	<u>\$ 920,128</u>	<u>\$173,477</u>	<u>\$1,159,396</u>

THE NATIONAL GRANGE
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES AND NET WORTH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1979

Income

Operating account - Page 5		\$ 624,617
National Grange building - Page 7		193,158
Contribution to building fund		25
		<u>\$ 817,800</u>

Expenses

Operating account - Page 6	\$ 691,037	
National Grange building - Page 7	160,582	851,619
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Excess of expenses over income for the year ended September 30, 1979		\$ (33,819)
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Net worth October 1, 1978	\$1,032,190	
Deduct depreciation	23,480	1,008,710
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Net worth September 30, 1979		<u><u>\$ 974,891</u></u>
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THE NATIONAL GRANGE
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES AND NET WORTH—
OPERATING ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1979

Income

Dues and fees			
Subordinate Grange dues	\$541,863		
Junior Grange dues	5,137		
Subordinate Grange charter fees	60		
Junior Grange charter fees	105		
Sixth degree fees	4,600		
Seventh degree fees	\$7,270		
Less: Refunds	250	7,020	\$558,785
Resales orders			56,894
Interest received			162
Grange newsletter subscriptions			191
Administration of sewing contest			2,510
Miscellaneous			6,075
			<u>\$624,619</u>

Expenses

General and administrative	\$ 85,140		
Lecturer	43,627		
Secretary	29,939		
Executive committee	8,401		
Women's activities	30,447		
Youth activities	35,318		
Junior Granges	8,330		
High Priest	6,676		
Extension	11,146		
Legislation	87,302		
Information	37,736		
Regulatory affairs	35,450		
Annual session	92,725		
Supply and service	44,297		
Resaleables	53,725		
Grange promotion	9,016		
Community service program	12,219		
Retirement Plan	29,664		
Contributions	869		
Building management	16,766		
Furniture and equipment	474		
Interest expense	8,504		
Miscellaneous	3,266		
			<u>691,037</u>

Excess of expenses over income \$(66,420)

Net worth operating account—October 1, 1978 294,660

Net worth operating account—September 30, 1979 \$228,240

THE NATIONAL GRANGE
SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES—OPERATING ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1979

	Miscellaneous	Salaries and Payroll Taxes	Office Supplies and Expenses	Paper and Printing	Postage and Telephone	Fees and Honorariums	Per Diem and Travel	Leadership Conference	Insurance	Total
General and administrative										
Legal	\$4,039									
Accounting	3,900									
Miscellaneous	2,438	\$10,377	\$56,898	\$1,170	\$1,131	\$5,992	\$3,246	\$462	\$5,864	\$85,140
Lecturer	401	30,318	2,393	4,153	3,724		1,591	70	977	43,627
Secretary	21,101	4,402	324	1,922		160	232	1,798		29,939
Executive committee		3		116	113		8,169			8,401
Women's activities	12	21,616	1,236	3,862	2,450		128	413	730	30,447
Youth activities	120	27,376	563	1,259	1,601		2,872	472	1,055	35,318
Junior Grange	246	1,296	978	1,869	764	\$2,000	998	179		8,330
High Priest		157	818	124	340	2,000	3,093		144	6,676
Extension										
Organization work	\$2,990									
Miscellaneous	195	3,185	3,005	7	3,884	920	145			11,146
Legislation										
Dues and subscriptions		3,571	56,467	151	7,600	7,470	5,012	4,940	2,091	87,302
Information		539	29,487	172	1,891	4,247		324	1,076	37,736
Regulatory affairs		204	32,280	130	272	539		517	372	35,450
Annual session										
Awards	\$3,699									
Seventh degree	1,450									
Miscellaneous	1,818	6,967	1,819	1,961	11,633	3,096	67,249			92,725
Supply and service		126	21,730	6,964	10,232	1,228			4,017	44,297
Resaleables										
Cost of resales		28,754	19,261	595	791	3,647			677	53,725
Grange promotion					4		9,012			9,016
Community service pro-gram										
Awards		10,575	587	247	331	366	113			12,219
Retirement plan		29,664								29,664
Contributions		869								869
Building management			16,766							16,766
Furniture and equipment		474								474
Interest expense		8,504								8,504
Miscellaneous		3,266								3,266
	\$107,854	\$340,167	\$21,787	\$49,472	\$38,423	\$9,012	\$102,557	\$2,200	\$19,565	\$691,037

THE NATIONAL GRANGE
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES—NATIONAL GRANGE BUILDING
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1979

Income

Rentals	\$193,158
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Expenses

Wages and payroll taxes	\$35,076
Real estate taxes	28,882
Electricity, gas and water	38,283
Building supplies	3,160
Service contracts	
Janitorial	\$28,898
Elevator	4,571
Trash removal	1,320
Inspections	2,016
Repairs and maintenance	14,338
Insurance	4,038
	160,582

Excess of income over expenses for the year ended September 30, 1979	\$ 32,576
Accumulated net income from building operations from June 1, 1960 to September 30, 1978	<u>235,009</u>
Accumulated net income from building operations through September 30, 1979	<u>\$267,585</u>

THE NATIONAL GRANGE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 1979

A. Summary of significant accounting policies followed:

1. Assets, liabilities, income and expenses, other than dues income, are recognized on the accrual basis of accounting. Income from dues is recognized on the cash basis.
2. Investments are stated at cost.
3. Inventories are stated at lower of cost or market on the first-in, first-out basis.
4. The National Grange building and furnishings were acquired in 1960 and are shown at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation has been computed on a straight line basis with a life of 50 years for the building and 15 years for the furnishings. Furnishings acquired since 1960 have been charged to expenses in the year acquired. Land was acquired thru exchange and is shown at the 1960 appraised value. The present assessed values for real estate tax purposes are \$595,820 for land and \$1,112,180 for building.
5. Transactions regarding the transfer of September 1979 dues by the National Secretary to the National Treasurer and the reimbursement of the imprest fund are reflected in the statements as though the transfers and receipts occurred on September 30, 1979.

B. The cash on hand and on deposit represents the following:

Riggs National Bank, Washington, D.C.	
Imprest account	\$ 73,547
Payroll account	2,731
Century Club	21,190
First National Bank of Springfield, Springfield, Ill.	
Treasurer's account	13,822
First Virginia Bank, Fairfax, Va.	
Secretary's account	300
Guaranty Bank and Trust Co., Fairfax, Va.	
Women's activities committee	936
Granite Savings Bank and Trust Co., Barre, Vt.	
Lecturer's imprest fund	3,150
Perpetual Federal Savings and Loan Assn., Washington, D.C.	
Junior Grange Taber Forest Memorial Trust Fund	944
Washington Federal Savings and Loan Assn., Washington, D.C.	
Deposit account	2,998
Southern Bank and Trust Co., Walhalla, S.C.	
Women's activities	6,229
Petty cash	575
	<u>\$126,422</u>

C. Computation of funds advanced by the operating fund to the Grange building fund follows:

Balance October 1, 1978		\$206,078
Deduct:		
Building operating income—See Page 7	\$32,576	
Contribution to building fund	<u>25</u>	<u>32,601</u>
Balance September 30, 1979		<u><u>\$173,477</u></u>

D. Loans payable represent the following, all bearing interest rate of 10.5% per annum:

	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount of Loan</u>
Kansas State Grange	April 6, 1982	\$12,000
Pennsylvania State Grange	April 9, 1982	15,000
Pennsylvania State Grange	April 12, 1982	43,423
Valley Grange #1360, Pennsylvania	April 16, 1982	10,000
		<u><u>\$80,423</u></u>

E. The receipts and disbursements of funds received or set aside by the National Grange for specified purposes have not been included in the statement of income and expenses. A summary of transactions in these accounts follows:

	<i>Balances Oct. 1, 1978</i>	<i>Additions (Deductions)</i>	<i>Balances Sept. 30, 1979</i>
Junior Grange Taber Forest			
Memorial Trust Fund	\$ 940		
Interest added		\$ 49	\$ 989
North Dakota fund	98		98
Women's activities fund	886		
Interest added		50	936
National Grange			
sewing contest			
Received from sponsors		23,325	
Interest received on			
deposits		217	
Excess expenses charged			
to Women's activities		7	
Net expenses of contest			
paid this year		(23,549)	
National Grange program			
for the deaf	47,100		
Receipts		* 658	
Expenses		(8,241)	39,517
Century Club			
Receipts		21,190	21,190
	<u>\$49,024</u>	<u>\$13,706</u>	<u>\$62,730</u>

*Does not include contributions deposited in Grange Foundation

**GRANGE FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1979**

Balances on deposit October 1, 1978				\$20,508.43
Receipts				
Youth Leadership Fund				
Contributions		\$16,014.11		
Program for the Deaf				
Contributions	\$9,559.54			
Songbooks	2,186.50	11,746.04		
Interest added to savings account		766.73	28,526.88	
				<u>\$49,035.31</u>
Disbursements				
Youth Leadership Fund				
Young couple	1,439.00			
Youth team	615.00			
Travel scholarships	1,870.04			
Convention	5,413.30			
Prince and princess	1,811.55			
Grange inter-state youth	325.00			
Washington conference	2,978.74			
Speaking contest	270.00			
Expense advance	123.18	14,845.81		
Program for the Deaf				
Scholarships	550.00			
Songbooks	160.00	710.00		
Supplies		18.16	15,573.97	
Balances on deposit September 30, 1979				
Riggs National Bank, Washington, D.C.		\$18,641.03		
Washington Federal Savings and Loan Association, Washington, D.C.		14,820.31	33,461.34	

Worthy Flora, Sister Betty Hall, asked that all Past Delegates check in with her and that all those ordering flowers do so as soon as possible.

Brother Russell Stauffer, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, reported for the

Sessions Agricultural Committee with a partial report.

Brother Robert Frederick, Legislative Director, gave an oral report for the Legislative Department.

**LEGISLATION AND
REGULATIONS**

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL
BARGAINING ACT**

Early in 1977 the National Grange started to participate in the development of new bar-

gaining legislation that would help family farmers market their production at fair and reasonable prices. In the ensuing two years the Grange met with representatives from the Farmers Union, American Farm Bureau

Federation, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives and the nation's leading commodity groups in drafting sessions to write legislation that would be acceptable to all groups.

This effort led to the introduction in the 96th Congress of The National Agricultural Bargaining Act. It was introduced in the House by Rep. Leon Panetta (D-Cal.) and in the Senate by Sen. Walter Huddleston (D-Ky.). The bill has 41 co-sponsors representing both political parties.

The National Grange was the lead-off witness at hearings held by the Subcommittee on Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations and Nutrition, House Agriculture Committee, in support of the National Agricultural Bargaining Act. Legislative history was made when the leaders of the Farmers Union, Farm Bureau, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives and the Grange appeared before a committee of Congress united in their support for the bill.

A series of field hearings is being planned by Rep. Panetta prior to final mark-up by the subcommittee. Full committee and House action are expected during the second session of the 96th Congress.

DIRECT ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The National Grange worked for the defeat of legislation calling for the direct election of the President and Vice President by popular vote and the elimination of the Electoral College. In a series of letters to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Senate Judiciary Committee, and working with the staff of Senator Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), the Grange pointed out the interest of rural America in maintaining the Electoral College but changing the method of voting to the "district plan."

Our efforts, along with those of others interested in maintaining a two-party system, were successful when the Constitutional amendment failed to obtain the two-thirds vote necessary for Senate passage.

EMERGENCY FARM ACT OF 1979

For the second year in a row since the passage of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, the National Grange has been active in supporting amendments to the Act that would result in increased farm income to offset the rapid rise in production cost.

With tractors tearing up the Mall, Grange

representatives met with members of the House Agriculture Committee and their staffs to assess the mood of the Committee and the Congress regarding amendments to the '77 Act. As a member of the Steering Committee of the National Farm Coalition, we were active in gaining the Coalition's support for an increase in target prices for wheat and feed grains in keeping the President's inflation guidelines.

A legislative package was put together that included, in addition to increased grain supports, a two-year extension of the 80% of parity milk price support minimum and increasing the funding cap on the food stamp program. The proposal was then presented to Reps. Charlie Rose, Chairman of the Livestock & Grains Subcommittee, Al Baldus, Chairman of the Dairy & Poultry Subcommittee, and Fred Richmond, Chairman of the Domestic Marketing, Consumer Relations & Nutrition Subcommittee.

In subsequent meetings with Rep. Tom Foley, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, we did our best to keep the package together, but it was the feeling of the Chairman that success was more assured if each bill moved through the committee process and to the House floor on its own.

To date, the Congress has passed only one bill, that to increase the cap on funding the food stamp program for F.Y. 1979 by \$620 million. Amendments for further changes in the program are now pending before the full committee.

The dairy and grain bills have received a rule and are now awaiting floor action. The dairy bill will reach the floor first and be followed in November by wheat and feed grains. There is some indication that the Administration will accept the higher target prices for 1979 and 1980. Tom Foley, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, was successful in amending the rule to provide for a two-tier target price. Producers who plant no more wheat than was planted, set aside or considered as planted in 1979 can qualify for a \$3.63 target price on their wheat acreage. Those exceeding this acreage are subject to reduced target price coverage. All would be eligible for loans, disaster payments and the reserve program.

In addition to the food stamp funding which was passed by Congress, the Senate Agriculture Committee has reported out the dairy price support bill approved by the House Agriculture Committee.

RAILROAD DEREGULATION ACT

The Grange, not having a clear-cut policy position on railroad deregulation, has not taken an active role in railroad deregulation legislation. The Grange, which was primarily responsible for establishment of the Interstate Commerce Commission, has some serious questions concerning removal of regulations from the nation's railroads.

The railroads remain a vital arm of agricultural transportation and in many cases they are the only means of moving agricultural production to market. For this reason the Grange believes that provision must be made in any change in federal regulations to protect the shipper who must rely on rail transportation only and is only serviced by one rail line.

The goal of the proposed law is to make the railroads financially strong. To accomplish this through the rate structure will place a heavy burden on the shipper, particularly the agricultural user.

Hearings are still in progress and no final action is expected until the second session of the 96th Congress.

TRADE AGREEMENTS ACT OF 1979

An effort that was started in the 94th Congress with the enactment of the Trade Act of 1974, was consummated when the President signed into law the "Trade Agreements Act of 1979".

The Grange has been actively involved in international trade negotiations and legislation during the past five years. We were in strong support during the past five years. We were in strong support of the '74 Trade Act, participated in advisory panels during the trade negotiations, gave counsel to USDA, Special Trade Representative's Office and committee staffs during the development of the implementing legislation and were the first farm organization to support the Trade Agreements Act of 1979.

During this time we have met with Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland and his assistants and staff, Special Trade Representative Robert Strauss and his staff, appeared before and filed statements with the Senate Finance and House Ways & Means Committees, putting forth the Grange's position on agricultural trade.

The Trade Agreements Act fell short of meeting all the Grange's objectives but for the first time in international trade negotiations, agriculture was given the priority that it

deserves. On balance, U.S. agriculture will benefit. If from nothing else, it benefited from the fact that the channels of free trade between nations remain open. The alternative to the trade agreements signed in Geneva would have been creeping protectionism, something that U.S. agriculture can ill afford. The concerns of the dairy industry are concerns of the Grange and the best way to see that the dairy farmers are not financially injured is to insist on continued negotiations and strong, rapid enforcement of the agreements and legislative language.

FARM CREDIT ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1979

The National Grange remains a strong supporter of the Farm Credit Administration and the credit system it represents. We were in active support of the Farm Credit Act amendments of 1971, but at that time voiced our concern about the ability of the system to finance farm-related businesses and rural housing and still meet the credit needs of production agriculture.

We expressed this same concern to a subcommittee of the Senate Agriculture, nutrition and Forestry Committee during hearings on the 1979 amendments to the Farm Credit Act. While we support the efforts of the Banks for Co-operatives to enter into financial arrangements on agricultural exports, we are dubious about how far such financing should extend. We opposed provisions of the bill that would extend loans to borrowers to start marketing and processing facilities; lower the percentage of farmer members necessary for maintaining their farm co-op status; permit the Farm Credit System to organize corporations to carry out bank services if it covered the sale of insurance; and exempt the Farm Credit System from state usury laws.

The Grange has led the fight against the Farm Credit System acting as insurance agents for the sale of insurance other than credit life in amounts necessary to cover the indebtedness. We have met with the last three Governors of the Farm Credit Administration in our efforts to dissuade the system from selling other than credit life, to no avail. The Grange sees no other relief from the concentration of economic power in the hands of financial institutions but legislation to prohibit the Farm Credit System from acting as insurance agents or brokers.

Field hearings will be held by the Conservation and Credit Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee in the major agricultural production areas. Additional Housing hearings will be held later in Washington, D.C. Only preliminary work has been done on the Farm Credit amendments and at this date, some changes will have to be made if the bill is to have the support of agricultural producers.

GASOHOL

The Grange has supported efforts to include provisions in national farm programs to provide set-aside land for the production of crops to be processed into alcohol. The Grange has supported legislation which would waive certain Treasury Department regulations to allow individual farmers to produce alcohol. State Masters have testified in their states in support of gasohol programs and the National Grange has worked with individuals and federal agencies to speed the application process to produce gasohol.

MEAT IMPORT ACT

The National Grange presented testimony to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways & Means Committee in support of amendments to the Meat Import Act of 1964. The primary purpose of the amendments is to allow increased imports during periods of high prices and reduced imports at times when U.S. cattlemen are unable to obtain a fair price for their products.

The House should take up the bill yet this year. If so, the Senate would quickly follow the House action. Approval is almost assured, as the objectionable provisions in the bill that led to the Presidential veto last year have been removed.

TRUCKING COMPETITION & SAFETY ACT OF 1979

The Grange is in general support of truck deregulation but we feel that the administration bill introduced by Senator Kennedy goes too far; therefore, we are supporting a modified bill which has the support of most farm groups.

The Administration's bill would expand the agricultural exemption to include all food items and major agricultural inputs. We are fearful that the haulers of exempt com-

modities will carry processed food products and shy away from perishable fruit and vegetables, leading to a truck shortage in those production areas. The Grange is supporting legislation and changes in regulations that would expand the agricultural exemption but, in the case of processed food, tie its movement by an unregulated carrier to a previous or a subsequent movement of an exempt commodity. The Grange, over the years, has supported expanding the agricultural exemption to include major production input items.

In addition, the Grange supports the removal of the 15% restriction on the amount of nonfarm trucking business a cooperative can do for nonmembers. The Administration bill and the legislation the Grange supports would modify the cooperative exemption to permit trucking cooperatives to do up to 50% of their business with non-members.

Truck regulatory reform will not be passed during the first session of the 96th Congress. Sen. Cannon (D-Nev.), Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, plans to have a bill passed by June, 1980. In the meantime, the Interstate Commerce Commission most likely will continue on its present course of regulatory reform via administrative rulings.

TRADE REORGANIZATION

The reorganization of the trade functions of the federal government was strongly supported by the National Grange.

The Grange, at the invitation of White House staff, met to discuss agriculture and the Grange's concern over trade reorganization. The first meetings were followed by meetings with staff members of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and staff of the Special Trade Representative (STR).

We were presented with two or three alternatives to reorganize the trade functions: (1) create a new Department of Trade; (2) place all trade functions, except negotiations, in a new Department of Trade and Commerce; and (3) strengthen the Office of the Special Trade Representative, placing all trade policy and trade negotiations in that office.

The Grange recommended the following: "Since the passage of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, which created the Office of Special Representative for Trade Negotiations in the Executive Office of the President, the Grange has been a strong supporter of the office it helped to create. Therefore, we are in agreement with the Administration's proposal to reorganize the trade functions of the

federal government that strengthens the Office of the Special Trade Representative in the Executive Office of the President.

"The basic reason for the creation of the STR back in 1962 still exists. There is, trade policy, negotiations and implementation should not be placed in a department that has a department constituency. Likewise, a separate Department of Trade would deny the President of the diversity of views and advice on issues that come to him for decisions. It is our judgment that the Administration proposal meets the objectives for a strong, well-coordinated reorganization of the trade functions of the federal government which will be best suited to carry out the heavy responsibilities of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979.

"However, we disagree with the Administration plan to maintain the STR staff at only 50 to 60 individuals. If the positions at STR are limited to only this number, most of the increased responsibilities delegated to STR under the reorganization proposal will have to be redelegated back to the agencies which in the past have had jurisdiction. This is not reorganization, only a cosmetic approach to the real issue of the management of U.S. trade policy.

"To do the job necessary under the President's reorganization proposal we would recommend a staff of from 150 to 200 and giving STR greater responsibility for antidumping and countervailing duty policy."

In subsequent meetings with OMB and STR staff, it was decided to send the Administration's recommendations to the Hill in the form of a reorganizational plan and not as legislation. The plan submitted by the Administration contains all of the major recommendations of the Grange. Hearings are now being held in the House and Senate, with no major opposition. It is expected that the reorganizational plan of the Administration will be allowed to go into effect, leaving the Foreign Agricultural Service intact in USDA, as recommended by the Grange.

SMALL & INDEPENDENT BUSINESS PROTECTION ACT

The Grange appeared before the Judiciary Committee of the Senate in support of the Small and Independent Business Protection Act, which would prohibit the mergers of large corporations and the swallowing up of small companies by corporate conglomerates.

We pointed out our long history of involvement in anti-trust legislation which started in 1874 in our Declaration of Purposes. It has been said that the Sherman Antitrust Act would not have been passed if it had not been for the pressure of the Grange against the growing monopoly power in the United States.

The Grange said in part: "The preservation of family farms cannot be solved by price alone; markets must remain open. The merger of giant conglomerates such as R. J. Reynolds and Del Monte, Pillsbury and Green Giant, Cargill and Nutrena, etc. will not assist in keeping markets very open and will lead to the rapid decline of family agriculture.

"For these reasons, we support the Small and Independent Business Protection Act: (1) our long history of support for antitrust legislation, (2) our belief that antitrust legislation has preserved and extended the free enterprise system in the United States, (3) the effect of conglomerate mergers on the open market system for agricultural products, and (4) the economic, social and political consequences of the absentee ownership of a conglomerate."

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

The Grange sought restoration of funding cuts in the Agriculture Department budget. Administration budget recommendations cut farm safety, marketing research and conservation programs. Most programs were restored to F.Y. '79 levels although the Rural Clean Water Program received modest funding for the first time since the law was passed.

BANK HOLDING COMPANIES

The Grange continued its opposition to legislation that would permit bank holding companies to act as insurance agents in small towns of less than 5,000 population.

The provision to permit such banks to sell insurance in small towns but prohibit them in large towns was dropped from legislation passed by the last Congress. A bill containing the same provision was introduced in this Congress by Rep. Jim Hanley (D-N.Y.)

Following hearings, the House Banking Committee's Financial Institutions Subcommittee reported the bill to the full committee. The Grange consulted with the subcommittee staff and was told that a compromise was made between the banks and insurance

agents that would permit the sale of insurance by banks in small towns but prohibit them from selling in large cities and if that compromise was upset, the bill would blow up.

Mark-up by the full committee will be in late October. We will attempt once more to have that language deleted that permits bank holding companies to act as insurance agents in towns of less than 5,000 population.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

The Grange, through personal contacts with members of the House Agriculture Committee, supported the Emergency Food Stamp Act Amendments of 1979. Because of the rise in consumer food prices and the removal of the food stamp purchase requirement by Congress, opening up the program to more families, the food stamp program was due to run out of money by September 1, 1979.

A bill increasing the funding cap that was placed on the program by the 95th Congress by \$620 million for F.Y. 1979 was passed and signed into law by President Carter. The bill also made some minor changes in the basic eligibility requirements for the elderly and added new provisions to help prevent fraud.

NEW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Grange was a member of an ad hoc committee that worked for the defeat of legislation that would create a new Department of Education. The bill was passed overwhelmingly in the Senate, but faced strong opposition in the House. However, the bill was amended to remove certain provisions that were of concern to some special interest groups and the bill squeaked by on a four-vote margin.

The conferees deleted some of the more objectionable House amendments, leaving final House acceptance in doubt. However, both houses passed the conference report and the President signed into law legislation that created the second new department since he took office in 1977.

CARRYOVER BASIS

The Grange continues to support repeal of the "carryover basis" for taxation of inherited property. Sen. Harry Byrd (Ind.-Va.), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Finance, Taxation & Debt Management, Senate Finance Committee, held two days of hearings

but postponed final action on repeal of the "carryover basis" until the Treasury Department could develop language on its modifications in the law. It is anticipated that the Treasury Department will recommend exempting about 98 percent of all estates by increasing the minimum estate to which it would apply to \$175,000, along with some other amendments to simplify the rules.

Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) was successful in attaching his amendment for repeal of the "carryover basis" to the windfall profits tax being considered by the Senate Finance Committee, of which he is the ranking minority member. The future of this move is uncertain, as the President has said he would veto any bill that contains a repeal provision.

Rep. Al Ullman, (D-Ore.), Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, announced that the full committee will conduct public hearings on the carryover basis provisions beginning on Tuesday, November 13.

AGRICULTURAL SUBTERMINAL FACILITIES ACT

The Grange supported S. 261 with modifications, a bill that would authorize loans for the construction and improvement of subterminal storage facilities for agricultural commodities and to develop state or regional plans to improve this type of facility. The object of the legislation is to counter increased marketing and transportation problems brought about by the rail car shortage and the abandonment of rail lines to country elevators.

SOIL CONSERVATION

The Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 (RCA) charged USDA with taking an in-depth look at current soil and water conservation programs in order to improve programs in the future. The Grange is working with USDA to develop future strategies and attempting to keep control of programs at the local level.

RARE II

The Grange at state and national levels has participated in the review process of the study initiated by the Forest Service to determine the status of sixty-two million acres of roadless National Forest lands. After two years of study, USDA recommended 36 million acres for non-wilderness; 15 million acres

for wilderness; and 11 million acres for further study. Congress has the prerogative of addressing the recommendations on a national basis in one package or on a state-by-state basis. Several bills have been introduced addressing the recommendations on a state basis. The Grange will continue to monitor and participate in the legislative process.

PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ACT

The Grange initiated legislation to obtain relief for livestock markets which unknowingly sold cattle which had liens against them. Amendments to the law were passed which required the Packers and Stockyards Administration to appoint a task force to study the problem. The task force reported to the Congress on February 1, 1979 and action was initiated by USDA to strengthen the program. The Grange continues to monitor the problem.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY ACT

The Grange testified before the Subcommittee on Family Farms and Rural Development of the House Agriculture Committee supporting the Rural Development Act of 1976. The bill would legalize the requirement for government agencies to actively participate in coordinating a national rural development program. The Grange emphasized the role of agriculture in rural development.

RECLAMATION REFORM ACT

The Grange opposed S. 14, which was designed to raise the acreage limitation on lands provided reclamation water and to exempt large sections of western land from compliance with the limitation. The Senate bill favored corporate agriculture over the family farm. The Grange will work to obtain a more favorable bill in the House.

SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

Sen. Henry Bellmon (R-Ok.) introduced an amendment to S. 292 which would have limited the Special Milk Program to only those schools which had no other feeding program. The Grange strongly opposed the amendment. After considerable opposition was expressed in the floor debate, Bellmon withdrew the amendment. The Grange will continue its strong support for the program, which provides free and subsidized half-pints

of milk to children in some 85,000 schools, child care centers and summer camps.

FAMILY FARM ANTITRUST ACT

The Grange provided testimony before the Subcommittee on Antitrust of the Senate Judiciary Committee supporting S. 334, the Family Farm Antitrust Act of 1979. The bill would prohibit the purchase of farmland or control of farming operations by any investors, corporate or individual, with over \$15 million in non-farm business assets and would ban the acquisition of U.S. farmland by foreign corporations, foreign governments and non-resident aliens.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Grange opposed Administration proposals to create a Department of Natural Resources. Elements of several government agencies including the Forest Service and Soil Conservation Service would have been transferred to the Department of Interior to form the new agency. Determined resistance from a wide variety of interests was effective in keeping the proposal from being formally presented to the Congress by the Administration.

CROP INSURANCE

The Grange provided testimony supporting an all-county, all-crop, and all-risk crop insurance program for farmers. Legislation was passed in the House which met those requirements. The disaster payment program was extended through the 1981 crop year although if crop insurance is available the disaster program will not be available in that county unless specified by the Secretary of Agriculture. The government will provide 30 percent of premium costs up to a maximum of 65 percent of the recorded or appraised average yield. The Grange supports a similar bill in the Senate.

ALASKAN LANDS BILL

The Grange supported H.R. 39, the Breaux-Dingell bill which proposed a rational compromise to allocating Alaskan lands between conservation and development. The citizens of Alaska lost the battle in the House, but the Grange continues to work on legislation in the Senate that will protect the rights of these citizens.

FARMLAND PROTECTION ACT

The Grange actively supported a bill which would fund pilot projects to determine new ways to retain agricultural land. Testimony was presented before House and Senate committees supporting H.R. 2551 and S. 795. The Grange is working with the USDA Study Group which has been charged with gathering public opinion, data and existing methods being used to protect farmland from development or environmental encroachment.

NATIONAL GRAIN BOARD

The Grange opposed legislative efforts to create a National Grain Board that would establish a government selling agency to replace cooperative and private enterprise system of agricultural marketing. It appears the issue is dead, at least for the near future.

EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1979

The Grange presented testimony and was active with an ad hoc group of farm organiza-

tions opposing a number of amendments to the Export Administration Act of 1979. These amendments would have placed export restrictions on certain agricultural commodities. The Grange agreed with the Secretary of Agriculture when he stated that such restrictive amendments would "have a negative effect on agricultural trade, farm prices and incomes." Restrictions dealt primarily with animal hides, wheat and soybean meal. The strong farm opposition was able to kill the amendments.

RAILROAD BOXCARS

The Grange supported legislation which would remove the tariff on boxcars imported from Mexico. Domestic production is unable to meet the demand and the tariff discourages the purchase of cars from Mexico. The railroads' inability to provide hopper cars to move grain has caused American farmers to lose millions of dollars in spoilage, lost sales and lower prices when grain cannot move to market in an orderly fashion.

GOVERNMENTAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The National Grange continues to maintain an excellent working relationship with the Secretary of Agriculture, Bob Bergland, his Assistant Secretaries and staff.

The Grange, represented by Master John W. Scott, Bob Frederick and Dave Lambert, has met with the Secretary on dozens of occasions to discuss various issues facing American agriculture. These meetings were backed up by letters to the Secretary from John W. Scott, putting forth the Grange's position on programs for dairy, wheat and feed grains, the reserve program and Farmers Home Administration.

The Grange's recommendations were always well received and the announcements concerning the final 1979 programs for wheat and feed grains reflect some of the Grange's recommendations. Our recommendation for the dairy price support program announced for the marketing year October 1, 1979 to April 1, 1980 by the Secretary, was followed.

We did not fare as well on our program recommendations for the 1980 program for

wheat and feed grains. We are concerned that the program will encourage the expansion of crop production on land that is subject to serious soil erosion and will not protect the producer from a serious decline in world demand in the 1980-81 marketing year.

A change in the reserve program regarding re-entry into the reserve recommended by the Grange is being followed. The Grange was surprised when USDA announced that once grain prices reached the "call" stage it could not re-enter the reserve. Previously when grain prices reached the release state, if the market price dropped back below that level the grain could re-enter the reserve, and we assumed the same would be true of the "call" price.

We contacted the Secretary, and recommended that the grain be eligible to re-enter the reserve after reaching the "call" stage if the market price dropped back below the release price. The Secretary, in a later announcement, made that change in the reserve program. The other recommendation the Grange made regarding the reserve program

was to stagger the release of grain in the reserve when the market price reaches the "call" stage. We did not want to see all the particular grain under question released onto the market at one time. We suggested calling the grain on the anniversary date of the loan (first in, first out) or calling a certain percentage as the market price continued to increase.

The Secretary has said that changes in the reserve program will be announced in the near future. If the reserve program is to be the cornerstone of this Administration's farm program, some changes are in order.

The National Grange Executive Committee met with the Secretary of Agriculture during their summer meeting to discuss the Grange's position on the future structure of agriculture. It was a far-ranging meeting with the Secretary asking for the Grange's position on many issues, from FmHA loan programs to transportation. The Secretary once more expressed his appreciation for the contribution the Grange continues to make toward the development of national food and agriculture policy.

National Grange representatives have met with Assistant Secretaries of Agriculture or agency administrators on international trade problems, rural development programs, Farmers Home Administration farm loan programs, Packers and Stockyards Act amendments, pesticides, water and soil conservation and rangeland management. In addition, the Grange has been invited to briefing and policy meetings at the Department on current issues, such as agriculture transportation policy, energy policy and land use.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Grange continues to maintain its close relationship with the White House. At the invitation of President Carter the National Master has attended numerous briefings on energy, the Panama Canal, SALT II, the Mideast and inflation.

Throughout the year we have contacted the President or his domestic policy staff regarding legislation that was moving through Congress or was on his desk for signing. As noted earlier in this report, the Grange played a lead role in the development of the Administration's plan to reorganize the trade functions of the federal government. The Grange Legislative Director, Bob Frederick, was asked on several occasions to meet with White House

and Special Trade Representative's staff to review the Administration's proposal.

The National Grange was honored when the Secretary of the National Grange Executive Committee and Master of the Washington State Grange Jack Silvers was appointed by President Carter to be the agricultural representative on the National Vocational Education Advisory Committee. The appointment of Dwight Tripp, an active Grange member from the State of Maine, to the Farm Credit Board also reflects the high regard which the Grange enjoys in Washington.

In addition to maintaining a close liaison with the White House, the Grange has kept in close contact with the Department of the Interior, Special Trade Representative's Office and Department of Labor, as well as other federal agencies, such as OSHA, EPA and DOT.

INDEPENDENT TRUCKERS

The Grange representatives in Washington, D.C. have been active in an ad hoc committee composed of representatives from farm groups and the independent truckers. The purpose of the committee was to determine in what ways the two groups could work together to avoid another strike by the independent truckers. Agreement was reached on three proposals: (1) recommend that USDA publish a weekly rate sheet on the cost of hauling agricultural commodities between major points; (2) recommend that USDA publish weekly reports on the cost of operating trucks between major shipping and receiving points; and (3) recommend legislation which authorizes USDA to establish and enforce a uniform contract of haul for fresh fruits and vegetables hauled by trucks. The first two recommendations are in effect and the third is being made as a recommendation to the President.

TRANSPORTATION

The Grange representatives in Washington are taking an active role in all phases of transportation. Robert Frederick serves on two committees of the Highway Users Federation for Safety and Mobility. The Grange also is represented on the Food Transportation Group.

As a member of the latter, the Grange played a part in the development of the Rural

Transportation Task Force, its membership and the agenda. The Grange also supported, as a member of the Food Transportation Group, the petition by the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association to the Justice Department to permit truckers of agricultural commodities authority to carry "regulated cargoes" on their return trips.

The Justice Department last week responded to the petition and urged the Interstate Commerce Commission to give truckers of agricultural commodities that authority. If ICC accepts the petition, which is supported by USDA, the next step would be for it to propose regulations which would be subject to public comments before adoption.

LAND USE

The Grange has been active with a number of organizations dealing with land use issues. Testimony was given in both the House and Senate on farmland protection bills and the Grange actively participated with the USDA/CEQ Task Force which is studying the loss of farmland to other uses. The Grange is also a member of the advisory group to the National Association of Counties which is conducting a complementary study of land use issues.

The Grange also is involved with the Soil Conservation Service in its study of new directions for conservation programs of the future. This study was mandated by Congress and recommendations are due next year.

This year's potential and real energy shortages involved the Grange with the White House and USDA in monitoring regional shortages and recommending solutions. The Grange also met with other farm organizations and exempt haulers in an attempt to obtain necessary fuel and to devise means to recoup costs of rising fuel prices.

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES

In addition to the above highlights, the Grange has been active in the following issues and organizations: Census Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics; Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee; Ad Hoc Committee to Repeal Carryover Basis; International Trade Commission; National Farm Coalition; Pesticide Users Conference; Agricultural Energy Users Conference; Water Quality Conference; Alliance to Save Energy; Na-

tional Cotton Council of America; Natl. Livestock & Meat Board; President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped; Trade Action Coordinating Committee; Agri-Trade Group; Food Group; Pasture and Rangeland Improvement Committee; Natl. Watershed Congress Advisory Committee; and Agriculture Advisory Committee to the Congressional Rural Caucus.

FUTURE STRUCTURE OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE

Within the next two months the USDA will conduct ten (10) regional meetings to gather information on the future food and agricultural policy which will be used to develop the new farm legislation in 1981. The meetings will be chaired by the Secretary of Agriculture, Bob Bergland, and each will start with a panel representing the four major farm organizations.

The National Grange was the catalyst for this idea and precipitated the Secretary's speech on farm structure at the Farmers Union annual meeting last March. Three years ago National Master John W. Scott called for new farm programs and tax policy in his Master's Address. The delegate body responded and adopted a new direction for farm policy called "The Variable Deficiency Payment Program", which simply stated gives higher payments to the smaller producers. That action was followed by adoption last year of policy that called for changes in the administration of farm programs, taking into consideration the mix of crops and livestock raised on individual farms.

This year the National Master has sent letters to the Farmers Home Administration, Farm Credit Administration and Small Business Administration taking these agencies to task for their policy of lending funds to agribusinesses that in turn set up operations in competition with family agriculture. The full result of our efforts is not known, but the Small Business Administration has agreed to make a review of their standard size definition as to what size enterprise in agriculture is representative of small business. They currently are using a size standard of \$1 million or under as being a small business engaged in hog production.

All the Grange activities in the area of farm programs, tax policy and credit policy have led to the studies now going on within USDA on how federal policy in these areas affects

the structure of American agriculture. The before-mentioned regional meetings are the outgrowth of the Grange's strong interest and our repeated call that the situation that exists in today's agriculture cannot be corrected or improved through price policy alone, but lies with total federal policy.

If through these public meetings and the resulting legislative and administrative changes we can slow down or even halt the exodus of farm families from agriculture and rural America, it will be the greatest contribution the Grange has made to American agriculture.

COMMUNICATIONS

GRANGELINE

The Grangeline is a two-minute tape recording up-dating the Grange activities in the Nation's Capital. The recording is changed each Monday and Thursday morning and is available day or night by calling 202-638-7646. You can keep abreast of "Your Voice in Washington" for the price of a phone call.

NEWSLETTER

The National Grange, in addition to the Grange newsletter which is published by the Information Department, publishes the View From the Hill, a semi-monthly legislative newsletter sent free to State Masters, National Officers, several officers of State Granges, State Deputies, Pomona Masters and Pomona Legislative Chairs and Subordinate Masters. In addition, the View is mailed to each member of Congress, top executive

branch officers and other government officials, and newspaper, radio and TV people. View From the Hill reports on the latest legislative and regulatory action of government and sets forth the Grange's activities regarding such issues.

HOTLINE MEMOS

"Hotline" memos are sent to State Masters, National Officers and Pomona Masters when grass roots action is needed to influence Congress to uphold the Grange position. The memos outline the issue and arguments for or against and ask members to contact their legislators.

National Lecturer Brother Richardson announced that it was Sister Wilma Purdy and Brother C. Jerome Davis's birthdays. The assembly sang happy birthday to them.

Grange closed in regular form at 9:30 P.M.

SECOND DAY

Tuesday Morning
November 13, 1979

The second days Session opened in regular form at 9 A.M. with Worthy Master John W. Scott in the chair. Roll call of officers found all present. Roll call of states found all represented.

The minutes of the first days Session were read and approved.

Worthy Master Scott announced that tickets for all the banquets were going rapidly and those who wished them should purchase them immediately.

The order of business for Thursday morning was announced. Rehearsal for the 7th Degree cast will be at 8:15 A.M. and the session will open at 9:45 A.M.

A motion by Brother Cross, seconded and carried that the first eleven pages of the agricultural report that had been accepted be released to the press. Brother Richard Carncross, Chairman of the Citizenship and Public Affairs Committee, gave a portion of that report.

Brother Hayes moved that the resolution entitled School Lunch and School Milk Programs be returned to the committee. Seconded and carried.

Brother Edgar Hall, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee request a personal privilege and proposed a telegram to be sent to President Carter. The telegram was read, adopted and ordered sent.

TELEGRAM to: President Carter

Dear Mr. President:

The National Grange assembled in its 113th Annual Session in Lancaster, Pennsylvania commends you on the calm and collected manner in which you and your Administration have addressed the highly volatile situation in Iran.

Your diplomatic firmness in dealing with international political blackmail reflects the attitude of a mature, peaceful people. The times call for quiet diplomacy, uncluttered by acts of revenge, founded on injured pride and fed by emotionalism.

Your decision to cut-off the purchase of Iranian oil has the full support of the National Grange. The safety and lives of the Americans being held hostage by undisci-

plined students in Iran are far more important than the few extra miles we can drive with Iranian oil.

We urge that you take every diplomatic sanction necessary to win their freedom.

Sincerely,
John W. Scott, Master
The National Grange

Brother Carncross continued with his report.

Brother Jack Silvers of the Executive Committee offered to assist anyone needing personal checks cashed.

Brother B. Franklin Hayes, Chairman of the Good of the Order Committee, gave a partial report.

Recess for lunch.

SECOND DAY

Tuesday Afternoon

November 13, 1979

Session called to order at 2 P.M.

Motion by Brother Cross, seconded and carried to release the adopted portion of the Agricultural Committee report and the Citizenship and Public Affairs report.

Brother B. Franklin Hayes continued with the Good of the Order report.

10 minute recess declared.

Brother Hayes continued with his report.

Brother Stauffer approached the Masters

station and continued with the Sessions Agricultural Report.

It was moved by Brother Edgar Hall, seconded and carried, that the resolution entitled Family Farm Program Definition For Farm Program Purposes, on page 28 of the Agricultural Committee report be delayed until tomorrow morning.

The Worthy Master called on Sister Jenny Grobusky, Director of Women's Activities, who gave an oral outline of her report.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES**RECOGNITION PROGRAMS**

A program is only as good as the people who work on it. This year the women of the Grange have certainly set a good example by "REACHING OUT WITH COMMUNICATIONS." Our theme has been an interesting promotion in communications. Some excellent reports were received from State Directors, Pomona and Subordinate Chairmen. Every state was represented with a Subordinate notebook report. State reports were not received from Arkansas, Oklahoma, West Virginia and Wisconsin. It is extremely important for every Director of Women's Ac-

tivities to send reports so that every state will be represented at the end of the year. Outstanding community service reports tell of helping Senior Citizens and making the many articles that were donated to Veterans Hospitals; giving blankets to "boat people"; helping Grange youth to carry out their projects; improvement of Grange Halls; Meals on Wheels; planning and helping with fairs and serving on Fair Boards. A large Community Service Clinic was held for vaccinating dogs. Many crafts have been sold at yard sales and flea markets to raise money. Cookbooks have

been one of the main money-raisers for state and local Granges. Many thousands of dollars were donated to community causes and health funds. Our mini-workshops that have been open to the public have added interest and is a membership builder.

Mary Lee Steel, member of Potomac #1, is the State Women's Activities Coordinator for Potomac #1, South Dakota, Arizona, Nevada and Alaska. Due to her encouragement and extra correspondence, participation was better in these states.

To be eligible for a recognition certificate and/or seal, a Grange has to participate in nine of our recommended programs.

VOLUNTEER OPTOMETRIC SERVICES TO HUMANITY

Grangers have contributed used eyeglasses to different organizations for many years. Since we have "adopted" the VOSH project, it has grown with each year. Many thousands of used eyeglasses have been given to Optometrist that freely give of their time and services to distribute them to the needy in many parts of the world. There is no better re-cycling program than this!

GRANGE/CARE INTERNATIONAL

Throughout National Grange history, its members have enthusiastically extended a helping hand whenever it was needed—to other Grange members, to our communities and, through CARE, to our world neighbors overseas. CARE fights hunger, poverty, and disease in developing countries around the world.

Certificates of Appreciation are awarded to each Grange contributing \$5.00 or more to this program. \$12,701.64 was reported donated by Granges throughout the nation to provide irrigation systems in Peru. (See attached report.)

In 1960, the National Grange started an international assistance program and since then we have helped with the following programs.

"REACH OUT"

Although looking inward seems to be in fashion these days, the National Grange's program theme, "Reach Out," reflects the traditional Grange concern for humanity and for positive action. Introspection is a luxury few of our world neighbors in developing countries can afford. Mere survival consumes most of their time and energy.

This year, Grange men have joined the Grange/CARE program for the first time. But one thing remains unchanged: Grange support is making a real difference in the lives of some of the world's neediest families. This year the program focus is Peru, a South American country where climate and geography combine to make farming a difficult and often unrewarding endeavor.

Peru's coastal plain has the most fertile soil in the country, but since virtually no rain falls in this area, farming has been limited to the very few river valleys. Irrigation, the obvious solution to the problem, is an undertaking far too costly for the rural poor to accomplish without assistance. Through CARE, the Grange is supplying materials necessary for the construction of an irrigation canal in the village of Calpoc, Casma Province, Department (state) of Ancash, Peru.

This community of 41 farm families lies in the Andean foothills. The weather is sunny and dry all year round. Although there is a "mother canal" relatively nearby, Calpoc is too far away to use it for irrigation. With the help of the National Grange and CARE, an eight mile secondary canal is being built by the community to join Calpoc to the larger canal which brings water down from the mountains. Because the area contains huge rock masses, explosives and air hammers must be used to excavate a passage for the canal.

By the end of April, almost half of the canal's construction was finished. Nearly 500 acres will be irrigated on its completion, and

1960-61	Self-Help Materials	Phillippines
1962-63	CARE-MEDICO Program	Cambodia
1965-66	Water Pumps for villages	Latin America
1967-69	Agricultural education	India
1969-71	Rural School Kitchens	Chile
1971-72	Community Development	Panama
1972-76	Auxiliary Nurses Training Program	Honduras
1978-79	Irrigation Systems	Peru

harvests are expected to increase significantly.

To ensure the canal's longevity, a maintenance committee will be trained. Canals must be cleared of accumulated rocks and sand at least once a year and continuously checked for seepage.

This project is a true partnership effort. The residents of Calpoc are donating land and transportation of construction materials. They also serve as a large voluntary labor force. ORDENOR-CENTRO (Organization for the Development of the North-Central Region) is the Peruvian Government agency participating in the project; they furnish design and supervisory personnel, warehouse and office facilities, and heavy equipment. Through CARE, the National Grange's contribution to this vital project comprises concrete pipe, reinforced steel bars, wood, nails, wire, cement, explosives and air hammers.

Of all the ways to reach out, this means the most: to extend to people in need the means to help themselves. The Grange can be justifiably proud of the help they are providing to the people of Calpoc.

ACTIVITIES

This spring, I gave workshop demonstrations in California, Michigan, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. Mid-West Regional Conference was attended. Plans were made to attend the New England Conference, but due to heavy fog at the airport, I was unable to leave. An Executive Committee meeting, a meeting with the Deaf Steering Committee and the Southeastern Youth Conference were attended.

Invitations were issued to join the National Council of Presidents Club and the Rural American Women. The Grange should be represented as we have much to offer.

Monthly Newsletters were sent to State Directors. Due to my budget, only one "Jenny's Journal" was published and sent to Subordinate Chairmen. From participation in some projects, I can surely tell that communication means a lot and from letters received, the Journal was missed.

The Journal is one of our strongest links and one of the most important tools we have in which to promote programs and create enthusiasm. Maybe a subscription charge should be set to cover the cost of publishing and mailing.

I have worked throughout the year and met

with limited success in trying to obtain new sponsors for our contests. I am happy to report that OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRIES is sponsoring a recipe contest. Also ELNA AND WHITE SEWING MACHINE COMPANY along with BURLINGTON-KLOPMAN FABRICS and SIMPLICITY PATTERN COMPANY are sponsoring a Home Decorating and Machine Crafts contest.

NEW NATIONAL COOKBOOK

During the 1978 annual session, National Grange delegates voted to direct the National Master to investigate the possibility of publishing another National Grange cookbook. National Master Scott asked Sister Judy Massabny, Director of Public Relations, the originator of the highly successful National Grange Bicentennial Year Cookbook, to prepare a proposal for a new cookbook. After checking with several printers, it was determined that Favorite Recipes Press offered the best price and quality. I am happy to report that orders for the new NATIONAL GRANGE FAMILY COOKBOOK from COUNTRY KITCHENS started to arrive even before the first order forms were sent out. As of October 31, we had orders for 7,069. The books were off the press Nov. 1 and are here at the 1979 Annual Session.

We are most grateful for the assistance and cooperation given by Sisters Mary Proctor and Lorena Stigers, Brother J. C. Stigers and Favorite Recipes Press.

The Women's Activities Department is delighted to have the opportunity to sell another cookbook. It not only promotes the use of American agricultural products but has also proven to be a painless way to raise money and is a terrific public relations tool. Extensive cookbook promotion work is planned throughout the next year and I look forward to another success story at next year's annual session.

RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME SAFETY PROGRAM

Granges were asked to concentrate on and sponsor a Recreation and Leisuretime Safety Program for the past two years. Some Granges state that they will continue this safety program because one program was not enough to cover the subjects of recreation safety for their areas. Programs were mailed

to me by July 1 so that I could enter them in the National Safety Council contest. From the programs sent, I made a state-by-state notebook report on the safety programs. After entering the notebook, I received the following from the National Safety Council: "WE ARE HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS WON THE NATIONAL CATEGORY, AWARD OF HONOR IN THE NATIONAL CITATION AWARDS PROGRAM OF THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION!"

I went to Chicago in October to accept the award at their Annual Awards Breakfast where I gave a two-minute report of our activities. Please take time to look at the notebook and plaque on display in the Women's Activities Display Room. Many, many good and interesting programs have been given throughout the United States and the education derived from this program cannot be measured. It was certainly an honor to accept this award for the women of the Grange. My thanks go to each chairman who participated.

STATE DIRECTORS

To the State Directors of Women's Activities that have served this year and to those that are retiring . . . Thank you for following directions that I have attempted to give. Sharing our thoughts and planning for our future needs is a challenge that we have to meet today, so that we can make the most of our strength for 1990 and SHAPE TOMORROW'S LEGACY for the year 2000!

Many thanks for the support given from my National Advisory Committee . . . Mary Richmond, Washington; Jean LaForest, Tennessee; and Hazel Hickson, Vermont.

FUND RAISING PROJECTS

LINCOLN HOUSE PRODUCTS: The Grange sales were three times greater from the sale of LINCOLN HOUSE products than the previous year. The National Grange realized \$1,100.92 from a 5% profit of sales. Congratulations to all of you who contributed to this huge success!

MACRAME CORD PROJECT: A C S INDUSTRIES, Rhode Island, donated 350 cases of Macrame Cord to the Women's Ac-

tivities Department to be used for any charitable purpose. Their estimated cost of this donation was \$23,688. If the cord had been bought at retail prices in the stores, it would amount to over \$50,000. A sample box of cord was shipped to each State Director with suggested ways for making craft items for sale. The macrame cord is being given to states FREE but, so as not to put a financial burden on any one department, State Directors were asked to pay for any future shipping costs of the cord. Also, so as not to keep asking and never giving, I suggested that we ask someone to make a craft item for sale and then we could give them a free skein of cord for their own use. The money derived is to be divided between, Subordinate, State and National Granges. 282 boxes have been shipped thus far. There are a few boxes remaining that we will gladly send to any state that would like to participate. The small expense incurred from shipping has already been paid back to the National Grange from the profits received. I expect with the next two seasons that many of the craft items will be sold and a lot of Granges will benefit.

Twenty-seven states and the District of Columbia are participating in the project—California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia.

We are deeply grateful for this gift from A C S INDUSTRIES.

NATIONAL GRANGE DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED PROGRAM

According to the wishes of the 1978 National Grange Delegate Body, a Deaf Steering Committee was appointed for the promotion of our national health project. The Women's Activities department remains continually active and has been responsible for securing the contributions for our state and national funds. Used hearing aid batteries are collected and sent to a recycling center. Silver Oxide batteries are now bringing \$26.98 per pound; watch batteries \$23.18 per pound, & mercury batteries 30¢ per pound. The price of silver batteries varies daily with the market.

Nearly every state has had an important project to aid the deaf in their communities or school. Several outstanding projects have

been: Selling and distributing "Silent Sirens", a pocket size chart with enough sign to be able to communicate; used hearing aids and stamps were collected and given to schools for the deaf; funds have been given for school projects; money was donated for fabrics and notions to 30 students so that they could enter the N.G. Sewing Contest (45 entries were obtained); TTY Systems have been purchased and placed; special, auditory hearing devices and camperships along with scholarships from \$50 to \$1000 given to students. A microwave oven was raffled and the proceeds were used for a scholarship. One state is saving money to purchase a hearing-ear dog at a cost of \$2500. Many of our sign-song book, "LIFT UP YOUR HANDS" have been sold and donated.

An urgent appeal was sent to me to see if we could possibly help a deaf student from India stay in this country. For him to accept an offered scholarship to Gallaudet College in WA, D.C., he had to have at least \$1400, otherwise, he would have to return to India with no further hopes of continuing his education. A VERY SPECIAL THANKS GO TO THE FOLLOWING W.A. DEPARTMENTS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THIS EDUCATIONAL FUND. *Maine* \$25; *New York* \$50; *South Carolina* \$25; *Illinois* \$25; *Pennsylvania* \$200; *Texas* \$40; *Potomac* #1 \$46; *West Hartford, CT* \$15; *Connecticut* \$15. \$8,679.77 was donated to the National Fund for the Deaf this year.

CONTESTS

The National Grange contests are sponsored to instill an appreciation of the fine arts of needlework, to promote workmanship and confidence in constructing garments, and to promote the use of our sponsors products.

Due to inflation, this year has been a lot harder to try to maintain the same quality of programs. Everyone has been affected in one way or another. Our co-sponsors are now looking at contests the same way as they look at all types of advertising. We have certainly enjoyed the benefits derived from having our national contests sponsored and we must all do our very best to be enthusiastic salesmen of our own wares.

COATS & CLARK, INC. has co-sponsored the National Grange Sewing Contest since 1950. They are not going to co-sponsor for 1980. WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE TWENTY-NINE

YEARS OF PARTICIPATION THEY HAVE GIVEN US. COATS & CLARK has supported us and given us much encouragement and has been an integral part of our Grange program. Our sincere thanks to many years of participation and I am sure that many of us will continue to use their good products. THEY WILL BE MISSED IN THE SEWING CONTEST.

The judges for the National Sewing Contest were: Filomena Arnone, THE SINGER CO., Ann Angelicola, BLUMENTHAL & CO.; Patricia Nilson, WM. WRIGHT & CO.; Belle Rivers, TALON CORP.; Kathryn Junglas, SIMPLICITY PATTERN CO.; Linda Lombri, COATS & CLARK, INC.; Senta C. Mead, HOMESewing TRADE NEWS; & Penny Sikalis, STACY FABRICS CORP.

Our first place national winners were from North Carolina, Oklahoma, Illinois, Massachusetts, Oregon and New Jersey.

We will have four sponsors for our sewing contest this year. SIMPLICITY PATTERN CO., DRITZ SEWING NOTIONS, B. BLUMENTHAL & CO., and THE SINGER COMPANY. Rule changes will include four classes to enter—Adults sewing, 'Teens sewing, sewing for children and Boys & Girls sewing. We added a boys and girls class last year in order to encourage ages 5 to 12 to sew. Although we had more entries than expected, we need more participation in this class and also in the 'teen class. Certificates were given to each contestant in Class F by the National Junior Director.

COATS & CLARK, INC. will again be the sole sponsor of our needlework contest. There will be some changes in the rules as we will have THREE GROUPS and TEN CLASSES to enter. Many states have redoubled their efforts in obtaining needlework entries this year. Let's all try to obtain a super goal for needlework for the coming year so that we can show COATS & CLARK our appreciation for the continuation of the needlework contest.

The National Grange Stuffed Toy contest will again be co-sponsored by FAIRFIELD PROCESSING CORP., makers of POLY-FIL. McCall Pattern Co. will not sponsor this year, but SIMPLICITY PATTERN COMPANY is joining us in this contest also. We do not have an accurate count on the number of toys made but from the reports, there have been 14,681 toys made that will be donated to childrens hospitals. CONGRATULATIONS

are due to MICHIGAN, who had 2,649 toys, and to MARYLAND. The Extension Homemakers in Maryland became interested in this worthy contest and they gave the Grange over 1000 stuffed turtles to be given to children in hospitals.

The judges for the stuffed toy contest were: Connie Blackwell, Womans Editor, Harrisburg-Patriot News; Mrs. Mary Proctor, WA, D.C.; and Mrs. Ethel Davis, Indiana.

CONCLUSION

A word of thanks. . . . At this time of our year, more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. It is in this spirit I say simply but sincerely, THANK YOU ONE AND ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TIME, LOVE AND EFFORT TO MAKING THE

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES PROGRAM A SUCCESS.

An old saying is that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. Likewise the Grange is no stronger than its people who solidly link today with the past and the future through experience, dedication, performance and intelligent decisions.

Firmly believing in the precepts of our Order and our American system of free enterprise—our primary goal to society is to continue to provide a means of cooperation to forge a strong chain that will link the wisdom of the past, provide a stable and growing membership and promote the basis for the decisions of the future.

Our chain for the future starts now as we SHAPE TOMORROW'S LEGACY TODAY!

Jenny Grobusky, *Director*
Women's Activities

1979 WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES
REPORT OF STATE CONTRIBUTIONS

<i>State</i>	<i>Deaf</i>	<i>Deaf Student From India</i>	<i>Grange/CARE</i>
Arkansas	50.00		55.00
California	812.99		1,090.44
Colorado	180.00		245.00
Connecticut	384.67	30.00	645.00
Delaware	110.00		81.90
Florida	144.00		241.00
Idaho	117.60		235.00
Illinois	393.44	25.00	418.44
Indiana	120.50		135.75
Iowa			90.00
Kansas	90.00		203.00
Maine	509.50	25.00	608.50
Maryland	103.00		110.00
Massachusetts	975.00		1,460.00
Michigan	63.00		84.50
Minnesota	68.00		88.00
Missouri	24.50		24.50
Montana	55.00		73.00
Nebraska			85.00
New Hampshire	200.00		
New Jersey	231.25		280.00
New York	861.45	50.00	865.44
North Carolina	40.00		135.00
Ohio	1,314.87		1,730.32
Oklahoma			
Oregon	237.00		611.30
Pennsylvania	889.00	200.00	1,427.80
Rhode Island	126.00		117.00
South Carolina	70.00	25.00	65.00
Tennessee	35.00		40.00
Texas	60.00	40.00	65.00
Vermont	182.00		326.00
Virginia	52.00		85.00
Washington			1,009.25
West Virginia	70.00		65.00
Wisconsin	75.00		50.00
Wyoming	25.00		27.50
Mixed States	5.00	46.00	25.00
TOTALS	\$8,674.77	\$441.00	\$12,701.64

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1979

NATIONAL GRANGE RECOGNITION PROGRAM & STATE AWARDS

STATES WITH OVER 300 GRANGES

- 1st—CALIFORNIA—Mrs. Joy Beatie
- 2nd—PENNSYLVANIA—Mrs. Ruth Hoover
- 3rd—NEW YORK—Mrs. Opal Sprague

STATES WITH 100 to 300 GRANGES

- 1st—OREGON—Mrs. Eleanor Grant
- 2nd—CONNECTICUT—Mrs. Betty Jane Gardiner
- 3rd—COLORADO—Mrs. Marie MacLean

STATES WITH LESS THAN 100 GRANGES

- 1st—TENNESSEE—Mrs. Jean LaForest
- 2nd—ILLINOIS—Mrs. JoAnne Calhoun
- 3rd—TEXAS—Mrs. Florance Carter

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES RECOGNITION PROGRAM
SUBORDINATE

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| 1st—JARRETTSVILLE GRANGE #259
Mrs. Mary V. Riley, Monkton,
Maryland | Peggy Striffler, Ramona, California |
| 2nd—FRUITLAND GRANGE #16
Mrs. Ralph Jacobson, Marydel,
Delaware | 2nd—SOMERSET COUNTY POMONA
#39
Mrs. Karl Sipe, Rockwood,
Pennsylvania |
| 3rd—DUPONT GRANGE #1264
Mrs. Mary Mincey, Seymour,
Tennessee | 3rd—WHITMAN COUNTY POMONA #2
Eileen Walker, Endicott, Washington |
| 4th—SILVERTON GRANGE #506
Ms. Virginia Chambers, Ravenswood,
West Virginia | 4th—MIDDLESEX NORTH POMONA
GRANGE #16
Dorothy McQuaide, Dracut,
Massachusetts |
| 5th—MORNING GRANGE #227
Alta Mae Harra, Spring Hill, Kansas | 5th—RAVALLI COUNTY POMONA #4
Lauretta McGregor, Hamilton,
Montana |
| 6th—MILLVILLE GRANGE #443
Thelma Meyer, Bella Vista, California | 6th—FARMINGTON VALLEY
POMONA #11
Doris T. Shaw, Hartford, Connecticut |
| 7th—LEON VALLEY GRANGE #1581
Mrs. Edrie Dodson, San Antonio,
Texas | 7th—KENT COUNTY POMONA #2
Mrs. Betty M. Richard, Marydel,
Delaware |
| 8th—WEST UNION GRANGE #527
Ms. Eliane Delaney, Lebam,
Washington | 8th—MOUNTAIN EMPIRE POMONA
#25
Mrs. Norene G. Cox, Mouth of
Wilson, Virginia |
| 9th—TURIN GRANGE #549
Mrs. Giles Benedict, Boonville, New
York | 9th—HENRY-KNOX POMONA #84
Mrs. Alfred Boelens, Atkinson,
Illinois |
| 10th—STILLWATER GRANGE #107
Mrs. Marilyn Johnson, Kalispell,
Montana | 10th—JASPER POMONA #7
Ms. Janice Cross, Sully, Iowa |

POMONA

- 1st—SAN DIEGO COUNTY POMONA
GRANGE #35

NEEDLEWORK CONTEST WINNERS

*Grange Member

GROUP I—Crochet or Knit (Mercerized Cotton)

Grand National Winner:

Mrs. Harold Gallup
Richland Grange No. 1840
Sparland, Illinois

3rd Prize:

*Miss Marion Porter
Emersed Mt. Grange No. 1813
St. Jacob, Illinois
Honorable Mention - none

Group II—Knitting or Crochet (Synthetic or Blended Yarns)*Class A—Bedspreads, Tablecloths*

1st Prize:

*Mrs. Harold Gallup
Richland Grange No. 1840
Sparland, IL

2nd Prize:

*Thelma Buhler
Prionedale Grange No. 388
Salinas, CA

3rd Prize:

*Edythe E. Christianson
Rocky Mt. Grange No. 116
Victor, Montana

Honorable Mention:

Betty C. Minkler
*Salmon Grange No. 274
Salmon, ID

Grand National Winner:

Irene Hartung
Orange Morvian Grange #187
New Jersey
Bangor, PA

Class D—Afghans or Bedspreads

1st Prize:

*Irene K. Hartung
Orange Moravian Grange #187
New Jersey
Bangor, PA

2nd Prize:

*Elsie Becraft
Riverside Grange #959
Sedro Wooley, WA

3rd Prize:

*Alice Schmid
Scotch Church, NY, Grange #1529
Pattersonville, NY

Honorable Mention:

Marcelle Hine
*Cheshire Grange No. 123
Cheshire, CT

Class B—Luncheon Cloths, Center Pieces (17" and larger)

1st Prize:

*Mrs. Russell Dunn
DeWitt Grange No. 429
DeWitt, Nebraska

2nd Prize:

*Mrs. Earl H. Maffett
Ft. Scott Grange No. 1517
Fort Scott, Kansas

3rd Prize:

*Louise Brookshire
Locust Grove Grange No. 118
Meridian, Idaho

Honorable Mention:

Mamie Street
*Esperanza Grange No. 188
St. Augustine, FL

Class E—Sweaters, Suits, Dresses

1st Prize:

*Joyce J. Pickford
Rome Grange #293
Adrian, Michigan

2nd Prize:

*Maxine Tyler
Mt. Hope Grange #77
Woodsville, NH

3rd Prize:

*Mrs. Richard Bryan
Goshen Grange No. 1103
Salem, OH

Honorable Mention:

*Rose Stinnette
Little Bear Grange #73
Cheyenne, WY

Class C—Vanity or Buffet Sets, Set of 4 Place Mats, Doilies

1st Prize:

*Fayella Tharp
Washington Grange
Nash, Oklahoma

2nd Prize:

*Irene Swanson
Rocky Mt. Grange No. 116
Hamilton, MT

Class F—Stoles, Shawls, Ponchos, Capes

1st Prize:

Elizabeth McNiel

Zephyr Hills Grange #194
Zephyr Hills, FL

2nd Prize:

Paula M. Parker
Cavendish Grange #275
Cavendish, Vermont

3rd Prize:

*Mrs. Natalie Heath
Wattanick Grange #327
Hudson, NH

Honorable Mention:

Ester Cooper
*Wide Awake Ontario Co. Grange
Newark, NY

Class G—Baby Sets—limited to 3 pieces

1st Prize:

*Alice R. Graham
Kickemuel Grange #24
Barrington, R.I.

2nd Prize:

Barbara S. Neal
Buxton Grange #95
Gorham, Maine

3rd Prize:

Marcelle Hine
Cheshire Grange #23
Cheshire, Conn.

Honorable Mention:

Emma Bannister
Lexington #233
Westboro, Mass.

Group III—Embroidery

Grand National Winner:

Mrs. Hedwig H. Welborn
Tualco Grange #284
Monroe, Washington

Class H—Tablecloths & Luncheon Cloths

1st Prize:

Hedwig H. Welborn
Tualco Grange #284
Monroe, Wash.

2nd Prize:

*Helen Metts
Phoenix Grange #593
Greenwood, South Carolina

3rd Prize:

Rochelle R. Sutherland
Tremont Grange #90
Springfield, Ohio

Honorable Mention:

*Helen Sabin
Lakeshore #128
Wolfboro, N.Y.
*Margaret Warner

Hamden #99
895 Shepard Ave.
Hamden, CT

Class I—Pair of Pillow Cases or Sheet & Pillow Cases

1st Prize:

*Patricia Mundell
Convich Grange #895
Yakima, Washington

2nd Prize:

*Arlie L. Frazee
Oakdale Grange #435
Oakdale, Calif.

3rd Prize:

Mary A. Lewis
Mud Spring Grange #619
Madras, Oregon

Honorable Mention:

Mary Jackson
Portneuf #229
Pocatello, Idaho
*Jackie Lucas
Arapahoe #50
Arapahoe, WY.

Class J—Wall Hanging: Picture or Pillow

1st Prize:

Judy Samuelson
Washington #11
New Milford, CT

2nd Prize:

*Diane T. Russell
Capital #18
Baltimore, Md.

3rd Prize:

Lori Dawn Smith
Tennessee Grange
Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Honorable Mention:

Ellen Wrede
Chiawana #1141
Cheney, Wash.

Group IV—Crafts

Grand National Winner:

Norma Tripp
Enterprise Grange #25
Golden, Colo.

Class K—Needlepoint

1st Prize:

*Virginia S. Cummings
Essex Grange #381
Essex, Mass.

2nd Prize:

Dorothy Ann Dooley
Burns Grange #183

Kervanee, Ill.

3rd Prize:

*Frances Douglas
Highland Grange #808
Almira, Washington

Honorable Mention:

Mrs. Charles P. Minor Jr.
Woodpecker #942
Hopewell, Va.

Class L—Machine or Yarn Embroidory

1st Prize:

*Mary Ann Gneranard
Leon Valley Grange #1581
San Antonio, Texas

2nd Prize:

Shirley J. Fomby
Ridgefield Grange #1928
Mundelein, Ill.

3rd Prize:

*Alice Combs
Mabel Grange #1199
Zionville, N.C.

Honorable Mention:

*Emily Bancraft
Chesterfield #83
Ware, Mass.

Class M—Rugs or Wall Hangings (not larger than 30" × 60")

1st Prize:

Norma Tripp
Enterprise Grange #25
Golden, Colo.

2nd Prize:

*Thelma Johnson
Manchester Grange #330
Anthony, Kansas

3rd Prize:

*Joyce Anderson
O'Sullivan Grange #1136
Moses Lake, Washington

Honorable Mention:

Emalee Colver
Flora Grange #1762
Capron, Ill.

STUFFED TOY CONTEST

CO-SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL GRANGE AND POLY-FIL

Class A

1st:

Edith V. Goyette
Plainfield Grange No. 328
Plainfield, MA

2nd:

April Caliendo
Wallingford Junior Grange
Wallingford, CT

3rd:

Beth Sieja
Brookmead Grange
Wilmington, DE

Honorable Mention:

Lorraine J. Sharp
Wrightstown Grange No. 147
Mount Holly, NJ
Rachel Elizabeth Nevitt
New Norland Grange #580
Lewistown, ME
Emmy Petch
Millville Grange #443
Palo Cedro, CA

Class B

1st:

Mrs. Lynn Ponds
Ashton Grange
Islandton, SC

2nd:

Beth Abels
Silverton Grange #506
Ravenswood, WV

3rd:

Tera Nohernberg
Riverview Grange #392
Herman, NE

Honorable Mention:

Teresa Cox
Tuckers Cross Roads Grange #1240
Trenton, Tennessee
Laurene Allen
Pine Plains Grange #803
West Winfield, NY
Sharon Crippa
Stewartsville Grange #121
Stewartsville, NJ

Class C

1st:

Shirley J. Fomby
Illinois State Grange
Mundelein, IL

2nd:

Nancy Southernland-Holmes
D.W.A. Idaho State Grange
Boise, ID

3rd:

Pearl Layson
 Honorable Mention:
 Janet Yoder
 The Plains Grange #2302
 Goshen, Indiana
 Mrs. J. B. Stewart (Agatha)
 Marshville Grange #1087
 Marshville, NC
 Susan Reasume
 Las Vegas, Nevada

McCALL PATTERNS

Class A

1st:

Lorraine J. Sharp
 Wrightstown Grange #47
 Mount Holly, NJ

2nd:

Emmy Petch
 Lompoc Grange #646
 Palo Cedro, CA

3rd:

Rachel Elizabeth Nevitt
 New Norland Grange #580
 Lewiston, Maine

Class B

1st:

Donna Taylor
 Ohio State Grange
 Columbus, Ohio

2nd:

Kathryn Van Natta
 Fern Hill Grange #592
 Rainier, OR

3rd:

Tammy Caudill
 Cox's Chapel Grange #954
 Mouth of Wilson, VA

Class C

1st:

Shirley J. Fomby
 Illinois State Grange
 Mundelein, IL

2nd:

Carole Monts
 Papillion Grange #401
 Elm Creek, NB

3rd:

Geraldine Carelock
 Jesup, GA

MOST ORIGINAL

Class C

1st:

Ethel Schorn
 Volunteer Grange #1250
 Oak Ridge, TN

Honorable Mention:

Irene E. Shalvoy
 Connecticut
 West Haven, CT
 Lanore Barrie
 Mt. Pleasant Grange #1445
 Winfield, KS

Sister Flo Carter, Chairman of the National Grange Deaf Activities Committee, gave her report.

REPORT OF NATIONAL GRANGE DEAF ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Worthy National Master, National Officers, Delegates and Patron:

In compliance with Delegate action at the National Session in 1978 the following committee was selected to promote Grange Deaf Activities: Flo Carter, Texas, Chairman; Karen Anderson, California; Elmira Collins, Maine; Mary Jo Zanton, Wisconsin; to work in conjunction with the National Grange Lecturer, Kermit Richardson, the Women's Ac-

tivities Director, Jenny Grobusky, the Youth Director, Bill Steel and the Junior Grange Director, Patty Carncross and Wade Cadle, Tennessee, advisor.

This committee met at National Grange headquarters May 1, 1979. The following goals and objectives were defined.

The National Grange Fund for the deaf was given foundation status.

Scholarship applications were mailed to

State Masters. It was required of applicants that they be Grange members for at least one year who have successfully completed one year of college and are majoring in Deaf Education.

Seven applications were received and reviewed by Mary Esther Vasys, Professor of Special Education, Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, John Gonzales, Director and Paula Archer, Associate Director from the Texas State office of Education for Deaf and three members of the Grange steering committee for Deaf Activities. Two applicants were selected: Mrs. Andrea Valentine, Newark, Delaware and Miss Andrea Leak, San Antonio, Texas. It was the feeling of the judges that these young ladies were well qualified to receive the \$500 Grange scholarships.

In June of this year, a radio-library promotion package publicizing our sign-song book "Lift up your Hands" were mailed to all state Women's Activities Directors and Pomona Women's Activities Chairman. As a result, we have received numerous orders for the sign-song books at the National Grange headquarters.

Applegate Behavior Station in Jacksonville, Oregon was contacted by Junior Grange Director, Patty Carncross, in May. Arrangements were made for the training and placement of one dog. Approximate cost will be \$2700. Our feeling as a committee was that this dog should go to a Grange member if possible. A letter was sent to all State Masters asking that they canvass their membership for qualified deaf members. Mr. Roy G. Kabet, president of Applegate Behavior Station will be at this National Session to demonstrate the training of the dogs at the Junior Grange luncheon and the Lecturer's Talent Contest. He will also be available for information in the exhibit area Friday, November

16. This project is also in the Junior Grange section of the Natinal Grange Program book and information is being sent to the Junior Grange's nation-wide.

We're in the second printing of the Grange sign-song book "Lift up your Hands" and action has been taken on the new song book that we were directed to investigate. The theme of inspirational and patriotic songs has been chosen. Editors and advisors from Gallaudet College have been contacted. At this time no firm negotiations have been made on the actual printing and distribution of the new sign-song book.

The Sign-A-Song contest was promoted by the Youth Department. States were encouraged to conduct the contest on the state level, bringing one winner in each category to regional competition. Four regions held contests. First place winners were Sheryl Stark, Pa., Phillip Sisson, Rhode Island and the Purcell sisters, Illinois. This contest will be continued at regional conferences in 1980.

*In closing, we feel that we have had a very successful year in establishing the Grange in the field of deafness and hearing impairment. There are many avenues to be explored in this health program such as hearing test programs for just-born infants; public awareness of the problems of the deaf; TTY (tele-type) relay systems; and schools for interpreters.

This committee will be meeting again in February, 1980 to discuss these programs and the actions that this Delegate Body takes.

We appreciate this opportunity to serve the Grange. We feel that the committee has had a unifying effect on the program and we are all working together for the good of the order and the Deaf.

Fraternally,
Flo Carter, *Chairman*

Brother Russell Stauffer, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee asked all to come to the Session tomorrow morning with their concrete definition of a family farm.

Brother Lloyd Massey emphasized the need for all State Masters who will be testifying in the near future at hearings around the

country to have the same definition and description of a family farm.

Sister Doris Du Lac announced that it was Sister Patty Carncross's birthday and although she was not in the room at that moment we all wish her a happy birthday.

Grange closed in regular form in the 4th Degree at 5:15 P.M.

SECOND DAY

TUESDAY EVENING

November 13, 1979

The National Grange Mutual Insurance Company invited the National Officers, Delegates, Staff and guests to the Harvest Banquet in the Den at the Host Farm Inn. Music and sing-a-long were furnished by Charlie Van Horn's band. A beef dinner was enjoyed by all. Connie Egounis served as Master of Ceremonies. Vice President, Charles Farmer,

reported for the company. John W. Scott, National Master, thanked the service companies for serving. The company Directors and their wives who were present were recognized. All those attending were then presented with a glass and silver preserve dish as a gift from the company.

THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates to the National Grange.

Since this group last met in annual session, there have been several events that will have a beneficial effect upon each of the holders of the more than 328,000 policies in force through National Grange Mutual, many of whom are Grange members, and the balance of whom are prospective Grange members.

Considering these events in their chronological order, I'm pleased to report to you that our year-end 1978 results continued to reflect the improvement that we initially were able to achieve during the latter part of 1977.

The 1978 year was characterized by carefully controlling our growth in premium writings and at the same time adhering to certain other actions that were designed to restore the positive underwriting results that are an absolute necessity to any insurance company.

In his report to the policyholders at the conclusion of 1975, President Mac Nodtvedt affirmed that we will take all action within our control to ensure that the needs and expectations of the policyholders will be met. In his message at the conclusion of 1978, he reaffirmed our continuance of efforts to maintain adequate premium levels to properly reflect the loss experience for each line of business in each state. An analysis of our entire operating territory was completed in early 1979. The conclusions were that seven states had been consistent in generating operating losses; in fact, over \$16 million during the past 10 years, four million in 1978 alone. Careful analysis of these past results, coupled with an objective assessment of what we could ex-

pect in the future, convinced us that a realignment of our operating territory was the most appropriate action to stop the drain on our resources and enable us to consolidate and concentrate our operations where there is a potential for profit.

This consolidation of operating territory to the New England, New York-Penn., Mid-Atlantic and South Carolina areas was a very difficult decision, but the need for positive underwriting results indicated strong action must be taken on behalf of the great majority of our policyholders. We could no longer continue to take money from profitable states to pay the losses in unprofitable states. We must generate positive underwriting results for financial stability, for future growth, for continued subsidization of Grange relations activities, which annually cost over \$35,000, and many other reasons.

The other member companies of The NGM Group—Maine Fidelity Life and NGM Fire & Casualty—show favorable growth and development. Through August of this year, our life affiliate, Maine Fidelity Life, achieved a paid life insurance premium that surpassed the amount of paid business during the entire 1978 year. We anticipate that by year-end 1979, paid business will exceed a half billion dollars in that company.

Sometimes the question is asked, "What does National Grange Mutual do for the Grange?" The amount of money expended in our Grange relations activities is significant, when you consider cooperative incentive programs like "Project: Safety," reporting at State Grange Sessions, regional leaders conferences, advertisements in State Grange papers, and expenses related to the National

Grange Session. Positive underwriting results enable us to engage in these activities. An additional benefit derived by each Grange which is a policyholder of either a Grange Liability Regalia Shield or a Grange Officer Bond Burglary Shield is a savings in premium. We calculate that this benefit to the Grange (the difference between our premium charge and what a competitive company would charge for similar coverage) was \$399,833 in 1978, a benefit being earned by over 2,000 Granges country-wide.

Our continuing cooperation with the Grange Fraternity is evidenced as we look to the future, by our announcement earlier this year of the 1979-80 safety contest which has been titled, "Working Together . . . For Safety." The qualification period for the new program is July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980. By completing safety projects and filing a report with the State Grange Master by August 1, 1980, Subordinate Granges in our operating territory may compete for three prizes to be given in each state: a first prize of \$100, a second prize of \$75 and a third prize of \$25. Winning Granges will also receive an appropriate plaque. All Granges filing reports will receive a Certificate of Merit for their participation in the contest. All Subordinate Granges in our operating territory have received information about "Working Together . . . For Safety" in a special mailing to each Subordinate Grange Secretary.

The participation of Subordinate Granges in "Working Together . . . For Safety" is important not only to the individual Grange, but also to the State Grange. Each State Grange in our operating territory has already received an initial award to aid and assist in the launching of this contest. Each State Grange will receive an additional award dependent upon the percentage of participation by the Subordinate Granges in their state.

"Sharing is Caring—Project: Safety," the 1978-79 program, closed June 30, 1979. Each

Grange that participated in that project has received a Certificate of Merit for their efforts, and our thanks for all their good work. The first three winners in each state receive plaques at the State Grange Session, and the first and second place winners receive financial awards. While the dollars are important to each participating Subordinate and State Grange, as the sponsors we were genuinely pleased by the fact that more than 500 safety projects were reported, involving more than 30,000 people, Grange members as well as non-Grangers.

Several Subordinate Granges reported unexpected benefits derived from "Project: Safety." The projects they sponsored so impressed their neighbors that many approached the Granges to become members. People wanted to be a part of an active organization, an organization concerned for the welfare of all. "Project: Safety" did more than tell people about the Grange—it *showed* the Grange in action. It met a need, it involved Grangers and non-Grangers, and performed a service for all.

Thus, as we have attempted to highlight for you, our past 12 months have been eventful, purposeful and significant in their contribution to the successful future of National Grange Mutual. We appreciate the opportunity of sharing with you our past actions, as they are the foundation of our future growth and our continuing relationship with the Fraternity, a relationship which has grown and expanded since its modest beginnings in 1923. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance throughout those more than 50 years which have allowed us to continue to serve expanding numbers of policyholders with quality insurance protection, and at the same time provide valuable assistance to the Fraternity in a number of different ways.

Fraternally submitted,
Charles A. Farmer, *Vice President*

THIRD DAY

Wednesday Morning
November 14, 1979

The third day Session of the 113th Session of the National Grange opened in the 4th Degree at 9 A.M. in the Ballroom of the Host

Farm Inn in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with John W. Scott, Master of the chair.

Worthy Master Scott welcomed all and in-

roduced Sister Blanche Newsom former First Lady of the National Grange.

Brother Richard Carncross, Master of the Michigan State Grange, introduced his 10 month old daughter Ellen to the Session.

Roll call of officers found all present.

Roll call of states found all represented.

The previous day records were read and approved.

The Worthy Master called for the special order of business, the election of officers. The following officers were elected.

Master—Edward Andersen, Nebraska

Overseer—Russell Stauffer, Illinois

Lecturer—Kermit Richardson, Vermont

Steward—W. C. Harris, Oregon

Ass't Steward—Ross Carter, Texas

Lady Ass't Steward—Betty Wallace, Wisconsin

Chaplain—Morris Halladay, New York

Treasurer—Vernon West, Massachusetts

Secretary—B. Franklin Hayes, New Hampshire

Gatekeeper—D. Vincent Andrews, Florida

Ceres—Patty Wedding, Missouri

Pomona—Dorothy Shores, Maine

Flora—Betty Hall, West Virginia

Executive Committee—Daryl Lowry, Vermont

THIRD DAY

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

November 14, 1979

The Farmers and Traders Life Insurance Company invited the National Officers, Delegates, Staff and guests to a luncheon in the Den at 12:15 P.M., with Vice President Richard Troendle presiding. The invocation was given by Brother Morris Halladay, Chaplain of the National Grange.

President Roderick C. Sager welcomed all and brought greetings from the company.

Master John Scott was called upon and he thanked the company for its close relationship to the parent organization.

The speaker, George M. Elsey, President of the American Red Cross, described his long association with the Grange. He compared the ages of the Grange and the Red Cross, and emphasized that the Red Cross

was looking forward to its second century of service by planning and programming for the future, while reviewing the past for the lessons which were learned. Mr. Elsey believes in the value of "private initiatives to solve public problems". The government has appointed itself as the "public keeper" and has failed in most cases. He encouraged the Grange and the Red Cross to work closely together along with government, industry and insurance companies to create solutions to solve the many problems facing today's humanity.

The following is the report of the Farmers and Traders Life Insurance Company and the reports of the other Grange associated insurance companies that did not have the opportunity to present them orally and officially.

THE REPORT OF THE FARMERS AND TRADERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates, and Friends:

It is a privilege, as well as a pleasure, to annually report to the National Grange session on the growth and happenings at Farmers and Traders Life, a company that was founded by the Grange some 67 years ago.

The last twelve months have been eventful ones for the Company and the people associated with it. As you would expect, it was a year of substantial growth in terms of sales and service to our policyholders. During 1978, life insurance sales amounted to \$68,852,979 bringing our life insurance in force to \$576,285,199. At the same time, assets reached an all time high of

\$116,153,451. On the pay-out side, beneficiaries and living policyholders received \$5,477,285 in benefits from the Company during the year bringing the total benefits paid since the Company's founding to \$110,015,065. Additionally, a total of \$14,984,279 in dividends has been paid since the Company began writing participating policies in the mid-fifties.

By the end of 1979, two of F & T Life's top officers, Matthias E. Smith and William T. Bolton, will be retired. Mr. Smith, who was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Bolton, who served as President, were named Chairman of the Board and Vice Chairman of the Board respectively early this year in anticipation of their retirement. Roderick C. Sager, formerly Executive Vice President of the Company, was elected President and Chief Executive Officer.

In a speech presented at a recent meeting of leading Company field representatives, Mr. Sager outlined F & T Life's strategy for the years ahead. He said in part, "In my opinion, a profitable company—particularly a smaller company—should not try to compete in every conceivable market and product line. Each company must select its areas of expertise, especially with regard to products and marketing. No one single company can have all of the most competitive products with the lowest premium rates, the highest cash values, the largest dividend scales and excess interest assumptions, along with the most competitive and liberal underwriting, the best sales conventions, the most efficient underwriting and training departments, the lowest expenses, and the highest profits. Our strategy will be to identify the specific markets—both geographic and socio-economic—which we can appropriately serve, and to develop the products, the home office support, the recruiting and training programs, and the other necessary procedures to aggressively and successfully exploit these markets. Most importantly, we will totally commit the Company, its people and its resources, to the marketing programs we select and we will not let ourselves be diverted into other sales activities."

We believe that a short statement about two main concerns of the Company are worthy of mention here. One is inflation, and the effect it is having and will continue to have on life insurance programs. Erosion of the dollar has adversely affected the value of policies designed to protect families and personal estates and provide income in retirement. Grange members should be alerted to this fact and re-evaluate their programs.

Another concern is the form National Health Insurance will take if and when it becomes the law of the land. We urge the Grange, at the Subordinate, Pomona, State, and National levels to carefully examine the options, to inform the membership, and to actively and publicly take a position in support of a sound and economically feasible program.

Finally, a few words about the support and incentive F & T Life offers the Grange. In this final year of the Grange of the Year Award program, Subordinate Granges in our Company's operating area will receive U.S. Savings Bonds and plaques in recognition of excellence in programming and performance. We have been pleased with the wide participation in this and previous programs offered by the Company. Since its founding in 1914, F & T Life has offered a variety of programs for the benefit of the Grange and our Company, ranging from hosting a luncheon for delegates at the National Grange session to providing Pomona and Junior Granges dues cards. Again this next year, we will be pleased to provide support to State Grange publications with advertisement. We will also continue to provide the Grange Compensation Program, the purpose of which is to compensate State Granges for services and courtesies to F & T Life. Other traditional support programs will be offered again next year, also.

We are grateful for the opportunity to present this report. Our sincere hope is that your session will be productive, as well as enjoyable, and that both the Grange and F & T Life continue to fulfill their purpose—to serve.

Fraternally,
Richard M. Troendle, *Vice President*
Advertising & Public Relations

THE REPORT OF THE GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and guests:

It is a pleasure for me to present to the National Grange delegate body our 1978 report with some 1979 figures added. Grange Insurance Association, serving eight western-mid-western states with its home office in Seattle, Washington, began its 85th year of operation on April 4, 1978. Profit figures as shown for 1978 decreased rapidly in the first part of 1979. It is hoped that by year end, the loss ratios will again show a profit.

Following are highlights of 1978 operations, as compared to 1977:

	1978	Change from 1977
Assets	\$60,699,954	+24.3%
Surplus	19,131,517	+18.7%
Direct		
Premiums		
Written	42,918,159	+18.4%
Investment & Other		
Income	2,895,821	+27.6%
Dividends to Members	1,081,383	- 8.5%
Underwriting Gain	1,800,530	-57.3%
Gain, as % of Earned Premium	4.1%	11.5%
Loss Adjusting & Operating Expenses	14,114,631	+20.6%
Losses Incurred	28,301,015	+36.2%

As the above data illustrate, 1978 was in all respects a satisfactory year, with good results in both underwriting earnings, forming the basis for future members' dividends, as well as investment earning. However, 1978 fell short of the extraordinary results achieved in 1977. This is due principally to increasing loss and loss adjusting costs.

Inflation continues to impact heavily on GIA's loss costs. For example, automobile property damage average loss increased 15.9% over 1977, the average auto collision loss increased 18.5%, and the average auto medical claim increased 16.7%. Conversely, an absence of large property losses during 1978 resulted in excellent results on fire, homeowners and farmowners lines, where underwriting earnings averaged about 15%.

Crop hail and grain fire results were also very good. Wind and hail damage to buildings was minimal in 1978, with exception of severe storms in July in the Casper, Wyoming, area.

As was detailed in our 1977 report, premium growth in 1977 had been so rapid that GIA did not write new automobile or commercial lines of insurance during the latter half of that year for persons not Grange members prior to July 1, 1977. The restrictions as to new auto business were gradually lifted during 1978, and limitations as to new commercial accounts amended. The rate of growth in premiums in 1978, as a result, declined from a 25% increase in 1977, to 18.4% in 1978. Despite the decline in rate of growth, GIA increased its premium writings about 30% above the rate of growth for the insurance industry as a whole.

Washington, where we began in 1894, continues to produce a substantial part of GIA premium writings. Following is a summary of the portion of premium derived from each of States in which GIA did business during the past two years:

	1978 % Premiums	1977 % Premiums
Washington	61.6%	61.0%
*Oregon	10.6	11.1
Montana	.8	1.0
Wyoming	1.0	1.0
*Idaho	3.3	3.1
*Colorado	4.9	4.4
California	17.8	18.4
**Nebraska	—	—

*These states also have Grange sponsored companies writing fire insurance, and in Oregon, homeowners and farmowners insurance as well.

**GIA began writing business in Nebraska in late 1978, with only \$722 in premium recorded in 1978.

GIA continues to concentrate its investments in bonds exempt from federal income tax (over 90% of invested assets), with about 5% of investment in common and preferred stocks, and the balance in subsidiary companies, Mayflower Corporation and Rocky Mountain Fire & Casualty Company. Total investment assets increased \$8.7 million in 1978, which with high interest rates prevailing in 1978, brought record investment income to your Association. GIA also realized gains from Rocky Mountain Fire & Casualty Com-

pany during 1978, both from reinsurance assumed from Rocky Mountain, as well as net gains from Rocky Mountain's operations, increasing the value of GIA's investment in that subsidiary. Mayflower Corporation, 100% owned by GIA, was not active during 1978 except as a holding company for Rocky Mountain stock. 12,115.7 out of 12,190 shares outstanding (99.4%) of Rocky Mountain's stock is owned by GIA through Mayflower Corporation.

Dividends paid to members in 1978 were \$1,081,383, representing return of savings from 1974, plus the last one-half of 1969 crop hail savings. As in 1977's dividend, payments were made only on property and crop hail insurance, as no savings were realized on automobile, general liability, glass or theft lines of business.

1979 has proved different from prior years, in that property insurance has produced loss ratios higher than automobile. Large fire losses in the fire, homeowners and farmowners lines resulted in underwriting losses during the first half of 1979 for those lines. In addition, severe windstorm in Washington in February produced approximately \$375,000 in losses, of which reinsurance paid the amount in excess of \$250,000.

At mid-1979, GIA's record was:

Total Assets	\$65,388,500, up 7.7% from December 31, 1978
Loss & Adjusting Expense Reserves	20,254,420, up 6.2% from December 31, 1978
Unearned Premiums	22,535,102, up 10.7% from December 31, 1978
Total Liabilities	44,847,774, up 7.9% from December 31, 1978
Policyholders Surplus	20,540,726, up 7.4% from December 31, 1978

From January 1 through June 30, 1979:

Earned Premiums	\$23,652,284, up 15.5% from first half, 1978
Total Losses	16,655,651, up 39.8% " " " "
Underwriting Loss	-394,401 (vs. gain of \$2,097,690 in first half of 1978)
Investment Income	1,642,577, up 16.0% from first half, 1978
Net Income after tax	1,171,777, down 59.4% from first half, 1978

As we've reported so frequently in prior years, inflation in our loss costs continues to be a major problem. It's now anticipated that claims costs will increase over 10% for the

full year 1979. The frequency of automobile claims may decline somewhat in the last half of 1979, as there's some evidence that people are driving their cars less; however, our own data is too little developed at this time to be confident that this will occur.

GIA's subsidiary, Rocky Mountain Fire & Casualty Company had first half results similar to GIA. Assets increased 1% to \$6,459,668, and net worth increased 6.3% to \$2,092,753 from year end 1978. Earned premiums increased 12.3% over a like period in 1978, and underwriting loss was incurred of 9.1%. Rocky Mountain's investment income increased 27.4% over 1978. Net income, after tax, was \$97,874, down 40.5% from year earlier figures.

GIA is proud of its scholarship program to help young Grangers, or the sons or daughters of Grangers, in furthering their education. GIA awarded 20 \$400 scholarships, plus the Ed Nielsen and Paul Holter Memorial scholarships in early 1979.

The Grange Insurance Association Board of Directors and management, working closely with state and subordinate Granges, will continue to meet the insurance needs of Grange members.

It is a pleasure for us to be a part of the 113th session of the National Grange.

Fraternally submitted,
Dee McKern, *President*

REPORT OF PATRONS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Worthy Master, delegates, and brothers and sisters. Another year brings us together in annual session, and we bring this report of

the Patrons Mutual Insurance Company of Glastonbury, Conn.

You will be pleased with our growth. In ten

years. Patrons has grown 300%. The premium writings this year will exceed three million, five hundred thousand. Last month premiums exceeded October 1978 by 38%.

Patrons is writing the SMP (Special Multiple Perils) for small business. This policy contains fire, windstorm & allied lines with liability at a saving of 15%. Many other coverages

	<i>Assets</i>		<i>Surplus</i>
1974	2,800,679.		593,560.
1978	2,911,629		916,357.
1979	3,200,000. (estimated)		1,500,000.
		<i>Underwriting</i>	
	<i>Premiums</i>	<i>Profit</i>	<i>Losses</i>
1974	1,986,337	25,000 (loss)	907,050.
1978	2,937,988.	189,000. +	1,296,133.
1979	3,300,000.	225,000. +	1,200,000.

Goals for 1979:

Surplus to exceed \$1,500,000.

Premiums \$3,500,000 3½ Million

New Fieldman: Ernest Feasel

Computer writing of home owners and mobile home owners policies

New readable home owner policies

Assignment of claims from home office to give better and quicker service

Computer writing of home owners make Patron more competitive with other companies

Business is extremely competitive. The large companies are permitted to use their excessive profits. (due to longer life expectancy) from the life business to pay property and casualty losses. These companies can take profits from life insurance policy holders and use these funds in their property and casualty operations. These are premiums paid by life insurance policy holders and should be credited to them.

Patrons farm owners is the farm protection policy. Patrons originated the farm owner policy in Connecticut. Other companies are now writing the policy. It is a comprehensive policy and gives broad coverage to our farmers.

Insurance to Value: Increasing the coverages to keep up with replacement costs and stay abreast with 10% annual inflation. Agents have charts to help estimate replacement costs and they should check with their assureds.

Patrons gives a 10% no loss credit. This is a nice reduction on a renewal premium.

can be added to this comprehensive policy.

The Patrons office building is the center of Grange activities in the state. All directors are Grange members with two state Masters and five past Masters. In addition to the Patrons office, there is the Conn. Blue Cross & Cms office, and the Grange Credit Union. The Credit Union has over \$310,000, assets and the Blue Cross & CMS collect over \$1,000,000. annually. The Directors Room is used by Grange Committees for meetings at no charge.

Patrons provides funds for Conn. and Mass. Grange promotional programs. One is the Matrons & Patrons Dinner to recognize and reward the hard working and devoted Matrons & Patrons who labor with diligence with our young Grangers.

An additional expense of doing business is hidden social costs which run high. The fair plan covers unfavorable risks that are refused thru regular channels. This costs about \$35,000 per year. Guarantee fund pays claims of financially embarrassed companies, about \$5,000 per year. Arson claims; probably 20% of all fires are of a suspicious origin. The insurance company has to pay unless a conviction of arson is obtained. Even with a conviction of arson, the insurance company has to pay the bank the amount of the mortgage.

1980 will be a new year with many opportunities to serve the Grange membership.

We wish to thank you for the privilege of reporting our growth and service to the Grange Community.

Robert K. Mitchell, *President*

REPORT OF GRANGE MUTUAL LIFE COMPANY

Worthy National Master, Officers and Members of the National Grange:

Once again it is my privilege to report on the activities of the Grange Mutual Life Company.

During the past year, Grange Mutual continued to expand services and benefits to its policyholders. Effective January 1, 1979, dividends were increased substantially. On policies issued prior to 1972, the average increase was approximately 30%. Also during the latter part of the year, two new policies were introduced. One is a Single Premium Whole Life policy and the other is Annual Renewable Term insurance written to age 100, with premiums guaranteed not to exceed those listed in the policy.

In 1979, the management staff was expanded to include both an Actuary and a specialist in estate planning. These additions should prove beneficial in providing more effective service to our policyholders.

The Company is continuing to grow. For the third year in a row, assets have increased

in excess of 20% annually. Net investment income increased 34.1% over the previous year and net yield on assets was one of the highest in the industry at 8.6%.

Life insurance sales increased substantially during the past year. Measured by first year premium, this increase was 103.5% greater than the previous year and is an all time high for the Company.

Health insurance continues to be an important part of the services provided by the Company. Sales of the Hospital Indemnity and Cancer plan for Grange members only continue to expand in those states in which it is being offered.

The support of the National Grange is appreciated. In turn, our Officers and staff will continue to do all that they can to provide the best service possible to our policyholders.

Fraternally,
Robert W. Schmidt,
Chairman of the Board

With the election over at 4:15 P.M. a short recess was declared. Brother Kermit Richardson, National Lecturer, gave the report for his office.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LECTURER

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Friends at this 113th Annual Session of the National Grange:

I appreciate this opportunity to report to you from the Office of the National Lecturer and to bring to you not only my personal greetings but the greetings of over 8,000 State Pomona, Subordinate and Junior Lecturers. Each Lecturer is charged with providing for the "literary program and educational work" of the Grange. This not only involves regular Grange meetings but also provides the opportunity for community awareness.

PROGRAMS AND CONTESTS

The programs of the Lecturer's Department are designed for both group and individual participation. All of the contests are for the exclusive participation of Grange

members. These contests not only emphasize participation but also the educational aspects of improving the quality of entries, which results in greater personal satisfaction.

In the Exhibit Hall you will see over 600 entries in the Art and Photography Contests. This year we will be awarding a Best of Show for both the Adult and Junior Divisions. I hope that you will take time from your busy schedule to look at the exhibit carefully.

On Friday you will see families competing in the Family Musical Contest, and then on Friday evening you will see over twenty entries in the Talent Contest. These Grangers will exhibit to you talents of which we all can be justly proud.

I have expanded the classes in the Art and Photography, which has resulted in increased participation and better selection in judging.

You will note some of these changes in this year's exhibit.

LECTURERS' CONFERENCES

During the course of the four Lecturers' Conferences I have the opportunity to speak with approximately 1500 Lecturers. These Conferences are extremely valuable in either groups or on a one-on-one basis for exchanging ideas and providing information. At each one of the Conferences I have conducted at least one workshop and feel that these are extremely valuable in training Lecturers, explaining programs, and developing initiative and enthusiasm for this very worthwhile work.

I do wish that all of the Grange States were covered by some regional Lecturers' Conferences. The Conferences conducted within the States by State Lecturers are extremely valuable and should be continued, but a Regional Conference where the National Program could be brought directly to working Lecturers would be valuable.

One of the programs that we have within the Lecturer's Department is the Skit Writing Contest. I am extremely pleased with the entries and the creative writing which is shown. Ever since we have dropped any particular theme and opened up the Contest to all Grange members, the quality of skits and the number has increased. I am pleased to announce the 1979 National Winners in the Skit Writing Contest:

FIRST—Delaware, Jane Mitchell, Henlopen Grange #20, Lewes, Delaware

SECOND—North Carolina, Carolyn B. Campbell, St. John's Grange #729, Concord, N.C.

THIRD—Illinois, Emalee Colver, Flora Grange #1762, Capron, Il.

GRANGE COMMUNITY CITIZEN AWARD

We are now completing the fourth year of a program which I started and which has been extremely successful. This past year we issued 754 Community Citizen Awards.

It was Margaret's and my privilege to attend some of these presentations; one in particular is called to mind which was held in Maine where there were over 200 people in attendance. The man receiving the Award had spent a lifetime in the field of education. He certainly was very deserving of the Award, and I am sure that the over 100 non-

Grangers present have a much better idea of the scope, influence, and concerns of the Grange.

In the Exhibit Room you will see a bulletin board of some of the news releases which occurred as a result of the Community Citizen Award Program. Do take time to look at this exhibit.

GRANGE ISSUES FORUM

This is also the fourth year of Grange Issues Forum. I do wish to express my appreciation to Bob Frederick and the members of the Legislative Department for their assistance in this program. Grange Issues Forum is designed to have Granges involved in some of the issues of the day, to study the issue, discuss it, and then hopefully transmit opinions based on fact into legislative action.

The 1979-1980 Grange Issues are as follows:

1. The Future Size of American Farms
2. Renewable Energy Sources
3. The Grange Deaf Program
4. Any issue of State or local concern

Copies of the resource material list have been sent to each Pomona and Subordinate Lecturer. I have again this year sent to each State Lecturer not only the publication list but a sample of each item on the list so that they may use them in workshops around their States.

I should like to again challenge you, Worthy State Master, to select an issue important to your State and really get your Grange involved. An issue which is vital not only to the Grange members but to the entire citizenry of your State will assist greatly in improving the Grange image. If your program is well thought out and well executed, the Grange can be a big winner.

GRANGE WEEK

I have been pleased with the many reports that I have received from Lecturers on Grange Week activities. Involvement of Granges has increased tremendously, and I feel in part this is as a result of the packet of material which we have provided to Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers.

Grange Week next year will be celebrated April 20-26, 1980. Do start planning now for a worthwhile, significant celebration in your State. You may want to consider the possibility, Worthy Master, of appointing a State-wide committee for this event.

STATE LECTURER'S AWARD OF MERIT

Each year I ask State Lecturers to complete a report in regard to their activities within their State. I am pleased to report to you this year that nearly all of the State Lecturers have filed a report. You may see the winning reports in the Exhibit Area.

This year's winners in the State Lecturer's Award of Merit are:

First—Mrs. William (Mary) Buffington, Pennsylvania

Second—Mrs. Donald (Clara) Speaight, Ohio

Third—Mrs. Edwin (Millicent) Conklin, New York

Fourth—Mrs. Fred (Virginia) Davis, North Carolina

Fifth—Mrs. Gordon (Ellen) Hitchings, Massachusetts

Sixth—Miss Edna Mae Beal, New Jersey

NEW PROGRAMS

The 1979 Theme for Lecturers is "Grange Lecturers Shaping Tomorrow's Legacy Today". This theme is very appropriate when you consider the Installation charge to Lecturers, which clearly states that one of our responsibilities is to develop the abilities of individuals and provide the opportunity of leaving a Grange legacy of accomplishment and worthwhile direction.

I should like to call your attention to some of the new programs in next year's Lecturer's Department.

I am particularly pleased with a new award especially for Pomona. This will be the "Grange Award for Public Service". This award will be given by a Pomona Grange to a non-Grange person in the field of public service. This is in line with the Pomona responsibility as the Legislative arm of the Grange. I feel that this program for the Pomona can be as successful as the Community Citizen Program has been for the Subordinate Grange.

In the area of Photography we have a new class which is designated "Theme Photo". This will be for entries in both black and white and color that expresses a designated theme.

This year the Lecturers will be working with the Youth Department in co-sponsoring the Banner Contest. The rules for this contest will be out soon after the first of January.

We will continue to include in the Lecturer's Bulletin notices of mini-issues as an

additional incentive in the Grange Issues Forum Program.

CONCLUSION

It has been a rare privilege for me to serve eight years as a National Officer. First, four years as your National Chaplain, a duty which I thoroughly enjoyed; the past four years as your National Lecturer has been one of challenge, opportunity, and a better realization of the many opportunities the Grange has today. It is extremely difficult to reduce this to a small number, but many times I am asked "What are the two greatest challenges of the Grange today?"

I feel that the two greatest challenges are to provide motivated leadership and the necessary funds to implement worthwhile programs.

If we are to provide motivated leadership for the Grange today, the National and State Granges must take the initiative in providing the training ground for leadership on a local level. Responsibility for leadership development does not rest with one segment of the Grange alone, but should be a top priority of each of us.

We are all aware of the inflationary spiral and what it has done to the dollar. In wisely spending the money we have for Grange programs, we must evaluate their worth in light of today's needs, and then resolve that those that meet today's needs will be adequately funded on a continuing basis.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to each one of you for your assistance during the past year, especially to Worthy Master Brother John and Sister Dorothy, my thanks for your guidance and friendship; to the Washington staff, my thanks for the many assists you have given the Lecturer's Department; to Beth, our Daughter, who has worked as my Secretary, my sincere thanks for everything that you have done; to Margaret, may I express to you my heartfelt love and appreciation for your help and understanding.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, "The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today; let us move forward with strong and active faith". The challenge of the Grange is now. The road to success will not be easy, but I am convinced that with the strong, determined foundation that the Grange has, with its principles of faith in the worth of a human being, and a willingness to

meet the challenges of today, that we can
succeed.

May God bless each one of you in your

endeavors and decisions.

Fraternally yours,

Kermit W. Richardson, *Lecturer*

ART CONTESTS

BEST OF SHOW

Drawing Category

- Adult—OREGON—Mary Doll, Tigard,
Ore., Beaverton Grange #324
Junior—OHIO—Linda Voorhis, Mason,
Ohio, Lebanon Junior Grange #70

Oil Painting Category

OILS—Adults

- 1st—NORTH CAROLINA—Edith F. Car-
ter, Ferguson, N.C., Ferguson #809
2nd—CALIFORNIA—Dorothy B. Ratcliff,
Redding, Calif., Millville #443
3rd—NEW JERSEY—Barbara Goga, Clif-
ton, N.J., Acquackanonk #183

OILS—Junior, Age 5 to 9

- 1st—VERMONT—Tonia Chambers,
Chelsa, Vt., Chelsa Jr. #55

OILS—Junior, Age 10-14

- 1st—ILLINOIS—Mike Massey, Waterloo,
Ill., Floraville Community Jr. #71

ACRYLICS—Adults

- 1st—PENNSYLVANIA—William W.
Campbell, Jr., Langhorne, Pa.,
Middletown #684
2nd—WASHINGTON—Fadeima Winters,
Port Angeles, Wash., Fairview #619
3rd—CALIFORNIA—Robert J. Blesch,
Apple Valley, Calif., Apple Valley #592

ACRYLICS—Junior, Age 5-9

- 1st—COLORADO—Roger Simms, Com-
merce City, Colo., Green Valley Jr. #34

ACRYLICS—Junior, Age 10-14

- 1st—NEW YORK—Dale Morse, Portland,
N.Y., Chautauqua Jr. #614
2nd—PENNSYLVANIA—Cheryl Rieg,
Chest Spring, Pa., Pleasant Hill Jr. #529
3rd—OHIO—Connie Olinger, Salem, Ohio,
Goshen Jr. #43

WATER COLORS—Adults

- 1st—CALIFORNIA—S. E. Rafter, San Di-
ego, Calif, Encinitas #634
2nd—IDAHO—Frances Omberg, Boise,
Idaho, Pierce Park #282
3rd—ILLINOIS—Ethan A. Edwards,
Belleville, Ill., Shiloh Valley #1807

WATER COLORS—Junior, Age 5-9

- 1st—PENNSYLVANIA—Shannon Gam-
bler, New Tripoli, Pa., Central Jr. #519
2nd—NEW YORK—Dana Digiandomenico,
Scotia, N.Y., Glenridge Jr. #370
3rd—VIRGINIA—Rockey Finnen, Chester-
field, Va., Beach Jr. #25

WATER COLORS—Junior, Age 10-14

- 1st—OREGON—Alex Ford, Toledo, Ore.,
Toledo Jr. #303
2nd—NEW YORK—Joni DeMille, Burnt
Hills, N.Y., Glenridge Jr. #370
3rd—OHIO—Greg Stang, Sidney, Ohio,
Compromise Jr. #395

DRAWINGS—Adults

- 1st—OHIO—Cara J. Goodrich, Worth-
ington, Ohio, Blendon #708
2nd—MARYLAND—Doris Hoopengard-
ner, Hagerstown, Md., Hancock Grange
3rd—WASHINGTON—Tina Tharp,
Bridgeport, Wash., Brewster #1018

DRAWINGS—Junior, Age 5-9

- 1st—NEW JERSEY—Barry Tice, Elmer,
N.J., Elmer Jr. #67
2nd—OREGON—Kim Ford, Toledo, Ore.,
Toledo Jr. #303
3rd—PENNSYLVANIA—Gina VanNoy,
Troy, Pa., Troy Jr. #324

DRAWINGS—Junior, Age 10-14

- 1st—OHIO—Chet Douglas, Chagrin Falls,
Ohio, Geauga Jr. #1041
2nd—SOUTH CAROLINA—Tamara
Moore, Effingham, S.C., Florence Jr. #619

3rd—NORTH CAROLINA—Denise Smith,
Mooresville, N.C., Corriher Jr. #20

PASTELS—Adults

1st—IDAHO—Kati Cheldelin, Caldwell,
Idaho, Notus #425
2nd—COLORADO—Hildreth Boltz, Little-
ton, Colo., Grandview #151
3rd—CONNECTICUT—Beulah Noad,
Torrington, Conn., Hope #20

PASTELS—Junior, 5-9

1st—OHIO—Laura Olinger, Salem, Ohio,
Goshen Jr. #43
2nd—PENNSYLVANIA—Julie Zerbe,
Bernville, Pa., Bernville Jr. #152
3rd—NEW YORK—Cindi Maloy, Schenec-
tady, N.Y., Glenridge #370

PASTELS—Junior, Age 10-14

1st—MICHIGAN—Michelle Swainston,
Byron Center, Mich, Kent Co. Jr. #322
2nd—OHIO—Linda Locker, Sidney, Ohio,
Compromise Jr. #395
3rd—NEW YORK—Dale Morse, Portland,
N.Y., Chautauqua Jr. #614

POSTERS—Adults

1st—ILLINOIS—Helen Libberton, Lanark,
Ill., Rock Creek #1908
2nd—WASHINGTON—Vivian Skipper,
Elk, Wash., Fertile Valley #1094
3rd—OHIO—Frank W. Piper, Ashtabula,
Ohio, Saybrook #1739

POSTER—Junior, Age 5-9

1ST—MARYLAND—Judy Castle, Walk-
ersville, Md., Glade Valley Jr. #36
2nd—PENNSYLVANIA—Christy
Seymour, Patton, Pa., Pleasant Hill Jr.
#529
3rd—TENNESSEE—Teri Lynn Brown,
Greenville, Tenn., Cross Anchor Jr. #20

POSTERS—Junior, Age 10-14

1st—TENNESSEE—Dana Box, Afton,
Tenn., Cross Anchor Jr. #20
2nd—NEW YORK—Beth Briaddy,
Ballston, N.Y., Glenridge Jr., #370
3rd—IDAHO—Dorothy Manwill, Boise,
Idaho, Locust Grove Jr. #57

PHOTO AND SLIDE CONTEST WINNERS

BEST OF SHOW

Adult—OREGON—Betty Krause, Coravil-
lis, Ore., Willamette #52
Junior—MONTANA—Orin P. Kendall, Jr.,
Thompson Falls, Mont., Thompson Falls
#123

Second—NEW JERSEY—Betty Benedik,
Lebanon, N.J., Ringoes #20
Third—ILLINOIS—Cara Magee, O'Fallon,
Ill., Enterprise Jr. #88

ANIMALS

Adult

First—INDIANA—Milo Swanson, Laporte,
Indiana, Pine Lake
Second—PENNSYLVANIA—Donna
Snyder, Reading, Pa., Fleetwood #1839
Third—NEW YORK—Joan Zweig, Averill
Park, N.Y., West Sand Lake #949

Junior

First—WISCONSIN—Gary Gilbank, Clin-
ton Wisconsin, Turtle Jr. #20
Second—OHIO—Bob Mike Wilson, Leba-
non, Ohio, Lebanon Jr. #70
Third—NEW JERSEY—Betty Benedik,
Lebanon, N.J., Ringoes #20

COLOR SLIDES SCENES

Adult

First—IDAHO—Mary Omberg, Myssa,
Oregon, Pierce Park #282
Second—CALIFORNIA—Ralph Horio,
San Jose, Calif., Mt. Hamilton #469
Third—VERMONT—John Cossingham,
Norwich, Vermont, University #33

Junior

First—OHIO—Bob Mike Wilson, Lebanon,
Ohio, Lebanon Jr. #70

PEOPLE**Adult**

- First—VERMONT—Ernest Bringham, Norwich, Vermont, University #335
 Second—NEW HAMPSHIRE—Winston Merrill, Littleton, New Hampshire, White Mountain #50
 Third—VIRGINIA—Marilyn Semtner, Blackstone, Va., Bellefonte #15

Junior

- First—IOWA—Bert Goodrum, Wilton, Iowa, Bloomington Jr. #22
 Second—OHIO—Bob Mike Wilson, Lebanon, Ohio, Lebanon Jr. #70
 Third—WISCONSIN—Gary Gilbank, Clinton, Wis., Turtle Jr. #20

CLOSE-UPS**Adults**

- First—MASSACHUSETTS—Eleanor Kimberley, Monterey, Mass., Monterey #291
 Second—PENNSYLVANIA—David Shankweiler, Schnecksville, Pa., Schnecksville #1684
 Third—OREGON—Christy Steck, Prineville, Ore., Lookout Mountain #741

Junior

- First—OHIO—Bob Mike Wilson, Lebanon, Ohio, Lebanon Jr. #70
 Second—PENNSYLVANIA—Daniel Hartman, Mertztown, Pa., Kutztown Jr. #439

COLOR PHOTO SCENES**Adult**

- First—COLORADO—Kenneth R. Morrow, Denver, Col., Garden Home #407
 Second—VIRGINIA—Paul Borel, Great Falls, Va., Great Falls #738
 Third—WASHINGTON—Mary Jane Krupke, Reardan, Wash., Lincoln County

Junior

- First—NEW JERSEY—Kitty Cilla, Ringoes, N.J., Ringoes #20

- Second—MARYLAND—Betty Dayhoff, Walkersville, Maryland, Glade Valley
 Third—PENNSYLVANIA—Chris Dise, Slatington, Pa., Central Jr. #519

ANIMALS**Adult**

- First—CALIFORNIA—Ralph Horio, San Jose, Calif., Mt. Hamilton #469
 Second—NEW YORK—Donell Groth, Liverpool, N.Y., Morth Manlius, #598
 Third—MAINE—Errol C. Briggs, Harrison, Maine, Lakeside

Junior

- First—PENNSYLVANIA—Brenda Rieg, Chester Springs, Pa., Pleasant Hill Jr. #529
 Second—MARYLAND—Carrie Wiles, Walkersville, Maryland, Glade Valley
 Third—MICHIGAN—Brian Welch, Grand Rapids, Mi., Kent Co. Jr. #322

PEOPLE**Adult**

- First—IOWA—Gail Latchman, Montezuma, Iowa, Midway #2189
 Second—RHODE ISLAND—George Walker, Exeter, R.I., Hoep Valley #7
 Third—PENNSYLVANIA—John R. Latimore, Jr., Venetia, Pa., Peters Twp. #2025

Junior

- First—ILLINOIS—Janet Helms, Belleville, Ill., Turkey Hill Jr. #7
 Second—PENNSYLVANIA—Brenda Rieg, Chester Springs, Pa., Pleasant Hill Jr. #529
 Third—KANSAS—Beverlee Little, Delia, Kansas, Grove Harvest Jr. #107

CLOSE-UPS**Adult**

- First—COLORADO—Shirley Ditzel, Mt. Home, Texas, Pleasant View #164
 Second—MAINE—Samuel Crowell, Eliot, Maine, J. F. Hill
 Third—MINNESOTA—Nora McNight, Hinckley, Minn., Cloverdale #762

Junior

- First—KANSAS—Beverlee Little, Delia, Kansas, Grove Harvest Jr. #107
 Second—ILLINOIS—Cara Magee, O'Fallon, Ill., Enterprise Jr. #88
 Third—NEW YORK—Tim Eddy, Black River, N.Y., Champion #366

BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO SCENES**Adult**

- First—OREGON—Evelyn Pallin, Tillamook, Ore., Pleasant Valley #537
 Second—NEW YORK—Florence Clark, Red Hook, N.Y., Rock City #1012
 Third—MASSACHUSETTS—John Baptista, East Freetown, Mass., East Freetown #307

Junior

- First—MICHIGAN—Susanne Welsh, Grand Rapids, Mich., Kent Co. Jr. #322
 Second—NEW YORK—Sharon Eddy, Black River, N.Y., Champion #366
 Third—PENNSYLVANIA—Eric Dorman, Schnecksville, Pa., Schnecksville Jr. #508

ANIMALS**Adult**

- First—WASHINGTON—June A. Hopkins, Amanda Park, Wash., Quinault #729
 Second—NORTH CAROLINA—Baxter Hunt, Raleigh, N.C., Rock Ridge #1037
 Third—MISSOURI—Francelia Wedding, Kansas City, Mo., Levicks Mill #2239

Junior

- First—MICHIGAN—Susanne Welsh, Grand Rapids, Mich., Kent Co. Jr. #322
 Second—PENNSYLVANIA—Debra Krause, Slatington, Pa., Central Jr. #519
 Third—OHIO—Laura Olinger, Salem, Ohio

PEOPLE**Adult**

- First—MASSACHUSETTS—Joseph Medeiros, Swansea, Mass., Swansea #148
 Second—WASHINGTON—June A. Hopkins, Amanda Park, Wash., Quinault #729

- Third—NEBRASKA—Mrs. Ross Love, Blair, Nebraska, Riverview #392

Junior

- First—MICHIGAN—Susanne Welsh, Grand Rapids, Mich., Kent Co. Jr. #322
 Second—OHIO—Laura Olinger, Salem, Ohio
 Third—PENNSYLVANIA—Lana Shoup, Baden, Pa., West Field Jr. #1514

CLOSE-UPS**Adult**

- First—MISSOURI—Francelia Wedding, Kansas City, Mo., Levicks Mill #2239
 Second—MONTANA—Winston Weydemeyer, Fortine, Mont., Tobacco Valley #119
 Third—MASSACHUSETTS—Paula Baptista, E. Freetown, Mass., East Freetown #307

Junior

- First—PENNSYLVANIA—Eric Dorman, Schnecksville, Pa., Schnecksville Jr. #508
 Second—NEW YORK—Troy Lancto, Carthage, N.Y., Champion #366

TOTAL ENTRIES—LECTURER'S CONTESTS

5-9 10-14					
Oils	Adults	28	Junior	1	3
Acrylics	Adults	14	Junior	1	4
Drawings	Adults	20	Junior	8	11
Water Colors	Adults	18	Junior	6	6
Pastels	Adults	17	Junior	6	7
Posters	Adults	24	Junior	12	14

COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Scenes	Adult	34	Junior	18
Animals	Adult	33	Junior	17
People	Adult	35	Junior	14
Close-ups	Adult	30	Junior	9

BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY

Scenes	Adults	23	Junior	3
Animals	Adults	21	Junior	4
People	Adults	22	Junior	3
Close-ups	Adults	16	Junior	2

COLOR SLIDES

Scenes	Adults	30	Junior	5
Animals	Adults	26	Junior	5
People	Adults	28	Junior	4
Close-ups	Adults	27	Junior	2

After consulting with Brother Russell Stauffer, Chairman of the Agricultural Com-

mittee, the Worthy Master announced that the resolution pertaining to the definition of a family farm would be held over until Monday.

Sister Betty Wallace, Chairman of the Education and Health Committee reported.

Motion was made by Brother Ross, seconded and carried, to release those portions of reports that had been previously adopted.

Recessed at 5:00 P.M. for dinner.

THIRD DAY

Wednesday Evening

November 14, 1979

Session called back to order at 7 P.M. The National Lecturer, Kermit Richardson, gave the Community Service Report.

Report of 1979 Community Service Award Program

Worthy Master, Officers of the National Grange, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters, at this 113th Annual Session of the National Grange,

I appreciate the opportunity to report to you on the 1979 Community Service Award Program. This past year there was a total of 1317 entries in the Community Service Award Program. This represents an all-time high of entries since I was asked in January of 1976 by the National Grange Executive Committee to coordinate the program.

This past year there were 14 states with a State Chairman, which again is a record. I am sure this contributed to what I feel has been a successful year.

This year many hours were spent in judging the excellent reports. The judges unanimously agreed that the reports were outstanding and a marked improvement over any previous year.

Some of the projects undertaken by Granges were as follows: Community Awareness of Legislative Issues, Improving Grange Property, Highway Safety, CPR Courses, Special Support for Senior Citizen Centers and Rest Homes, Defensive Driving Course, Evaluation of Community Needs on a Long Term Basis, and many other programs of lasting community benefits. Some programs were completed during the past year,

and others will be ongoing for many years to come.

As you know, the Executive Committee of the National Grange voted, "To suspend the Community Service Program." I believe that this represents a very tragic decision and I am particularly concerned since the Executive Committee asked initially to coordinate the program, but did not request any opinion or information from me when the program was terminated.

Many states will continue the Community Service Program and they certainly are to be congratulated. With the action which has been taken, the program will no longer be National in scope. I think we, again, must evaluate our priorities. Thus determining that Community Service is the one program offered by the Grange nationally that every Subordinate Grange can be involved in. It, therefore, would seem that such a worthwhile program should be high on any priority list.

It appears that this would be the last of Community Service reports at least for some time. I would like to express my appreciation to each State Chairman and each State Master for their support of the 1979 Community Service Program.

Brother Richardson asked the Assistant Stewards to escort the Masters, of Oregon, Michigan, New York, and the representative

from Alaska to the Masters station. Brother Richardson announced the winners of the Community Service and presented them with plaques and Bonds. He was assisted by Sister Richardson, Sister Dorothy Scott and the National Master.

First place winner—Two Rivers Grange in Alaska

Second place winner—Millers Mills Grange in New York

Third place—Columbia Grange in Oregon
Fourth place—Studley Grange in Michigan

Sister Betty Wallace completed the Education and Health report and it was accepted for the Journal.

Brother B. Franklin Hayes continued with the Grange Law and Good of the Order report.

Grange closed in regular form at 9:40 P.M.

FOURTH DAY

Thursday Morning
November 15, 1979

The fourth day of the 113th Session of the National Grange opened at 9:45 A.M. in the Ballroom of the Host Farm Inn, Lancaster, Pennsylvania with Worthy Master John W. Scott presiding.

The roll call of officers found all present with the exception of the Assistant Steward.

Roll call of states found all present with the exceptions of those assigned to duties.

Records were read and approved. Motion was made by Sister Betty Wallace, seconded and carried, that the Education and Health report be released to the press.

Sister Betty Hall, the Worthy Flora, asked all past Delegates to assemble with her outside the meeting room at 1 P.M.

The Kansas delegation was recognized. Announcements were made.

Brother B. Franklin Hayes, continued with the Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee report. National Overseer, Edward Andersen, assumed the Masters station.

Brother Wendell Shireman, Chairman of the Labor and Judiciary Committee reported.

A 15 minute recess was called.

The session was called back to work in the 4th degree at 11:30 A.M.

Brother James Shores, Chairman of the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee reported.

Brother Edgar Hall acting Overseer, assumed the Masters station.

Grange recessed for lunch at 12:10 P.M.

FOURTH DAY

Thursday Afternoon
November 15, 1979

The session was called to order in the 4th Degree at 1:30 P.M. with the Worthy Overseer, Edward Andersen, in the Masters chair. Sister Betty Hall, Flora of the National Grange, asked the Assistant Stewards to escort the Past Delegates into the Sessions room. Each was introduced and asked to give the time they served as delegates. The following were introduced.

King and Betty Beecher, Connecticut
William and Mary Pearl, Connecticut

Donald Peck, Connecticut
Robert and Mae Mitchell, Connecticut
Henry and Arlene Christensen, Colorado
Royal and Caroline Cutts, Vermont
Grover and Arlene Miller, Maryland
Alfred and Ruth Lawson, Rhode Island
Rexford Smith, Massachusetts
Norris and Lillian Hall, New Hampshire
John and Doris Saturly, New Hampshire
John and Ruth Rock, Florida
William and Pauline Schlectweg, New Jersey
Franklin Nixon, New Jersey

Norman and Dorothy Dempsey, Delaware
 William and Mildred Naudain, Delaware
 Paul and Ruth Mitchell, Delaware
 Ralph and Peg O'Day, Delaware
 Wayne and Helen Readinger, Pennsylvania
 Frank and Dorothea Sutton, West Virginia
 John and Margaret Burgess, Virginia

The Worthy Flora then introduced past Delegates who were seated in the sessions room.

Mrs. Blanche Newsom, Indiana
 John and Dorothy Scott, Pennsylvania
 Mrs. Phyllis Dolloff, Maine
 Woodrow and Marjorie Tucker, Rhode Island
 C. Jerome and Ethel Davis, Indiana
 Kermit and Margaret Richardson, Vermont
 Robert and Mary Proctor, Florida
 Luther and Fae Snyder, Pennsylvania
 Ken and Jennette Thomas, Rhode Island

The Delegates were escorted to their seats in the room.

Each lady had been presented a corsage and each gentleman a boutonniere.

The Assistant Stewards escorted Sister Blanche Newsom and Brother Henry Christ-

ensen to the Masters station. They presented Master John W. Scott with a Century Club check for \$26,189.00. Sister Newsom and Brother Christensen sponsored the Century Club as a good will jester in an effort to reduce the National Grange debt. The Worthy National Master expressed sincere thanks on behalf of the National Grange.

Brother James Shores, Chairman of the Conservation Committee reported.

Russell Stauffer assumed the Masters station.

Brother Halladay moved that the Public relations program resolution in the Grange Law and Good of the Order report be referred to the Budget Committee. Seconded and passed.

Sister Elizabeth Lowry reported for Richard Carncross, Chairman of the Citizenship and Public Affairs Committee.

15 minute recess.

Sister Lowry continued with the Citizenship and Public Affairs report.

Announcements were made.

Grange closed in regular form in the 4th Degree at 5 P.M.

FOURTH DAY

Thursday Evening
 November 15, 1979

The Women's Activities Banquet

THEME OF THE YEAR: "REACH OUT WITH COMMUNICATIONS"

The welcome was given by Ruth Hoover, Director of Women's Activities, Pennsylvania State Grange, who then introduced Jenny Grobusky, Director Women's Activities of The National Grange.

The Director of the Year was chosen from the Mid-Atlantic district and Pennsylvania was chosen for this honor.

Barbara Deval, Director of National Organization Programs, gave a yearly report on our CARE International Project in Peru. A total of \$12,701.64 was given this year.

Mary Jane Blont from Favorite Recipes Press told about our new National Grange cookbook called, "FAMILY COOKBOOK FROM COUNTRY KITCHENS".

An announcement was made by Sister Jenny Grobusky that the women of the Na-

tional Grange had won the top national Award of Honor for a national organization for their National Safety Report on Recreation Safety from the Women's Division of the National Safety Council.

Donna Wilder, Director of Retail Marketing of Fairfield Processing Corp., showed the WINNING stuffed toys. A gold bracelet was presented to Marie Thelen, Director of Women's Activities of Michigan for having the largest number of stuffed toys. (2,649)

A plaque of recognition was given to Mr. Vincent Atton, Vice President and Director of Advertising & Sales Promotions of Coats & Clark. Coats & Clark has sponsored our sewing content since 1950 but are not continuing their sponsorship for the sewing contest for 1980.

Mr. Atton proceeded to give the Grand National Awards for \$500 each for the four groups of needlework winners. He announced that Coats & Clark are sponsoring another needlework contest in 1980.

The sewing contest was co-sponsored by the following companies:

COATS & CLARK, INC.; SIMPLICITY PATTERN COMPANY; THE SINGER COMPANY; LA MODE & LE CHIC BUTTONS (B. BLUMENTHAL & COMPANY); DRITZ SEWING NOTIONS; FANTASTIC FIT PRODUCTS AND STACY FABRICS CORPORATION.

Gifts of Samsonite travel bags were given to the 14 State Directors that made their sewing goals.

There were seven states that made a 3-year gain in sewing entries. Dritz awarded gifts to these State Directors.

The Grand National Winner was: Mrs. Lynn Conrad, Kewanee, Illinois. Mrs. Dorothy Scott, National Master's wife, presented Mrs. Conrad \$1,000 from the National Grange.

Beth Keillor, Director of Public Relations from *SIMPLICITY PATTERN COMPANY* presented Class B, our youth contestant, with \$500.

THE SINGER COMPANY awarded the Grand National Winner a SINGER Electronic sewing machine #1060. Eight other SINGER sewing machines were awarded to 1st and 2nd national winners.

COATS & CLARK, INC. awarded three \$100 checks to Class A, B, & C, for using BOILTEX tapes and trims. Two merchandise awards were given to Class A & D for using Coats & Clark zippers and thread.

STACY FABRIC CORPORATION gave two \$25 U.S. Savings Bonds to Class A & D and three \$20 gifts and two \$15 gifts of merchandise were given for State Best of Show in Class A & D.

B. BLUMENTHAL & COMPANY presented the Grand National winner with a \$100 Savings Bond and three \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds went to Class A, C & D for using LaMode or Le Chic buttons.

A merchandise award was presented to our Class B, youth contestant, from *FANTASTIC FIT PRODUCTS*.

Our entertainment was a ventriloquist act and a quartet, "Harbor Light" both from Pennsylvania.

The beautiful cornicopias, made by the

Women's Activities Committee of Pennsylvania decorated the tables and were given as door prizes.

There were 1,150 people in attendance at the Banquet.

NATIONAL GRANGE SEWING CONTEST WINNERS

Class A

1st—Mrs. Reba Jones, Dunn, NC

2nd—Mrs. Virginia L. Sturgis, Coeur d'Alene, ID

3rd—Ms. Alta Myers, West Union, WV

Honorable Mention

Jane Weems, Greenville, TN

Caroline Stewart, Palo Cedro, CA

Kathy Shisler, N. Lawrence, OH

Class B

1st—Cheryl Sebranek, Garber, OK

2nd—Susan Lucier, Townshend, VT

3rd—Julianne Smith, Mansfield, WA

Honorable Mention

Paige Doherty, Bokeelia, FL

Faytric Hayes, Ivanhoe, NC

Lorraine Kovash, Vorvallis, OR

Class C

1st—Mrs. Lynn Conrad, Kewanee, IL

2nd—Sharon Cox, West Alexandria, PA

3rd—Lynn Bell, Corbett, OR

Honorable Mention

Mrs. Jane Hoffman, Hampton, CT

Mrs. Ruth Keller, San Antonio, TX

Kathryn L. Kramer, Woodbridge, VA

Jane Eubanks, Wilton, ME

Class D

1st—Nancy Nichols, Shelburne, MA

2nd—Mrs. Miriam Adamson, Nampa, ID

3rd—Mrs. Dale A. Fiel, Pennington, NJ

Honorable Mention

Mrs. Rita Clarkson, Macon, MO

Mrs. Mary C. Key, Lodge, SC

Class E

1st—Florence Stubblefield, Imnaha, OR

2nd—Mrs. Robert Lyford, Caledonia, IL

3rd—Laurienne Bureau, Jacksonville, FL

Honorable Mention

Rochelle R. Sutherland, Springfield, OH

Roselyn Teelin, Holland Patent, NY

3rd—Geraldine Devens, Ft. Myers Beach, FL

Class F

1st—Beth Longstreet, Wrightstown, NJ
2nd—Kathy Raaf, Gridley, KS

Honorable Mention

Tracy Soletti, Yreka, CA
Susan L. Kruse, Mechanicsville, IA

FIFTH DAY

Friday Morning
November 16, 1979

The fifth day Session of the 113th Annual Session of the National Grange opened in the 4th degree with the Youth officers filling the stations.

The Youth Team had marched in, forming a cross at the altar, and then to their respective stations. The Session was opened at 8:45 A.M. with Sister Janet Ruckerts of Pennsylvania in the Masters station. Brother Steel, Director of Youth Activities, was recognized, welcomed all, congratulated the team on its marching in drill and present Youth Master Ruckerts with a gavel. The roll call of officers found all youth officers present.

The Youth Officers

Master—Janet Ruckert, PA
Overseer—Ann Marie Desandre, NJ
Lecturer—Carolyn Bobola, DE
Steward—Rodger Troxell, MD
Asst Steward—Doug Dye, OH
L.A.S.—Kathy Ruff, CT
Chaplain—Michael Warner, NY
Treasurer—Paula Coleman, VA
Secretary—Kim Boudreau, MA
Gatekeeper—Glenn Yardley, NH
Ceres—Tina James, VT
Pomona—Lisa Anne Vanasse, RI
Flora—Beth Abels, WV
Ex Com.—Blaine Barter, ME
Sharon Ruder, MI
Joey Thomas, NC
Pianist—Michael Lenox, PA

The roll call of National officers found Brother Ed Andersen, pro-tem in the Masters station and Brother Russell Staufer, pro-tem in the Overseers station. Roll call of states found all represented.

Brother William and Sister Mary Lee Steel were recognized. Brother Steel was pleased to announce that Youth Master, Janet Ruc-

kerts was a member of his home Grange in western Pennsylvania. Brother Steel presented a properly engraved plaque to the outgoing 1979 Princess Sarah Jeffers, outgoing Prince Michael Martin and outgoing Young Couple, Ken and Cathy Reeves for their outstanding services throughout 1979. Each one thanked all those who helped them along their way.

Brother William Steel recognized the members of the Youth Team. Brother Steel then recognized Sister Peggy Sentz and presented her with a properly inscribed plaque for the services she and Len had afforded to the Youth Committee. Sister Peggy made some appropriate remarks. Donna Ganders was also presented a properly inscribed plaque, she thanked all with appropriate remarks and signed the song "We May Never Pass This Way Again". Sister Sentz presented to Brother and Sister Steel a beautiful oil lamp from the Youth team.

The oil lamp was lit and a group of youth filed past, each lighting a candle from the lamp, they formed a circle around the altar and Donna Ganders signed "YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE" as a tribute to the Steels.

Brother Steel recognized Brother Ed Hadlock, Past Youth Director and his family. Brother Steel then introduced Dr. Walter Jacoby and presented him with a plaque for his services to the National Safety Council.

Brother Steel returned the podium to Sister Dorothy Scott who congratulated the youth program and all who had participated in it. The Worthy Master introduced Brother Doug Bonsall, Youth Director for the State of Pennsylvania. Brother Bonsall gave a recipe for a National Grange Youth Director. He presented Brother and Sister Steel with an envelope. Sister Mary Lee responded.

Brother Steel reported for the Youth Department. His Report was accepted for the Journal.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Dear Patrons,

It has become a tradition that we recognize the efforts and accomplishments of our host state in the opening paragraphs of this report. To cite all the youth and young married accomplishments of the Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Department would take several pages of the Journal of Proceedings; therefore, I shall mention but a few.

First, is their "secret to success"—a well organized Director and enthusiastic committee members. Pennsylvania is divided into eight regions. Each region has a representative on the Youth and Young Marrieds Committees. Both Committees function in harmony under Youth Director Doug Bonsall. Each regional representative is responsible for contests, conferences and workshops in his region; thus the activity carries into every area of the state.

Every year our National Grange Representatives to State Youth Camp and Young Marrieds Conference report in glowing terms of the successful programs at these events.

When GISYE and YRA applications are due, we receive them. They lead the nation in number of exchanges and national winners of Youth Representative Award winners.

When it comes to giving, they're ahead also. Pennsylvania ranks number one in contributions to the Youth Leadership Fund in nearly every year since its beginning in 1951.

And this isn't all. Their program includes a strong ritual contest, athletic competitions, and state session activities.

We say, CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to the Pennsylvania State Grange and to its members for outstanding support of the youth and young marrieds of the Grange.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

In spite of a reduced budget, cancelled conferences, gasoline shortages, and loss of a Secretary, the Youth Department has continued to "reach out" in 1979.

Because of another good year for the Youth Leadership Fund, the Youth Team has travelled to eighteen states to assist with youth or young couples camps and conferences. They report excellent results. Host states report excellent leadership on the part

of Youth Team members. To those who haven't taken advantage of this resource, we issue the opportunity for an invitation.

We're sorry that several trips were cancelled at the last minute because of the gasoline crunch in June and July. Several State Camps suffered for this same reason.

Regional conferences, with the theme, "Grange Encounters", were conducted in Massachusetts, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina. We report excellent participation and enthusiasm. Our hope is to once again conduct such conferences in the West and Great Plains areas.

In early summer our Secretary, Cathy Frances, left the Washington area to join her husband who was transferred to Norfolk, VA. In late September we welcomed Miss Kathryn Goins to the staff, just in time for the National Session rush.

We continued to up-date materials available to Youth Leaders, and find requests for program helps a usual part of our mail. This activity has grown into the "Idea Fair" to be conducted on Friday and Saturday here at the session in the Exhibit area.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE AWARD

Following is a listing of the award winners for the year, along with their assignments.

MALE 14-17 (5 entries)

Edward E. Rhodes, III, New Hampshire—
Midwestern Youth Conference
Scott Leuthy, Colorado—Southeastern
Youth Conference

MALE 18-22 (6 entries)

Eugene C. Edelen, Iowa—AIC Summer Institute
Raymond L. Rock, Florida—Washington Conference
James L. Snyder, Jr., Pennsylvania—
Washington Conference

MALE 23-30 (3 entries)

Keith D. Ashley, West Virginia—
Washington Conference
James L. Kane, New York—Washington
Conference

FEMALE 14-17 (8 entries)

Sharlyn Arnold, Colorado—California Youth
Camp

AnnMarie DeSandre, New Jersey—NJHA Convention
 Becky Tingen, North Carolina—New England Youth Conference

FEMALE 18-22 (6 entries)

Judy Paull, Pennsylvania—Washington Conference
 Terry Millard, Connecticut—Washington Conference
 Patricia Denko, Vermont—Washington Conference
 Robin Nichols, New Jersey—National Safety Congress

FEMALE 23-30 (3 entries)

Janet E. Ruckert, Pennsylvania—Washington Conference
 Mary F. Swisher, West Virginia—Washington Conference

All assignments were fulfilled, with the exception of the Swishers who were substituted for by Jack and Barbara Green, and all expense accounts have been paid.

GRANGE INTER-STATE YOUTH EXCHANGE

The following girls were paired in the 1979 GISYE program:

Cheryl Dowd, Vermont, with Terri Trump, Ohio
 Connie Mason, Vermont, with Rita Sanor, Ohio
 Holly Jo Waxler, Texas, with Renee Berkeley, Kansas
 Brenda Neilly, Ohio, with Ann Thomas, Virginia
 Judy Paull, Pennsylvania, with Donna Wakefield, Vermont
 Rhonda Routier, Iowa, with Wendy Holbaugh, Pennsylvania

The boys applied but due to a wide age difference and the inability to locate suitable exchanges, they were not matched, but intend to apply in 1980. One is already "tentatively" matched.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

In 1979 we offered two topics for speakers:
 1. WHAT I TELL MY FRIENDS ABOUT GRANGE

2. MY PREDICTIONS FOR THE EIGHTIES

Following is the listing of first place winners at regional competition:

14-18

Judy Paull, Pennsylvania
 Harold Stedman, Rhode Island
 Teddy Rhodes, Iowa

19-35

Kay Burkett, Pennsylvania
 Kristine Whitford, Rhode Island
 Stewart James, Florida
 Mary Quist, Illinois

As we go into the eighties, we will be addressing the role that Grange influence may have upon a legacy for future generations in the public speaking contest.

BANNER CONTEST

This is the final year for the banner contest as a part of the Youth Department program. It will be carried by the Lecturer beginning in 1980.

The making and use of banners grew from a couple workshops at regional conferences. We're delighted with the results of the program and look forward to seeing many more banners in years to come.

SING-A-SONG CONTEST

This is our "new addition" for 1979. Growing from the increased interest in signed singing by the youth in particular, the contest is to recognize excellence, and to encourage further development of the "art".

The contest has two categories, one for the individual or couple who wish to interpret a song, and one for groups (3-10 persons).

States are encouraged to conduct the contest on the state level, bringing one winner in each category to regional competition.

Not only does the program encourage the learning of sign language it puts the Grange out into the world of deafness and deaf service agencies when judges are needed for the competition.

It seems another of our "problems"—the tendency to shrink from asking people to help us with our programs, or talking with them to see if we might help with theirs.

First place winners in regional competition this year were Sheryl Stark, Pennsylvania,

Phillip Sisson, Rhode Island, and the Purcell Sisters, Illinois.

Our congratulations and wish for continued attempts go to Katie Kane, New York, Terri Millard, Connecticut, and the Wisconsin Youth Group. You too did an excellent job of interpreting.

The contest will continue in 1980.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

An "ENCOUNTER WITH GRANGE", began with, "I encounter me.", then, "I encounter you.", and then, "We encounter others."

Several workshops outlined the manner in which we as Grangers present ourselves, our programs, and our ideas to others.

Another brought us up to date on the deaf program, demonstrated the use of a TTY, and laid the basis for a 1980 Lecturer's program in the Grange Issues Forum.

We encountered State Masters and visiting YRA winners, and shared ideas on program material gathering.

Our thanks to all who helped to make the conferences a success. Special recognition goes to Massachusetts, South Carolina, Illinois, and Pennsylvania for hosting the events.

As we mentioned before in this report, we hope to again conduct regional conferences in the other areas of the nation next year.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

A highlight of the summer had to be the second Washington Conference. Fourteen young Grangers participated in the in-depth meetings at the National 4-H Center in Washington, DC.

Ten participants were YRA winners, two were substitutes for a couple who could not attend because of work schedules, and the 1979 Prince and Princess Runner-ups.

We had advertized and sought participation from State Granges and individuals at a cost of \$150 per person. We were disappointed that none applied.

Our program is excellent. Programs like it have three hundred dollar price tags, and full registrations.

Let's see if we can't do better next year.

YOUTH TEAM

It has been a delight to watch our 1979 Youth Team "reach out" during the year.

Several times they had to reach within to bring on a program or workshop at the last minute, and every time, they performed with excellence.

We watched as Princess Sarah Jeffers conducted impressive signatures, and Prince Mike Martin developed a meaningful leadership workshop.

Our Young Couple, Ken and Kathy Reeves, tackled the Committee set-up, and worked up an educational workshop to demonstrate how committees can be made more effective.

Mary Gilbank continues her impressive sign language interpretations; Len and Peg Sentz continue to be valuable back-ups and GROW CLUB leaders.

We all wish we could have watched as Donna Boisen became Mrs. Larry Ganders, but just couldn't find a Grange conference of or camp-out in the area to make the trips "expense paid."

Our new guys, Dick and Wanda Gallimore and Andy Clary, have their chances to reach out at this session as their duties begin in earnest.

My wife, Mary-Lee, and I have greatly appreciated the opportunity we have had to learn to know these great young Grangers, and wish them all the very best.

CONCLUSION

Our theme for the year was "REACH OUT". Some of us have trouble doing just that. We hesitate, and many times, lose a golden opportunity.

Someone long ago said, "He who hesitates is lost." We hope that because of the programs and activities of the past year, more Grangers will overcome the hesitation complex, and will reach out to their friends and neighbors.

It is impossible to say thank you to all the wonderful people who have helped to make 1979 a great year for the Youth Department. Please know that it is appreciated, and that we pray for your continued support in the days and years to come.

Faternally submitted,
William A. Steel, *Youth Director*

The Youth Officers marched out. Brother Edward Andersen assumed the Masters station. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved. Several state delegations were recognized.

JUNIORS

The Junior Grange officers of Mercer County drilled to their stations for the opening of the Junior Grange. A team from Virginville Junior Grange #435 was seated for conferring of the Junior Degree. Both teams had won the respective contests conducted by the Pennsylvania State Grange Junior Department.

The Junior Grange was opened in the Junior Degree. There was a roll call of officers. The Assistant Steward announced Sister Dorothy Scott was in waiting and Sister Scott was escorted to the Masters station. The Steward announced that Sister Patty Carncross, National Grange Junior Director and Sister Westover, Pennsylvania Junior

Grange Director were in waiting and were escorted to the Masters station.

Virginville Junior Grange #435 conferred the Junior Degree on six candidates.

The Worthy Master recognized Sister Dorothy Scott who congratulated the Juniors for a fine job, and she reminded the Honorary members they had just given a pledge to actively support the Junior Grange.

Sister Westover, Pennsylvania Junior Director was recognized and she said that Virginville Junior Grange had been chosen to be here through a state wide ritual contest. The Master recognized Sister Patty Carncross, Director of Junior Grange Activities. Sister Carncross reported for her department, and it was accepted for the Journal.

REPORT OF JUNIOR GRANGE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates, Juniors and Patrons,

It is a pleasure to report the activities of Junior Granges from across the nation, and also to be meeting in the state of Pennsylvania which has long been a strong supporter of the Junior Grange program.

The response to the new programs has been very gratifying, and I am looking forward to greater participation over the next few years. More and more Subordinate Granges are realizing the value of having a Junior Grange and the work that they do is beneficial for both the youngsters and the adults.

Of particular interest has been the initial acceptance of two new programs, the Creative Writing Contest and the Publicity Contest. If you have an opportunity, be sure to read a few of the Creative Writing entries on display in the exhibit area. This program has demonstrated that there is much imagination and writing talent among our Junior members with many fine stories and poems as the result. The theme for the 1980 program is "The Future". The Publicity Contest sponsored by the National Grange Information and Public Relations Department, was also successful as a first year project. It has stimulated the Junior Granges to explore the ways of using the media in all its forms to "tell the Junior Grange story".

The Junior Achievement Award program saw increased activity this year, which is very encouraging, as it is the report which documents the various activities of the Junior

Grange throughout the year. In a few minutes the first place achievement award winner will be named JUNIOR GRANGE OF THE NATION, the highest honor awarded a Junior Grange. It is certainly a mark of distinction to receive this honor, and I would encourage you all to promote this program in your STATE.

The Craft projects and Merit Badge programs have proven to be quite popular with Junior members, and will be continued. The Fabric Scrap Art Craft Contest, sponsored by the National Grange, will again be included in the program this year, while Farmers & Traders Life Insurance Company who sponsored the Creative Container Contest, will sponsor the new craft contest, called Holiday Happiness, which will involve the creation of Christmas tree ornaments. I would like to take this opportunity to thank F & T Life for its long time support of the Junior Grange program, and look forward to working with them on this new project.

I am very excited about two new projects which are in the 1980 program. One new program is called Small World-International; this is a cooperative adventure with educational and health program aspects. Small World-International will feature information about the Grange/CARE country PERU and the Grange irrigation project there. Junior Granges will be urged to have a fun geography-custom Lecturers program and also make a CARE contribution. Our committee feels this program will be educational, fun and serve the Grange.

The other new project is one which you have heard about through the Deaf Activities Committee, namely the Hearing Ear Dog program. This project will involve raising funds needed to train and place a dog to assist a deaf person in his/her daily life. You will have the opportunity to see a hearing ear dog in action at this session. Mr. Roy G. Kabat president, of Applegate Behavior Station of Oregon will put on demonstrations at both the Junior Luncheon this noon and at the Talent Contest tonight. Once you have seen the value of this program, I am sure that your Junior and Subordinate Granges will want to promote this worthwhile program.

I would like to thank my advisory committee, Harriet Guthrie, Doris DuLac, and Lucile Cross for their help and support this past year. My warmest thanks also go to Sandy Westover, DJGA Pennsylvania State Grange, her committee and deputies for all their efforts at this session. Without your help the Junior portion of this session would not have been possible.

I would also like to thank Worthy Master Scott and Sister Dorothy for all the help and support they have given the Junior program. Because of their interest in the Junior Grange, the program has received the support that it truly deserves. We all truly appreciate your efforts to build the Junior Grange.

Let us assure a future for the Grange by building the Junior Grange, for if we do, we certainly will be "Shaping Tomorrow's Legacy Today".

Fraternally Submitted,
Patricia M. Carncross, *DJGA*

JUNIOR GRANGE CONTEST RESULTS

Fabric Scrap Art 5-9

- 1st—Kirk Squire—Riverdale #195, CA
2nd—Eric & Connie McLaughlin—Corriher #20, NC
3rd—Dana Phillips—Macadonia #28, SC
Honorable Mention—Juliann Brauer—Thurmont #35, MD
Honorable Mention—Kim Ford—Toledo #303, OR

Fabric Scrap Art 10-14

- 1st—Heide Houghton—Chesterfield, MA
2nd—Melannie Brunell—Locust Grove #118, ID

- 3rd—Brian Welsh—Kent County #322, MI
Honorable Mention—John Squire—Riverdale #195, CA
Honorable Mention—Denise Smith—Corriher #20, NC
Honorable Mention—Shirley Kirk—Beacon Valley #5, CT

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Creative Container 5-9

- 1st—Rebecca Kelly—Lebanon #7, OH
2nd—Megan Lundeck—Gresham #288
3rd—Kirsten Gattis—Broadway #647, WA
Honorable Mention—Jacob Herbert—Winchendon #121, MA
Honorable Mention—Edward Ergenzinger—Capital #11, DE

Creative Container 10-14

- 1st—William Mitchell—Henlopen #18, DE
2nd—John Squire—Riverdale #195, CA
3rd—Kara Hurlburt—Winchester #32, CT
Honorable Mention—Grace Brown—Shermanata #482, PA
Honorable Mention—Alice Breunell—Pleasant Valley, #457,

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Creative Writing Contest

- 5-6—Chris Hoffman—Penn Line #328, PA (Superman and the Dinosaur)
7-8—Jennifer Leone—Banner #142, NH (Monster Hong Kong)
9-10—Bryna Schur—Kennewick Valley #96, WA (The Cat Without a Tail)
11-12—Jimmy Probst—Floraville Community #71, IL (The Quinchel)
13-14—Gloria Fogh—Pleasant Hill #529, PA (Mars Vacation)

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1979 National Grange Community Service Winners

- 1st—Great Falls Jr. Grange #9, VA
2nd—Stanford Jr. Grange #414, NY
3rd—Thurmont Jr. Grange #35, MD
Honorable Mention—Powder Ridge Jr. Grange #8, WY
Honorable Mention—Floraville Community Jr. Grange #71, IL

Publicity Contest

1st—Rose #654, NY
 2nd—Mt. Allison #58, CO
 3rd—Floraville Community #71, IL
 Honorable Mention—Thurmont #35, MD
 Honorable Mention—Elmer #67, NJ

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2nd—Virginville #436, PA
 3rd—Elmer #67, NJ
 Honorable Mention—Capital #11, DE
 East Hill #236, WA
 Progressive Pomona
 #6, CO

JUNIOR GRANGE OF THE NATION

Thurmont Junior Grange #35, Maryland

JUNIOR GRANGE LEADERS OF THE NATION

Alan and Ethel Brauer

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Directors Award

over 20 Granges—Helen Raynor, NY
 under 20 Granges—Mary Beth Heberer, IL

The Assistant Stewards escorted 14 Junior Directors into the Ballroom and they were introduced. The Stewards then escorted Junior Prince and Princess's into the hall, they were introduced and presented a gift. Awards were presented. Sister Doris Du Lac and daughter Ashley were presented the Community Service Junior Grange Award for the nation. They received a trophy and a check.

Brother Alan and Sister Ethel Brauer of Maryland were presented to the Masters station and were awarded the plaque for the outstanding Junior Grange of the nation.

Sister Helen Raynor of New York was recognized as the outstanding Director of States with over 20 Junior Granges.

Sister Mary Beth Heberer of Illinois was recognized as the outstanding Director of States with under 20 Junior Granges.

The Junior Grange closed at 11:25 A.M.

Brother Delwin Cross reported for the Budget Committee.

Announcements were made and the Grange closed in regular form at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
 Robert G. Proctor, *Secretary*

FIFTH DAY

Friday Afternoon
 November 16, 1979

RURAL AMERICAN LUNCHEON

The National Grange delegates, officers and guests assembled in the Cabaret room of the Host Farm Inn at Lancaster, Pennsylvania at 12:30 P.M. for the Rural American Luncheon. The Agricultural Sessions Committee served as hosts and occupied the head table with other dignitaries.

Committee Chairman, Russell Stauffer, acted as the Master of Ceremonies. Chaplain, Morris Halladay offered the invocation.

After the luncheon, Chairman Stauffer, welcomed all and made the official introductions.

Brother Stauffer introduced James H. Wil-

liams, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture of the U.S.D.A.

Deputy Williams address outlined the optimistic outlook for agricultural trade in the future and the pessimistic realities of energy, inflation and controls. He told of the tremendous increases in foreign trade in recent years and of the great prospects of farm and forest materials used in the production of energy. Mr. Williams quoted figures of the increases of agricultural production in all of the grain crops. How this production is tied to the balancing of the national budget as well as its effect of the farmers income. Production in Post Harvest Technology is growing at about half the rate of agricultural production and

thus hinders farm income. Mr. Williams said "but the greatest need of all is for our country to achieve energy self sufficiency so we can continue to help feed a hungry world."

JUNIOR GRANGE LUNCHEON

There were 400 enthusiastic Junior Grange members, supporters, leaders and guests assembled at the Diamond Horseshoe Room at the Host Corral at 12:30 P.M. for the Junior Grange luncheon.

After the invocation, soloist Beth Taylor of

Pennsylvania shared her talents with the group.

Following a delicious lunch the head table and other dignitaries were introduced. The group enjoyed the talents of Henry Horman III on the banjo. The State Directors and the State Junior Prince and Princess were recognized. Awards were made. The young and old alike were entertained by the "Magic" of Rev. Thomas B. Musser.

Roy G. Kabat, President of the Applegate Behavior Station of Oregon demonstrated the training and the need and use of "Dogs for the Deaf".

FAMILY MUSICAL CONTEST FINALS

The Ballroom of the Host Farm Inn was full at 3 P.M. of Grange members who enjoyed and were entertained by the Family Musical Contest. The contestants were from all across the country and each displayed the talent of a winner.

The National winners were—

Vocal

- 1st—FLORIDA—The Beightol Sisters of Manatee Grange #179 Danette, Dandra, Terri, and Bobbi Beightol
- 2nd—MASSACHUSETTS—Cook 'n Family of Westfield Grange #20 Earl Cook, Gertrude Cook, Donna Herman, Allan Herman, Kara Herman, and Tracey Herman
- 3rd—DELAWARE—The Wilson Family of Midland Grange #27 Lisa, Sandy, Kevin and Robert Wilson
- 4th—WASHINGTON—The Payne Family of Odessa Grange #931 Jerry, Beverly, Jason, and Joshua Payne

Also performing in the Vocal Category were:

- OHIO—The Larrick Family of Indian Camp Grange #1424
- NEW YORK—The Kane Family of Addison Grange #854

VERMONT—The Thompson Trio of Navy Grange #495

OREGON—Bryant Sisters and Mike of Myrtle Creek Grange #442

MARYLAND—The Hoopengardners of Hancock Grange #402

PENNSYLVANIA—The Wetzel-Adam Family of Virginville Grange #1832

(Acts listed in order of performance in this general listing.)

Instrumental

1st—PENNSYLVANIA—The Mattocks Family of Troy Grange #182

Dale, Janet, Annette, Mark and Lyle Mattocks

2nd—OHIO—The Ward Family of Huntington Grange #731

Kenneth, Martha, and Kendra Ward

3rd—ILLINOIS—The Avara Family of Floraville Community #1918

Melvin, Irene, and Rick Avara

No other entries in this category.

FAMILY MUSICAL ENTRIES

Vocal 10 entries

Instrumental 3 entries

FIFTH DAY

Friday Evening
November 16, 1979

TALENT CONTEST FINALS

The Ballroom of the Host Farm Inn was again filled to overflowing with Grange members to witness the talent contest. At 7:30 P.M. the contestants commenced with an outstanding program of talent from across the country.

The National winners were—

Vocal

- 1st—PENNSYLVANIA—The Schnecks-ville Grange Singers from Schnecks-ville Grange #1684
Althea Grim, Barbara Schantz, Audrey Marsteller, and Pam Knappenberger with Joyce and John Schankweiler serving as accompanists.
- 2nd—FLORIDA—Daddy's Girls of Man-atee Grange #179
Sandra and Terri Beightol.
- 3rd—VERMONT—Country Melodies
Sandrya Matteson and Gayle Paustain, Battenkill Grange #487
- 4th—OHIO—Mark F. Deerwester of Shaw-town Grange #2404, accompanied by Clara Speaight.

Instrumental

- 1st—WASHINGTON—Carol Muma of Rhododendron Grange #1137.

- 2nd—NEW HAMPSHIRE—Harold Harper of Cheshire Grange #131.
- 3rd—NEW YORK—Mrs. Albert (Diane) Underwood of Warsaw Grange #1088
- 4th—NEW JERSEY—Mrs. Laurie Wool-berth Goforth of Fenwick Grange #20

Variety Acts

- 1st—NORTH CAROLINA—Sourwood Mountain Cloggers of Wilton Grange #718
Glenn Preddy, Wanda Ann Pearce, Wanda Gail Toler, Carolyn Kearney, Tammy Mas-son, Fran Waters, Lynn Strother, Tony Kearney, Jerry Pearch, Brad Coley, Jef-frey Preddy, and Tommy Preddy.
- 2nd—COLORADO—Barry Roberts of Genesee Grange #219 who gave a dramatic reading. Mrs. Jeanette Roberts, accom-panist.
- 3rd—TENNESSEE—Wade Cadle of Volun-teeer Grange #1250 who 'signed' a song.
- 4th—VIRGINIA—Theresa Thomas and Patricia Mitchell of Great Falls Grange #738 who performed a ballet dance routine.

TALENT CONTEST ENTREES

- 1st—WASHINGTON—Carol Muma of Rhododendron Grange #1137.
- Vocal 10 entries Variety Acts 6 entries
Instrumental 7 entries

SIXTH DAY

Saturday Morning
November 17, 1979

SIXTH DEGREE

The Sixth Degree, the Degree of Flora of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, was conferred at 10:00 a.m. in the ballroom of the

Host Farm Inn, by the Officers and members of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

SEVENTH DEGREE

The Seventh Degree, the Degree of Ceres of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, was conferred four times upon a total of 3,920 candidates in the Cabaret of the Host Farm Inn.

The following cast under the able direction of the High Priest of Demeter, C. Jerome Davis presented the Degree.

THE CAST FOR THE DEGREE OF CERES

High Priest	Priestess Flora
C. Jerome Davis (Indiana)	Betty K. Hall (West Virginia)
Priest Archon	Trumpet Girls
Lloyd M. Massey (North Carolina)	Janice Raney
Priest Annalist	Patty Raney
J. Luther Snyder (Pennsylvania)	Julia McKinney
Priest Treasurer	Susan Zeh
John U. Maple (New Jersey)	LeAnn Fetherolf
Priest Interpreter	Diane Martin
Rexford R. Smith (Massachusetts)	Janet McCullough
Priest Archivist	Donna Zeh
Kenneth P. Thomas (Rhode Island)	Nancy Beatty
Priest Hierophant	Leslie Blatt
Morris J. Halladay (New York)	
Priest Orator	Marching Candidates
J. Alfred Lawson (Rhode Island)	Clarence and Lena McCardle
Priest First Mystagogue	Robert and Kathleen Shappell, Jr.
Arthur J. DuLac (Virginia)	Anna May Snyder and James Kocher
Priest Second Mystagogue	
James Ross (Ohio)	
Priest Conductor	Prompter Donald Peck
Robert G. Proctor (Virginia)	(Connecticut)
Priest Messenger	Slide Illustration
Edgar L. Hall (West Virginia)	(Sacred Oracle) ... Woodrow W. Tucker
Priest Herald	(Rhode Island)
Russell Stauffer (Illinois)	Soloist James Schlegel
Priest Guardian	(Pennsylvania)
D. Vincent Andrews (Florida)	Organist Arlene Oswald
Priest Announcer	(Pennsylvania)
Michael J. LaForest (Tennessee)	Pianist Margaret Vernam
Priestess Ceres	(Pennsylvania)
Patty Wedding (Missouri)	Directors, Wardrobe
Priestess Pomona	& Make-Up Verno and Ruth
Jeanette Thomas (Rhode Island)	Esther Shorthill (Kansas)

SIXTH DAY

Saturday Evening
November 17, 1979

CORONATION PAGEANT

A large group of Grange Patrons gathered in the Cabaret of the Host Farm Inn at 8:00 P.M. for the Youth Coronation Pageant.

The National Youth Director, Brother William Steel officiated. After an appropriate welcome members of the National Youth team were introduced and each entertained, emphasizing some portion of the activities of the youth prob program.

The following Royalty were selected, introduced and properly honored.

1980 NATIONAL PRINCE—Lincoln J. Merrill, Jr.
Cumberland Center, Maine

A 22 year old graduate of the University of Southern Maine with a B.S. in Business Administration, he is employed as an insurance agent. Linc is Overseer of Wescustogo Grange and Assistant Steward of Cumberland Pomona.

RUNNER-UP—Jay Dean Pfeiffer, Kendall County, Texas

1980 PRINCESS—Kristi Ann Wilson
Shoshoni, Wyoming

Kristi is a 21 year old Junior in Accounting at the University of Wyoming. She is active in collegiate athletics and community charities. Kristi served as Lady Assistant Steward of Pavillion Grange before starting college.

RUNNER-UP—Patti Davies, Deer Trail, Colorado

1980 YOUNG COUPLE—Arden and Pat Finch
Ashland, Ohio

Arden is a 4th term Master of Olivesburg Grange, and Master of Richland Pomona. Pat is a Junior Leader. Arden is an assistant manager for Landmark, Inc. They are the parents of two children.

RUNNER-UP—Keith and Suzanne Treichler, Kutztown, Pennsylvania

SEVENTH DAY

Sunday Morning
November 18, 1979

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Worthy Chaplin Brother Morris J. Halladay conducted an impressive and inspirational memorial service at 10:30 A.M. in the ballroom of the Host Farm Inn. The Service was in honor of all those Patrons of Husbandry who had passed away during the year.

—Preparation	Morris J. Halladay, Chaplain, National Grange.
—Music: Quartet	"Jesus the very thought of thee".
—Hope	Morris J. Halladay, Chaplain, National Grange.
—Music: Quartet	"Just for today"
—Scripture	Morris J. Halliday, Chaplain, National Grange
—Tributes	

—Past Delegates: State Masters
—Seventh Degree Members: Ceres
—Sixth Degree Members: Flora
—Fifth Degree Members: Pomona
—Subordinate and Junior Members: Chaplain

IN MEMORY OF

JOHN T. JOHNSON Edger & Betty Hall
Past Master, West Virginia State Grange

ASSEMBLY OF DEMETER

Recess for lunch

SEVENTH DAY

Sunday afternoon
November 18, 1979

The installation of National Grange officers was held at 2:00 P.M. in the ballroom of the Host Farm Inn.

Installation of Officers by C. Jerome Davis,
High Priest of Demeter
Installing Master—Richard Carncross—
Mich.
Installing Marshall—Ethel Davis—Ind.
Installing Chaplain—Wendell Shireman—
Ind.
Emblem Bearer—Constance West—Mass.
Regalia Bearer—Dorothy Shireman—Ind.
Installing Pianist—Mrs. Ella Laing—Penn.
Installing Soloist—Mary Proctor—Va.

Officers—1980-81

Master—Edward Andersen—Neb.
Overseer—Russell Stauffer—Ill.
Lecturer—Kermit Richardson—Vt.
Steward—W. C. Harris—Ore.
Asst. Steward—Ross G. Carter—Texas
L. Asst. Steward—Betty Wallace—Wis.
Chaplain—Morris Halladay—NY
Treasurer—Vernon West—Mass.
Secretary—B. Franklin Hayes—NH
Gatekeeper—Vincent Andrews—Florida
Ceres—Patty Wedding—Mo.
Pomona—Dorothy Shores—Maine
Flora—Betty Hall—W. Va.
Ex. comm.—Daryl Lowry—Vt.

Brother Davis made pleasing remarks concerning the Installation Suite and thanked the suite for a fine and impressive job.

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Worthy Master Anderson introduced his daughter and son-in-law Peg and Ken Meriweather, and also his son Bob and several committee members of the Nebraska Grange who came to witness the installation.

He read telegrams from kids telling him it was about time he got a steady job, and condolences from Wyoming. He then talked of the condition of the Grange and of the direction that we should be taking.

He thanked Brother and Sister Scott for all of the help and courtesies given him and Darlene for the past 8 years as a National officer. Sister Anderson spoke of two daughters who were unable to be here. She said she and the Worthy Master were very determined to carry out the duties of offices.

Brother Anderson gave recognition to outgoing officers.

Brother Silvers spoke of the job well done by outgoing officers and paid a special tribute to Woody Tucker retiring Chairman of Executive Comm. and Sister Tucker.

Worthy Overseer Stauffer spoke of his years as a Delegate to the National Grange and thanked members for giving him the opportunity to serve from Illinois, and recognized several members from Illinois. He introduced a very special person and future Delegate to National Grange Sister Evelyn Kirkman, and she spoke briefly.

Worthy Lecturer Richardson spoke and gave support from Lecturers to Worthy Master. He introduced Brother and Sister Bufington, Pennsylvania State Grange Lecturer. He gave special thanks to Brother Proctor, outgoing Secretary.

The following National Officers spoke briefly: Worthy Steward Harris, Worthy Assistant Steward Carter, Worthy Lady Assistant Steward Wallace, Worthy Chaplain Halladay, Worthy Treasurer West, Worthy Secretary Hayes, Worthy Gatekeeper Andrews, Worthy Flora Hall, Worthy Ceres Wedding, Worthy Pomona Shores, and Brother Lowry-Executive Committee.

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High Priest gave remarks and noted that the Convocation which had been postponed would be at 7 P.M.

He introduced Priest Archon Massey for brief remarks and inspiration. Priest Annalist Snyder spoke briefly, Worthy High Priest spoke of principles of the foundation of the Grange and of the ritualism of our Order, and how we must get back to the basics of our ritual. Grange recessed at 4:45.

SEVENTH DAY

**Sunday Evening
November 18, 1979**

The convocation of the Assembly of Demeter was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by the High Priest C. Jerome Davis, and closed at 8:20 P.M.

EIGHTH DAY

**Monday Morning
November 19, 1979**

The eighth day of the 113th Annual Session of the National Grange opened in regular form at 8:35 A.M. by the Worthy Master Edward Andersen. Roll call of officers found all present. Roll call of States found all represented.

The minutes of the 5th day Session were read and approved. The secretary also read the activities of Sunday Nov. 18th which included the Memorial service by the Worthy Chaplain, and the Installation of Officers by the Worthy High Priest of Demeter. The Convocation of Demeter was held Sunday evening.

Brother Delwin Cross, Chairman of the

Audit and Budget Committee presented a partial report of that committee. There was a 15 minute recess at 10:50 and after reconvening, Brother Richard Carncross, chairman of the Citizenship and Public Affairs Committee presented the report of that committee and the complete report was adopted and will be printed in the Journal.

Sister Catherine Hoffman chairperson of the Grange Activities Committee presented the report for her Committee.

The Grange recessed for Lunch at 12:05 P.M. and the Delegates were hosted for lunch by the National General Insurance Co. of St. Louis, Mo.

EIGHTH DAY

**Monday Afternoon
November 19, 1979**

The Grange reconvened at 1:45 P.M. and Brother Ross of Ohio reported on the progress of his state in the National General Insurance Co. program.

Worthy Master Anderson then asked the Trial Committee chairman Brother Ross Carter if the committee report was ready, and

Brother Carter approached the Secretary's station and delivered the report of that committee and all the evidence reported at the trial.

The Worthy Secretary read the Trial Committee report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRIALS

November 19, 1979

To The National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry:

The undersigned, a majority of the Com-

mittee on Trial in the case of charges preferred by Sister Mary Ellen Saultz against Brother James Ross would respectfully re-

port that they have heard the case, and find specifications numbered one (1) and two (2) not sustained, and that the defendant is not guilty of conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Order, as charged. We recommend that the Grange concur in our findings. The minutes of the Committee's work, a copy of the evidence taken, and all papers relating to the trial are hereby placed in the hands of the Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,
Jean M. LaForest

Signed by the Committee on Trial:

R. G. Carter—Chairman
Jean M. LaForest—Secretary
Margaret S. Maple
Lester Wallace
Frank H. Warner

The Worthy Master then asked for any exceptions and the complainant, Sister Mary Ellen Saultz presented exceptions to the Secretary which were read by him.

Nov. 19, 1979

To the National Grange of the P. of H.:

The undersigned respectfully takes the following exceptions to the decisions of the Committee on Trial in the case of Mary Ellen Saultz against James Ross and appeals to the Grange.

- 1st. testimony *directly affecting* and *pertaining* to Laylin Grange was permitted, even tho' I protested strongly to this type of questioning, as Laylin Grange was not on Trial.
- 2nd. Because of the 30 hour delay from the original presentation of the case, until the complainant was notified of the time and place of the trial, I was not able to have legal counsel present as planned. The four day lapse in bringing this case before the delegate body for presentation is unrealistic. The Rules and Regulations for trials were issued in 1949. It should be the concern of this delegate body to clarify and update said rules, with much thought to

expediate such matters for the Good of Our Order.

Fraternally,
Mary Ellen Saultz

After discussion of the exceptions the Worthy Master called for the Grange to be in Executive Session and all were asked to leave except the Delegates and Brother Denslow who was allowed to remain by agreement of the two parties.

The Worthy Master called for a paper ballot by the delegates and after the counting by the Worthy Lady Assistant Steward, Lecturer, and Chaplain the Worthy Master declared that by the vote of the delegates they had sustained the decision of the committee and the case was dismissed, and the Worthy Secretary was to inform both parties in accordance with the Rules and Regulations on Trials. The Worthy Master dismissed the Trial Committee. The chairman Brother Carter thanked the committee and all concurred with the trial.

Sister Hoffman continued with the report on Grange Activities Committee and it was adopted and will be printed in the Journal.

Brother Shores moved that the report of the Citizenship and Public Affairs Committee be released to the Press, and it was adopted.

Brother Wendall Shireman continued on the report of the Labor and Judiciary Committee which was adopted and will be printed in the Journal.

Brother Delwin Cross continued on the report of the Audit and Budget Committee and it was adopted and will be printed in the Journal.

Brother John Maple continued on the report of Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee. The Grange recessed at 3:50 and reconvened at 4:05 and Brother Maple continued his report.

Brother James Shores continued his report on Conservation and Natural Resources until 5 P.M. at which time the Grange recessed for lunch.

EIGHTH DAY

Monday Evening
November 19, 1979

The Grange reconvened at 6:35 and Brother Shores continued his report which

was adopted and will be printed in the Journal.

Brother Lester Wallace of Wisconsin asked for special privilege and approached the Master Station and presented Past Master Scott and Worthy Master Anderson gifts of boxes of cheese from his State.

A vote was taken on what time to close

Session and it was voted to close *NOW* at 10 P.M. and to open the Grange at 8:30 A.M. Tuesday.

The Grange closed in the 4th degree at 10:10 P.M.

NINTH DAY

**Tuesday Morning
November 20, 1979**

The ninth day of the 113th Annual Session of the National Grange was called to order at 8:35 A.M. by Worthy Master Edward Andersen. Roll call of Officers found all present. Roll call of States found all represented except Penn.

Brother Shores moved that the report of the Conservation Committee be released to the press and it was adopted.

Brother George Grobusky chairman of the

Taxation Committee presented the report of that committee. Recess at 10:50. Reconvened at 11:05 and Brother Grobusky continued his report. The report was adopted and will be printed in the Journal.

Brother John Maple continued with the report of Grange Law and Good of the Order, Recess for lunch at 12:35 and reconvened at 2:05.

NINTH DAY

**Tuesday Afternoon
November 20, 1979**

Brother Maple continued with the report of Grange Law and Good of the Order and this report was adopted and will be printed in the Journal.

Brother Francis Silveira reported as chairman of the Transportation Committee, Recessed at 3:40 and reconvened at 4 P.M. Brother Silveira continued with the Transportation report, and the report was adopted and will be printed in the Journal, Grange recessed at 5:10—reconvened at 5:25.

Brother Stauffer chairman of the Agriculture Committee reported for that committee. The report was adopted and will be printed in the Journal.

Brother Guthrie addressed the Delegates concerning their feelings about the Century Club started this past year by Sister Newsom and Brother Christianson.

Discussion followed and Brother Guthrie thanked all for their views and will convey the wishes of this delegation to Brother Christianson and Sister Newsom.

It was moved by Brother Guthrie and supported by Brother Huffman that we continue the Century Club. The vote was taken and lost 31-29.

The Grange Foundation was discussed by several delegates.

A Resolution was read by the Secretary commending John and Dorothy Scott for the many years of service to the National Grange. It was adopted by a rising vote of thanks by the Delegate Body.

Resolution for the Scotts

Whereas Brother and Sister John W. Scott have devoted the past eleven years of their lives to the furtherance of principles of our beloved order, and

Whereas this service has been given with love and devotion above and beyond the call of the office in which they have served, now be it

Resolved: That the Delegate Body of the

113th Annual meeting of the National Grange recognize the tremendous contribution the Scotts have made to the betterment of the National Grange, and be it further

Resolved: That this resolution be sent to John and Dorothy Scott with the eternal gratitude of the Delegate Body of the National Grange here assembled.

It was voted that the Executive Committee be allowed to approve the minutes of the last days session.

The Worthy Master communicated the annual words to the State Masters and National Officers. All Officers, Delegates and members formed a circle holding hands and sang closing song "God be with you", The worthy Master closed 113 Session of the National Grange at 7:20 P.M.

Fraternally Submitted,
B. Franklin Hayes
National Secretary

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Resolution No. 278 was transferred to the Taxation Committee.

Resolution Nos. 1, 15, 94, 460, 558, 590 and 603 were withdrawn.

Resolution No. 394 was referred back to state.

We received Resolution No. 467 from the Foreign Affairs Committee.

We received Resolution No. 138 from the Conservation Committee; and 569 from the Education and Health Committee.

POLICY STATEMENT

The National Grange remains dedicated to the principles contained in the Capper-Volstead Act which permits farmers to join together in the marketing of their production and in the purchase of farm supplies.

Congress, through enactment of the Capper-Volstead Act and the Agricultural Marketing Acts, has encouraged the organization and development of farmer cooperatives in order to permit individual farmers to compete effectively in the national economy. Recently, however, the Federal Trade Commission has begun to apply restrictive interpretations to such legislation, which tend to reduce and even nullify the benefits to farmers under the policies enunciated by Congress.

In placing the Capper-Volstead Act and the Agricultural Marketing Acts under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, Congress recognized the Secretary's unique expertise in the field of agricultural cooperatives and marketing orders and deliberately chose the Secretary instead of the FTC to administer these areas.

Wherefore, the National Grange urges the Federal Trade Commission to refrain from

actions that undermine the purposes of the Capper-Volstead Act and the Agricultural Marketing Acts and which result in needless duplicate regulation contrary to the intent of Congress.

The Secretary of Agriculture has responsibility under Section 2 of the Capper-Volstead Act to guard against undue price enhancement of agricultural products by cooperative associations organized and operated under Section 1 of the Act. It has been suggested that in order to adequately enforce the provisions of the Capper-Volstead Act, the Secretary should establish an office to constantly monitor cooperative pricing practices for evidence of undue price enhancement.

The National Grange agrees that the Secretary should have the authority to thoroughly investigate allegations of undue price enhancement. However, we do not believe a need exists to create a new bureaucracy within the Department of Agriculture whose sole purpose would be the daily monitoring of cooperative pricing activities.

The National Grange believes that if family farms are to continue to have a place in the structure of U.S. Agriculture, they must have access to free markets. We must support legislation and administrative actions that will provide family farms with marketing alternatives, including education and information on the use of the Commodity Futures Exchange by producers. In addition, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission should regulate the Commodity Futures Market so that it reflects a truer picture of the supply/demand situation and provides family farmers increased market production.

This covers Resolution No. 134 by Cross.

We concur with that portion of the Master's Address pertaining to agriculture, and commend the Worthy Master for his many years of service to Agriculture, and his dedication to the promotion of the Agricultural Industry as a whole.

We want to thank the following resource people for their information and assistance for our Committee. Their help was invaluable in preparing this committee report: Leo Choate, Assistant to Deputy Administrator, State & County Operations, ASCS, U.S.D.A.; H. Allan Brock, Deputy Administrator for Farm & Family Programs F.M.H.A., U.S.D.A.; David Harrington,

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The following telegrams were presented by the Agriculture Committee and were adopted by the Delegate Body. They were forwarded to Washington.

TELEGRAM TO: Senator Herman Talmadge

The National Grange, assembled in its 113th Annual Session, urgently and respectfully requests that the House-passed bill to extend the price support program for dairy products at 80 percent of parity through September 30, 1981, be given immediate consideration by the Senate Agriculture Committee and reported to the Senate floor for their approval.

TELEGRAM TO: Secretary Bergland

The National Grange, assembled in its 113th Annual Session, commends the Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, for making the Grange-sponsored Farmer-Owned Reserve Program a major component of this Administration's farm program and for his continued effort to improve the program so as to provide producers with better market opportunities.

The Agriculture Committee of the National Grange makes the following recommendations to further improve the administration of the Farmer-Owned Reserve: (1) a mid-point trigger price between the releases and call levels be placed in effect. When the market price reaches the mid-point, the interest charges would be resumed on the loan, thus forcing some of the farmer-owned reserve on to the market, thus reducing the amount available for market entry when the call level is reached; (2) extend the time after the releases and call levels are reached for farmers to make their marketing decision; and (3) that after the call level is once reached and the price then falls back below the releases level, the grain that once was in the reserve, may re-enter the reserve.

The Agriculture Committee further recommends that the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 be amended to raise the trigger points by approximately 7% on all grains in the reserve and that the CCC selling price be raised to 170% of the current level of the price support for such commodity.

RESEARCH FOR SMALL SCALE AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, the small family farm, providing the opportunity for private ownership and a sense of independence, has contributed materially to our nation's history, and

WHEREAS, diversification is acknowledged as an important way of making small scale agriculture more economically viable, and

WHEREAS, many areas of our country have small farms suitable for the production of food and fiber necessary to meet the needs of a growing population, and

WHEREAS, we believe that small family farms contribute to society and to our rural communities, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange supports adequate funding from Federal, State, and private sources to allow for expanded research programs to provide technology pertinent to small scale agriculture, including such areas as biological farming, marketing systems, equipment needs and availability, and animal and human nutrients.

This covers Resolution No. 356 in part by Ross.

DAIRY PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Dairy Price Support program of the U.S.D.A. has been in effect for a number of years, and

WHEREAS, over the years, this support program has benefitted both the producers and consumers by providing a reliable supply of milk at a reasonable price, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that 80% of parity be a minimum for price supports on dairy products.

This covers Resolution Nos. 465 by Myers and 568 by Halladay.

LABELING OF "IMITATION" AND "SUBSTITUTE" PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration has proposed that products having the "nutritional equivalency" of a food can be labeled "substitute" and that products which they are resembling must be labeled "imitation", and

WHEREAS, Milk Producers object to the proposal as being confusing to consumers and permitting such products to trade on the good

name of dairy products when they may not in fact contain any dairy ingredients; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange goes on record in opposition to the wording in the Food and Drug Administration proposal, and be it further

RESOLVED, that we suggest that any "imitation" or "substitute" product which resembles a dairy product, whether nutritionally equivalent or not, yet includes substitute dairy ingredients, may not in any manner be allowed to bear the name of the dairy product which they are purported to resemble. This also includes imported "imitation" or "substitute" products.

This covers Resolution Nos. 162 by Wallace and 569 by Halladay.

CASEIN CLASSIFICATION

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge that casein be classified as a dairy product and subject to import quotas.

This covers Resolution Nos. 49 by Silvers, and 467 by Myers.

FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Federal Milk Marketing Order Program has assisted in the achievement of orderly marketing of milk through the mechanism of classified pricing and by providing for the equitable distribution of the proceeds of classified sales among all producers serving regulated handlers in a market, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Milk Marketing Order Program continues to assist in stabilizing milk production and prices in the U.S. in the interest of both dairy farmers and consumers, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Milk Marketing orders are essential in maintaining a constant reliable market which is necessary to encourage young farmers to engage in this occupation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the Federal Milk Marketing Order Program and encourage its continuance, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange opposes an effort to remove reconstituted powdered milk from the Federal Order pricing structure or any other drastic changes in the Federal Order program at this time.

This covers Resolution Nos. 197 by Sil-

veira, 468 by Myers, 570 by Halladay and 605 by Massey in Part.

REQUIRED CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, production adjustment programs are voluntary and need widespread participation, and

WHEREAS, there is some current effort to require the performance of specific conservation practices as a prerequisite to farm program participation, and

WHEREAS, USDA conservation guidance and plans do not always take into account the farmers' current considerations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that farmers be encouraged to perform prudent conservation farming practices as a part of their regular operations but that no linkage be made between conservation guidance provided by USDA and USDA production adjustment programs.

This covers Resolution Nos. 138 by Cross and 428 by Purdy.

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE

WHEREAS, federal crop insurance legislation, which incorporates many of the provisions recommended by the National Grange, including levels of coverage based on recorded or appraised average yield on the individual farms, and

WHEREAS, the success of the program once it is adopted will depend on maximum participation by farmers, and

WHEREAS, administration of the program should be delegated to agencies at the county level in order to maintain close liaison with farmer customers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage farmers to consider participation in the new Federal Crop Insurance program when the legislation becomes law, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend that USDA delegate the administration of the program to agencies at the county level.

This covers Resolution Nos. 43 by Silvers, 95 by Wedding, and 605 by Massey in part.

FEDERAL DISASTER PAYMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the proposed Federal Crop Insurance Program will replace the Federal Disaster Payment Program, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to continue the Federal Disaster Payment Program until the Federal Crop Insurance Program is operational, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve the criteria for administering the Federal Disaster Payment Program in order to make it more equitable to all farmers, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation that will extend the Federal Disaster Payment Program until 1981 or until such time as the Federal Crop Insurance Program is available to all farmers, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage USDA to improve the criteria for administering the Federal Disaster Payment Program in order to make it more equitable to all farmers.

This covers Resolution No. 399 by Wismer.

PESTICIDES

WHEREAS, farmers are dependent on pesticides to produce an abundant supply of safe and wholesome food for domestic and foreign markets, and

WHEREAS, farmers are aware of the potential harmful effects of pesticides and have a vital interest in insuring that pesticides are used in a safe and effective manner, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for scientific research to develop new techniques for pest control and for use by government agencies when they consider banning or suspending the use of a pesticide, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a strong advocacy of the economic benefits of pesticides when decisions are made concerning the registration, reregistration or cancellation of a pesticide, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for EPA to consult with a wide range of interests when making decisions concerning the availability of pesticides, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the Environmental Protection Agency to consult with State Departments of Agriculture, the pesticide industry and user groups when making decisions affecting the availability of pesticides, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge USDA to take a strong advocacy role in developing and defending the economic benefits of pesticides when EPA is consider-

ing registration, reregistration, or cancellation of a pesticide, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support and encourage increased scientific research to develop new techniques for pest control and new pesticides to replace pesticides that are no longer effective or available.

This covers Resolution Nos. 74 by Silvers; 77 by Wedding; 459 by Myers; 580 by Massey and 605 by Massey in Part.

PRIVATE APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) requires that EPA classify pesticides for either general or restricted use, and

WHEREAS, FIFRA requires pesticide applicators to be certified to purchase and use restricted-use pesticides, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urges farmers to participate in ongoing designated educational programs in pesticide use and training courses on pesticide safety to remain eligible for recertification.

This covers Resolution No. 458 by Myers.

PESTICIDE PUBLICITY

WHEREAS, the agricultural community is vitally interested in decisions involving the availability of pesticides, and

WHEREAS, public announcements are made in the news media concerning the hazards of a particular pesticide before an adequate scientific evaluation has been made, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that government regulatory agencies and the news media be encouraged to withhold the release of information on the potential hazards of a pesticide until an adequate scientific evaluation has been made.

This covers Resolution No. 75 by Silvers.

RESERVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, agriculture production costs are increasing rapidly, and

WHEREAS, the release and call levels in the farmer held reserve program do not reflect this increase in costs, and

WHEREAS, the present call levels and call procedures could force all grain out of the reserve, disrupting orderly marketing, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend that the farmer owned reserve program be changed as follows:

	<i>Wheat</i>	<i>Oats & Barley</i>	<i>Corn & Sorghum</i>
Release	*150%	135	135
Mid-Point	**170%	155	150
Call	& int. 190%	& int. 175	& int. 165

(*percent of national average loan rate)

(**when mid-point is reached interest charges would resume)

1. When releases are reached there will be a minimum of 60 days for farmers to make their decision, storage payment would continue and CCC would take no further action until the market dictates.

2. When the call level is reached and market price stays above call for 30 days the reserves will be called and producers will have 90 days to redeem loans or forfeit grain to CCC.

If the market price, after reaching the call level, falls back below the release level, the grain could re-enter the reserve. At that time, storage payments would be resumed and interest charges would cease.

3. The CCC may not sell any of its stocks of wheat or feed grain at less than 170% of the then current level of the price support for such commodity.

This covers Resolution Nos. 40 by Silvers; 442 in part by Cline and 589 in part by Massey.

ACID RAIN

WHEREAS, acid rains are causing substantial concern to agriculture, and

WHEREAS, at the present time, insufficient information is available about the cause and effect of acid rain, be it

RESOLVED, that National Grange supports increased research and studies of acid rain.

This covers Resolution Nos. 425 by Wismer; 582 by Massey and 660 in part by Massey.

ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL

WHEREAS, the dairy and livestock industry can be financially ruined by an epidemic of any animal disease, and

WHEREAS, an expansion of present programs is necessary to eradicate or improve the control of brucellosis and other animal diseases, be it

RESOLVED, that National Grange urges Congress to increase funding for increased surveillance over brucellosis for cattle and hogs, and other animal diseases such as T.B. and rhinitis.

This covers Resolution No. 613 by Massey.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service has been a historic resource for rural and farm people, and

WHEREAS, the Extension Service is now being called upon to provide additional services to residents of suburban and urban areas, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that National Grange supports increased Federal appropriations for the Cooperative Extension Service and encourages State, Pomona, and Subordinate Granges to support adequate funding of the Cooperative Extension Service (SEA-CES) at all levels.

This covers Resolution Nos. 346 by Ross; 397 by Wismer; and 457 in part by Myers.

POULTRY RESEARCH

WHEREAS, the poultry industry is becoming a highly efficient industry, requiring continuing research to further that efficiency, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that National Grange supports continuing poultry research programs and recommends that emphasis be placed on the control of parasites and diseases.

This covers Resolution No. 601 by Massey.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

WHEREAS, the world population continues to grow and it is estimated that it will double by the year 2000, and

WHEREAS, this will place an increased demand upon American agriculture to meet this demand for food and fiber, and

WHEREAS, to meet this increased demand U.S. producers will need to continue their production efficiency through increased research and updated technologies; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange continues to support funding by Federal and

State Governments, industry and producers for basic and applied research on crop and livestock production, with major emphasis on increasing production, insect and disease control, energy utilization and soil and water management and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange supports the inclusion of federal funds to retain the present agricultural research positions, and recommends increased funding for additional research positions in the future.

This covers Resolution Nos. 457 in part by Myers, 571 by Halladay and 584 by Massey.

LOAN AND TARGET PRICE

WHEREAS, the present farm programs are based on loan rates and target prices, and

WHEREAS, the loan rate becomes the floor under farm prices, and

WHEREAS, the target price assures farmers of a certain return for their investment, and

WHEREAS, the present loan and target prices do not reflect present production cost, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommends that the loan rate and target prices (established price) be adjusted annually to reflect any changes in (1) variable cost, (2) machinery ownership cost and (3) general farm overhead cost, allocated to the crops involved on the basis of the proportion of the value of the total production derived from each crop. The present percentage spread between target and loan levels should be maintained.

This covers Resolution Nos. 38 and 39 by Silvers.

AGRICULTURAL PUBLIC RELATIONS

WHEREAS, many American citizens are not aware of the importance of agriculture in their everyday lives, and

WHEREAS, the American farmer is often blamed for rising food costs, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange in cooperation with other organizations continue to inform the consuming public of the importance of agriculture, not only to the domestic consumer but also the impact of agricultural exports on the national balance of trade.

This covers Resolution Nos. 359 by Ross; 575 by Halladay; and 615 by Massey.

COMMODITIES FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, there are now no farmers on the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange insists that a bonafide farmer be included as a member of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission.

This covers Resolution No. 18 by Hoffman.

BEEF REFERENDUM

RESOLVED that we urge the National Grange continue support for a Beef Referendum, to permit producers to vote on a check off for the funding for promotion programs, research, and consumer information on beef and beef products.

This covers Resolution No. 105 by Guthrie.

SEED CORN SIZE CODES

WHEREAS, practical planting practices and efficient use of planting machinery for seed corn, contributes to successful crop production, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommends to Seed Producer Companies that seed corn size codes be standardized for the whole nation.

This covers Resolution No. 617 by Massey.

PRICING POLICIES AND PRACTICES

WHEREAS, it appears margins between producers selling price and retail prices of meats have increased, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommends that pricing policies and practices of meat processors and retailers should be under continual scrutiny by U.S.D.A.

This covers Resolution No. 610 by Massey.

PEANUTS

WHEREAS, the Peanut Section of the Agriculture Act of 1977 (the General Farm Bill) sets forth new price support concepts, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange closely observe the results of the price support program for peanuts, and should take needed action, should the laws and regula-

tions not serve the best interest of the Peanut Farmer, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange supports efforts of the peanut industry to maximize research and education by agencies of the USDA, on problems confronting the peanut industry, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support efforts to increase peanut price support levels on quota peanuts by the index of prices paid by farmers in their production activities.

This covers Res. No. 583 by Massey.

U.S. LAND PURCHASES

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose land purchase programs that involve the federal government as the purchaser and leaser of farmland.

This covers Resolution Nos. 55 by Silvers and 304 in part by Buell.

AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUSTS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose the development of agricultural land trusts by financial institutions.

This covers Resolution No. 56 by Silvers.

Resolution numbers 245 and 335 were defeated by Delegate action.

USDA EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT

WHEREAS, Section 735-21 United States Department of Agriculture Employee Responsibilities and conduct, prohibits USDA employees from participating in activities of farm organizations at the community level, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture to rescind Section 735-21(a)(2), USDA Employee Responsibilities and conduct and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 732-21(a)(2) Act as organizer for any such organization or hold any policy making office therein at the State or National level. Policy making offices are defined as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and members of the Board of Directors or the equivalent offices for the purposes of this regulation."

This covers Resolution No. 577 by Halladay.

FARM SAFETY

WHEREAS, the high frequency of accidents on the farm is cause for continuing concern, and

WHEREAS, the high rate of on-farm accidents can be reduced through educational programs, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support and encourage individual farm family safety programs, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support USDA funding which will provide for at least one Farm Safety Extension Agent in each state, and a Federal Safety Coordinator in the USDA.

This covers Resolution Nos. 488 and 495 by Myers.

HAZARDS OF ALCOHOL FUELS

WHEREAS, there is increasing interest in the production and use of alcohol fuels on the farm, and

WHEREAS, there needs to be an awareness on the part of farmers of the dangers involved in producing and handling and use of alcohol fuels, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage programs that will publicize the proper safety precautions to be used in the production, handling and use of alcohol fuels.

This covers Resolution No. 496 by Myers.

LIVESTOCK PREDATOR CONTROL

WHEREAS, the industry continues to experience severe losses by predators, and

WHEREAS, federal laws and regulations prohibit or restrict predator control, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the National Grange support Congressional action to change the necessary laws and regulations to allow state variances in predator control based on the severity of impact on the livestock industry, and be it further

RESOLVED, that research be intensified to determine alternative methods of predator control that are proven effective, economically feasible and environmentally acceptable, and in the interim, allow the use of 1080 compound and M44 on a controlled basis.

This covers Resolution No. 301 by Buell.

IRRIGATION SAFETY

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in the number of irrigation systems being installed in the past few years; and

WHEREAS, improper installation and grounding and/or usage of irrigation systems near high tension power lines has resulted in numerous electrocutions, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage farmers having irrigation systems installed to obtain a qualified inspection to insure safe installation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Grange encourage farmers to use extreme caution when operating and servicing irrigation equipment near power lines.

This covers Resolution No. 500 by Myers.

CAPPER-VOLSTEAD ACT

WHEREAS, there is an attempt being made to weaken the Capper-Volstead Act, and

WHEREAS, The Act has been successful in past years in providing a framework in which both farm products and supplies can be bought and sold cooperatively, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favor the retention of the Capper-Volstead Act in its present form and be it further

RESOLVED, that it remain under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

This covers Resolution Nos. 20 by Harris; 357 by Ross; 466 by Myers; 567 by Halladay; 612 by Massey; 638 by Halladay.

TELETYPE MARKETING

WHEREAS, teletype marketing of livestock is open and competitive, and

WHEREAS, teletype marketing of processed meat could accomplish the same results as in marketing livestock, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge additional study and publicity by USDA toward implementing teletype marketing of processed meat.

This covers Resolution No. 154 by Andersen.

INTERNATIONAL MARKETING CO-OPERATIVES

WHEREAS, international export markets

are largely served by private companies, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage regional marketing cooperatives to develop a cooperative marketing federation capable of entering into the international market of farm commodities.

This covers Resolution No. 45 by Silvers.

NITRITE

WHEREAS, the proposed Food and Drug Administration and USDA actions to phase out the use of nitrite in the preservation of food, principally in pork products, could seriously affect not only the swine industry, but the entire food processing industry, and

WHEREAS, the average human intake of nitrites from food consumption is only a very small percentage of the entire human nitrite intake, and

WHEREAS, the threat of botulism would be continually present to those consuming products which have not been properly protected by nitrite, and

WHEREAS, it has not been conclusively demonstrated that nitrites are carcinogenic in animals or men, and

WHEREAS, if it is proven scientifically that nitrites introduced into the human body are carcinogenic, the "Delaney Clause" requires that any product containing any measurable level of nitrites be banned from sale to the public; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation that would amend the "Delaney Clause" to provide an opportunity for government regulatory agencies to make judgements related to risk, benefit, dose, and detectable level when evaluating the safety of food additives; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the FDA and USDA to permit the continued use of nitrite in food products until such time as the "Delaney Clause" can be amended and a determination made under the guidelines of a new law or delayed until such time as a suitable substitute has been developed to replace nitrites.

This covers Resolution Nos. 13 by Hoffman; 22 by Harris; 91 by Wedding; and 126 by Maple.

COTTON

WHEREAS, cotton is a valuable resource for Food & Fiber; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, 1. that every effort be made by the National Grange in cooperation with other producer organizations to increase the loan level to assure growers a price to meet production costs and the target price to a level that would encourage continuing production of cotton.

2. That we urge all farm organizations to support the continuation of an updated cotton program.

3. That excess planting above the base not be counted as history in establishing bases in future years.

4. We ask all agencies and organizations for their support of the boll weevil eradication program.

5. That we support the intensified efforts to increase the marketing of cotton both at home and abroad.

6. That protections against losses caused by natural disasters be provided so that farmers who are victims of such disasters may receive easier credit and may use yield records of normal production years, when all requirements and benefits under the cotton program are assigned.

7. We support the funding for Cotton Research and Promotion.

This covers Resolution No. 596 by Massey.

SET ASIDE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, to maintain a balance of supply and demand for a commodity, a land set aside program may be needed to insure that sufficient participation will occur therefore be it

RESOLVED, that payment for land set aside be sufficient to cover all fixed costs plus practical stewardship of the land.

This covers Resolution No. 79 by Wedding.

FARM PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, government programs play a very important role in determining the economic trends and direction of agriculture, and

WHEREAS, national farm programs should be designed and administered to provide income levels for agriculture producers which will create a viable agriculture that will provide adequate production to assure American consumers an abundant supply of food and fiber at reasonable prices, and

WHEREAS, all programs should retain those provisions which allow individuals to

make production and marketing decisions, thus allowing a free competitive market system to play an important role, and

WHEREAS, farm program announcements should be timely and complete so farmers have sufficient time to make wise decisions, and

WHEREAS, in the past most farm program plans have resulted in greater benefits for larger farm operations and in many cases the non cooperators have reaped the greater benefit, therefore be it

RESOLVED that new programs should be designed to provide greater incentive for the average family farm, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a system of variable payments and other program benefits be adopted by Congress as the basis for a new program, which would compensate smaller operations at a higher rate than larger operations, and be it further

RESOLVED, that supply management should be continued by the use of set aside programs, farm held grain reserves and the loan-target price concepts.

This covers Resolution Nos. 36, 37 and 46 by Silvers; 76 by Wedding; 133 by Cross; 155 by Andersen; 244 by Peters; 356 by Ross; and 660 by Massey.

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

WHEREAS, U.S. Agricultural exports are expected to rise in fiscal 1980 to \$35 to \$40 billion, compared with \$32 billion anticipated in fiscal 1979, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. imports from \$16 to \$19 billion of agricultural commodities resulting in a trade surplus of \$20 billion, therefore decreasing our trade deficit and strengthening the dollar; and

WHEREAS, this increase in agricultural exports is the result of increased volume, rather than any rapid increase in export prices and a direct result of a Russian grain shortfall, and

WHEREAS, if American agriculture is going to continue to produce near its maximum capacity to provide an abundance of food and fiber for the domestic consumer, export markets must be maintained; and

WHEREAS, at the present time it is estimated that 25 percent of net farm income is derived from export markets; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange supports legislative or administrative action

that will continue to maintain and increase the export of agricultural commodities. Consideration should be given the following:

1. Completion as soon as possible of the opening of trade offices authorized in the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978.

2. Sufficient funding of PL-480 (Food for Peace) and changes in the program to permit the movement of less than No. 2 quality grain at the request by qualified countries.

3. Greater participation by USDA in the administration and distribution of the U.S. share of world food programs.

4. A united effort by all farm and agricultural commodity organizations to promote the sale of U.S. agricultural products.

5. If an international grain reserve is established all exporting countries should share an equitable basis in establishing such a reserve and it should be established and managed in such a way as not to disrupt the commercial sale of agricultural exports.

6. In order to maintain the U.S. export position in world markets the codes and agreements negotiated during the Tokyo Round of multi-lateral trade negotiations should be strictly enforced, in particular, the export subsidy code. If foreign countries continue to use export subsidies to capture a greater share of world markets, the U.S. should consider the use of a similar subsidy program, with assurance that such subsidies accumulate to the producer.

This covers Resolution Nos. 41 and 48 by Silvers, 80 by Wedding, 104 by Guthrie, 235 by Stauffer, 358 by Ross, 586, 592, 604 by Massey and 660 by Massey in part.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the Small Business Administration is making large loans to non-farmer owned companies, and

WHEREAS, their loans have gone to hundreds of livestock and poultry factories—factories which produce hogs, beef cattle and poultry in direct competition with family farmers, and

WHEREAS, the size standards used to define a small agriculture business to \$1 million in annual sales for hogs and \$10 million in annual sales for a cattle feed lot, and

WHEREAS, this program has no limits with in the size definition on loan amount or company size and there is no "credit elsewhere" requirement, and

WHEREAS, the SBA is presently making

emergency disaster loans to farmers without regard to size of loan, size of operation or the ability of the borrower to receive credit elsewhere, and

WHEREAS, the administration of farm loan programs by SBA is contrary to the mission of SBA, mandated by Congress and places great economic pressure on family farms now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislative and administrative action to remove the Small Business Administration from the disaster loan program for agriculture and seek reduction in the size standards definition for small agricultural business.

This covers Resolution No. 142 by Cross.

FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS

WHEREAS, the Business and Industrial Loan Guarantee Program of the Rural Development Act of 1972 is a program that Congress intended to be used to off-set unemployment and under-employment in rural areas, and

WHEREAS, the program as administered by the Farmers Home Administration is being used to finance commercial custom feedlot operations and processing, marketing and packaging of vertical integrated enterprises, and

WHEREAS, these enterprises are replacing many family farmers leading to unemployment and underemployment in rural areas, and

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WHEREAS, these enterprises are replacing many family farmers leading to unemployment and underemployment in rural areas and is contrary to the Acts intent, and

WHEREAS, the B&I guaranteed loan program, unlike family farmers applying for FmHA assistance, corporate farmers receiving B&I loan guarantees need not meet the "credit elsewhere test" nor face the same loan size limit, and

WHEREAS, three of the five feedlots financed through the program have the capacity to feed 40,000, 50,000 and 60,000 head of cattle per year, and

WHEREAS, Congress in Section 102 of

the Food and Agriculture Act of '77 declared that no agriculturally related program be administered in a manner placing the family farm at an economic disadvantage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislative and/or administrative changes in the Business and Industrial Guarantee Loan Program as administered by the FmHA to remove this inconsistency from the traditional role of FmHA as a provider of credit to economic disadvantaged family farmers.

This covers Resolution No. 257 by Koster.

COMPETITION IN THE MEAT INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, anti-trust laws designed to maintain competition in the meat industry are difficult to enforce and by the time a company is found guilty of antitrust violations, the competition has been eliminated, and

WHEREAS, small meat processing and packing firms are being forced out of business because they have fewer financial resources than the very biggest companies, and

WHEREAS, if concentrations in the meat industry continues, livestock producers will no longer have alternative markets for selling their products, further concentrating agriculture production, and

WHEREAS, consumers will lose the benefit of lower prices through competition in the industry, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation that is designed to preserve competition in the meat industry by defining the rules of conduct which will be permitted under antitrust laws in order to protect efficiently operating packers from being victimized by unfair trade practices.

This is a Committee Resolution.

FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, over the past ten years the National Grange has been critical of the FmHA's apparent de-emphasis of the farm loan programs of the agency, and

WHEREAS, in recent years the administration and availability of credit for FmHA borrowers has improved and more traditional role of FmHA is receiving increased attention; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange

commends the FmHA for the increased emphasis being placed on the farm loan programs of the agency, and that the agency continue to find ways to provide economic assistance to young farmers engaged in agriculture and those qualified who wish to enter agriculture, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange continues to be concerned over the administration of farm loan programs in certain locations where rural housing programs continue to dominate office activities; and farm loan supervision, especially operating loans, does not have the input of a trained agriculture supervisor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in such locations, consideration be given to transferring supervision of farm operating loan programs to the ASCS.

This covers Resolution Nos. 299 by Lowry, 623 and 625 by Massey.

FARM PRODUCT MARKETING

WHEREAS, well organized marketing programs and practices, for top quality agricultural products are essential in establishing markets, and

WHEREAS, some examples of these programs could include Farmers' Cooperatives for milk, Farmers Markets in cities, roadside marketing and institutional buying of large purchases, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that National Grange urge greater participation in planning and promotion of Agricultural Marketing programs by (1) State Departments of Agriculture (2) Farm Organizations (3) U.S. Department of Agriculture (4) Producers.

This covers Resolution Nos. 195 and 196 by Silveira.

MARKETING ALTERNATIVES

WHEREAS, it is the feeling of the National Grange that there is a lack of adequate understanding by producers of pricing and marketing alternatives for feed grains, soybeans and some other commodities, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the National Grange urges that USDA and other appropriate agencies continue their educational programs on hedging and other marketing options with producers, handlers and lenders, and the collection and reporting of more forward contract prices, particularly during the growing season.

This covers Resolution No. 591 by Massey.

FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF FARM LAND

WHEREAS, American agriculture is the envy of the world, and

WHEREAS, the family farm system has made this possible, and

WHEREAS, in recent years there has been an increase in foreign investment in American farm land, and

WHEREAS, a law was passed and regulations were issued, requiring all aliens who own or have a financial interest in more than one acre of U.S. farm land or who grosses more than \$1,000 to report their holdings to county ASCS offices by August 6, 1979 and therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange commend the Congress and the USDA for the provision and implementation of the Foreign Ownership Farm Land Registration Act which makes it possible to have full knowledge of all land owned by foreigners, and be it further

RESOLVED, that National Grange urge USDA to pursue all avenues until all holdings are disclosed and fines paid for late reporting, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the State Granges to initiate State legislation which would prohibit foreign investors from purchasing or owning farm land unless they establish permanent residence within the area of their ownership and become citizens of the U.S.

This covers Resolutions 21 by Harris; 92 by Wedding; 130 by Maples; 151 by Andersen; and 227 by Stauffer.

ON FARM STORAGE

WHEREAS, the farmer owned, on-farm storage program is the cornerstone of the federal farm program, and

WHEREAS, the normal length of the storage contract can be from three to five years, tying up most on-farm storage for the average family farmer, and

WHEREAS, the family farmer, to be in a position to utilize the benefits of the reserve program must have on-farm storage facilities available to store three years of production, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the National Grange commends the USDA for continuing and improving the On-Farm Storage Facility Loan Pro-

gram and recommends that the program be further improved to meet the three to five storage requirements of the Farmer-Owned Reserve Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the program be administered to insure that the benefits are made available to family farms on an equitable basis, including incentives to encourage the construction of storage facilities that do not require fossil based energy in the drying process.

This covers Resolution Nos. 442 by Cline and 589 by Massey.

ANIMAL HEALTH

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose requiring prescription for feeding antibiotics to livestock and unnecessary restrictions on treating their own animals.

This covers Resolution No. 156 by Andersen.

FAMILY FARM PROGRAM DEFINITION FOR PROGRAM PURPOSES

RESOLVED, for Farm Program purposes that benefits such as deficiency payments and program requirements, such as set aside, should be graduated to off-set the affects of the lower cost of production realized by the larger farms, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Grange support Federal Farm programs emphasize the "family farm", and a "family farm", for Program Purposes only, be defined as a farm that requires 900 days of annual labor or less, at least half of which is supplied by the family, and managed by a resident family member.

This covers Resolution Nos. 42 and 47 by Silvers, and 231 by Stauffer.

FARM CREDIT

WHEREAS the National Grange has been a strong supporter of the Farm Credit System since its inception, and

WHEREAS, most credit needs of agriculture can be best met through a borrower-owned financial institution, which provides agricultural financing on terms more favorable to the producer, and

WHEREAS, the National Grange's support for the Farm Credit System of banks has been predicated on the belief that the System would provide the credit needs of American

family farmers, ranchers and their cooperatives, and

WHEREAS, recent proposed changes in regulations regarding borrower eligibility and scope of financing and proposed amendments to the Farm Credit Act of 1972 now pending in Congress moves the System farther from its intended purpose of financing family farm agriculture, and

WHEREAS, that this move by the System to finance Agri-business enterprise and off-farm related services, through Production Credit Association and the Federal Land Banks decreases the availability of credit to productive agriculture and increase competition to family farms contrary to the intent of the basic Act, and

WHEREAS, the PCAs and the FLBs have in recent years been acting as insurance agents for the sale of property and casualty insurance, a service that the System has not demonstrated that farm borrowers need, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose changes in lending authority of the Farm Credit System banks that would permit PCAs and FLBs to lend funds for the establishment of marketing and processing facilities that would be in competition with family farmers, ranchers, and their cooperatives, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange also opposes change in the structure of the Farm Credit System that would lower the percentage of farmer members in a Co-op necessary to retain their co-op status, with the exception of member utility cooperatives, and which would exempt the system from State usury and truth-in-lending laws, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose amendments to the Farm Credit Act of 1972 that would give the Farm Credit System the authority to organize separate companies within the System unless language is included to prohibit the organization of insurance corporations or act as insurance agents for the sale of casualty and property insurance, unless it is shown in a public hearing held in the affected area, that adequate insurance service is not available.

This covers Resolution No. 621 by Massey.

FLUE CURED TOBACCO

WHEREAS, the high lease price of Flue Cured Tobacco quota is creating a burden for

the current producer and is continuing to escalate, and

WHEREAS, there is an excessive amount of P5 and N1 and below grades of Flue Cured Tobacco in storage, and

WHEREAS, a tentative date of December 18, 1979 has been set for a referendum on Flue Cured Tobacco quota and tobacco associate promotional assessment, and

WHEREAS, ASCS used aerial photo maps in checking compliances in the Flue Cured Tobacco acreage control program 1979, and

WHEREAS, the National Grange opposes an across-the-board increase in the national average yield goal of 1,854 pounds per acre of Flue Cured Tobacco. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage a thorough study, by tobacco Producers, be made of the plan developed by the Board of Directors of the Flue Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation and any other plan that may be proposed to find a solution to the escalating lease price, and be it further

RESOLVED, that National Grange urge price support be eliminated on all grades of Flue Cured Tobacco grades P5 and N1, and grades below and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge a large favorable vote for the Flue Cured Tobacco quota and tobacco associates referendum tentatively set for December 18, 1979, and be it further

RESOLVED, that National Grange commend the ASCS for doing a thorough job of checking compliance in flue cured acreage by using aerial photo maps and urge this method be continued for the 1980 crop, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose an across-the-board increase in the national average yield goal of 1,854 pound per acre and propose that ASCS make adjustment on per acre yield based on recent history of individual farm records, be it further

RESOLVED, that National Grange recommend to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture that the base for the 1980 marketing quota for Flue Cured Tobacco remain the same as the 1979 quota.

This covers Resolution No. 599 by Massey.

FARMER-ELECTED COMMITTEE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, there has been considerable debate recently over the proper means of im-

plementing a potential new Crop Insurance program and the clean water program at the county level, and

WHEREAS, a farmer-elected committee system is already in place and capable of administering such programs, and

WHEREAS, setting up parallel and duplicate office and organizational structures to administer these new programs would be more costly and likely less effective, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange continue its long-standing support of the ASCS County Committee system as the proper means of administering the financial phases of new as well as existing farm programs at the county level.

This covers Resolution No. 66 by Silvers.

MARKETING OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

WHEREAS, the future of many family farms depends upon their ability to market their fresh fruit and vegetables on a highly competitive market; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislative and administrative changes in current laws that will enhance the family farmers ability to market their fresh fruit and vegetables; be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange continue to support the efforts of commodity organizations to improve the promotional activities for their products; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange request that the Agriculture Marketing Service of USDA continue and improve marketing news service for fresh fruits and vegetables and study new marketing techniques that will assist family farmers to market their fresh fruits and vegetables on competitive markets.

This covers Resolution No. 594 by Massey.

PESTICIDE FIRES

WHEREAS, pesticides present a particular hazard when buildings in which they are stored are consumed by fire, and

WHEREAS, there is available an appropriate emblem to designate that hazardous, inflammable chemicals are being stored; now be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange promote through safety programs and publications, that buildings being used for the storage of hazardous, inflammable chemicals, be marked by the use of the appropriate

placard so that the potential danger can be readily recognized by fire and rescue personnel.

This covers Resolution No. 487 by Myers.

U.S.D.A. REORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, within the past year, an attempt was made by the President to shift some agencies from the Department of Agriculture to other departments under the guise of reorganization or efficiency and

WHEREAS, the effort has so far been successfully resisted, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we the members of the National Grange recommend and urge the President and the Congress to also reject all proposals which, under the guise of improving governmental efficiency, would dismember and weaken the Department of Agriculture; and we urge the President to publicly reassure the people of rural America that he will retain U.S.D.A. as a strong and vigorous arm of the Government with the prestige and stature appropriate to serving the world's most productive system of agriculture.

This covers Resolution Nos. 25 by Harris; 99 by Guthrie; 253 and 254 by Koster; 333 by Carnecross; 349 by Ross; 561 by Tate and 639 by Halladay.

CROP DAMAGE BY GEESE

WHEREAS, Federal Regulations protect geese; and

WHEREAS, these birds destroy or damage thousands of acres of agriculture crops each year, and cause increased erosion; and

WHEREAS, the damage to these crops is a severe economic hardship to farmers; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange go on record supporting the lengthening of the season and increasing the daily limit in the shooting of these migratory fowl; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Secretary of Interior.

This covers Resolution No. 16 by Hoffman.

SUGAR PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the unrestricted imports of foreign sugar into the United States markets has depressed the domestic sugar market to the point that American sugar growers cannot compete, and

WHEREAS, foreign sugar-producing countries subsidize their growers and export surplus sugar into the United States markets to the point that American sugar producers and sugar refineries are no longer able to compete and are being forced out of production, causing great financial losses and depressing the economy and employment in many areas, and

WHEREAS, the old Sugar Act, that was in effect for many years stabilized the supply of sugar and also stabilized the price to the benefit of both the producer and consumer, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation toward a new Sugar Management Act that would be fair and equitable for the growers, refineries and the consuming public; be it further

RESOLVED, that since the sugar import tariff of the present sugar program and other factors may depress world sugar prices below the Sugar Program price support level, the President should be prepared to impose import quotas sufficiently restrictive to avoid excessive Sugar Program costs.

This covers Resolution No. 44 by Silvers.

TOBACCO MARKETING

WHEREAS, research in Marketing of Burley and other types of tobacco is needed, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the research now in progress and any other that may be initiated to make the Marketing of Burley and other types of tobacco more efficient.

This covers Resolution No. 206 by LaForest.

Fraternally submitted,
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REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

We of the Audit and Budget Committee have examined the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Committee, and the Auditor's reports and find them in proper order.

We have computed the compensation of the Delegates and National Officers as directed in the 1978 delegate action and have concluded in the computation the list of persons to be reimbursed, provided by the Executive Committee.

We have also presented to each Delegate and Officer a breakdown of each department as directed by Delegate action at the 1978 Annual Session.

We received by transfer from the Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee the following resolutions: 169, 264, 449, 451, 453, and 455.

Resolutions 449, 451, and 453 were withdrawn.

Resolutions 264 and 455 were defeated by Delegate action.

WHEREAS, to be in compliance with the By-Laws of the National Grange, Chapter 5,

Article 10, Section 1, page 33 of the Digest, we present for your approval the following compensation schedules.

RESOLVED, that the compensation for the National Master, full-time based at the National Office, 1616 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., shall be \$30,000.00, the mode and manner of compensation to be negotiated between the Executive Committee and the National Master, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the compensation for the National Lecturer on full-time basis with that office functioning from other than the National Office in Washington, D.C., shall be \$18,500.00, with the provision of Chapter 5, Article 10, Section 1, of the Digest to be considered, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the compensation of the National Grange Secretary shall be \$8,000.00 on a part-time basis with no assurance or requirement that said office shall function out of the National Grange offices, 1616 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., with consideration given to Chapter 5, Article 10, Section 1, page 33, of the Digest, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the compensation to the

National Grange Treasurer shall be \$100 per year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the compensation of each National Grange Executive Committee member shall be \$30 per day for attendance at Executive Committee meetings plus travel and expenses.

NATIONAL GRANGE BUDGET

WHEREAS, there has been confusion and lack of understanding by National Delegates on the proposed National Grange budget, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the budget be presented to the National Delegates showing line by line

comparison of the previous two years' actual expenses, and the proposed budget by the Audit & Budget Committee.

This covers Resolution No. 169 by Wallace.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

We recommend that in the preparation of the 1980-81 year's budget that a line item be created for a capital improvement fund.

This is a committee resolution.

We recommend that the compensation for the High Priest of Demeter be \$2,000 honorarium, plus \$30 per day for approved meetings.

NATIONAL GRANGE BUDGET INCOME

	<i>Budget FY 1979</i>	<i>Actual Income FY 1979</i>	<i>Proposed Income FY 1980</i>
Estimated Income:			
Cash on Hand	17,248.00	—	—
Subordinate Dues	546,527.00	541,863.49	680,000.00
Junior Dues	3,060.00	5,137.22	5,000.00
Subordinate Charter Fees	150.00	60.00	—
Pomona Charter Fees	—	—	—
Junior Charter Fees	75.00	105.00	100.00
Sixth Degree Fees	5,000.00	4,600.00	5,000.00
Seventh Degree Fees	6,600.00	7,020.00	39,250.00
Accounts Receivable	3,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Sewing Management Fee	1,500.00	2,510.00	1,000.00
Interest	—	44.53	—
Secretary's Account	20,662.00	—	15,400.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	6,075.00	4,000.00
Subtotal	605,822.00	572,415.24	725,500.00
Net Building Income	29,000.00	32,576.00	28,000.00
Total	634,822.00	604,991.24	782,750.00

EXPENSES

	<i>Budget FY 1979</i>	<i>Actual Expense FY 1979</i>	<i>Proposed Budget FY 1980</i>
Estimated Expense:			
General Administration	80,000.00	85,140.00	95,000.00
Lecturer	41,500.00	43,627.00	45,000.00
Secretary	30,000.00	29,939.00	27,500.00
Executive Committee	9,000.00	8,401.00	9,400.00
Women's Activities	30,000.00	30,447.00	36,000.00
Youth Activities	36,000.00	35,318.00	39,000.00
Junior Grange Activities	12,500.00	8,330.00	12,500.00
High Priest	7,500.00	6,676.00	7,500.00
Extension	12,000.00	11,146.00	30,000.00
Legislation	85,000.00	87,302.00	90,000.00
Regulatory Affairs	35,000.00	35,450.00	40,000.00
Information	37,000.00	37,736.00	40,000.00
Annual Session	90,000.00	92,725.00	80,000.00
Supply & Service	25,000.00	44,297.00	40,000.00
Pension Trust Fund	30,500.00	29,664.00	30,000.00
Grange Promotion	15,000.00	9,016.00	18,000.00
Contributions	1,200.00	869.00	1,000.00
Furniture & Equipment	2,000.00	474.00	3,600.00
Community Service	10,500.00	12,219.00	22,500.00
Building Management			
Acct.	14,500.00	16,766.00	18,200.00
Accounts Payable	28,938.00	28,895.00	29,000.00
Interest on Loans	11,500.00	8,504.00	11,500.00
Total Expense	644,638.00	662,941.00	709,700.00
Deficit	9,816.00	57,949.76	—
Debt Repayment	—	—	50,000.00
		Total expense	775,700.00
		Natl. Grange proposed income-1980	782,750.00
		Contingent fund	7,050.00

We submit the following report on travel compensation:

Officers who are not Delegates

John W. Scott, Master (Dorothy)	88.00
Headquarters	88.00
Kermit Richardson, Lecturer (Margaret)	162.00
RD 2, Barre, Vermont 05641	162.00
Robert Proctor, Secretary (Mary)	80.00
Headquarters	80.00
Woodrow W. Tucker (Marjorie)	130.00
Chairman, Executive Committee	130.00
Ministerial Road, Peace Dale, Rhode Island 02879	
C. Jerome Davis (Ethel)	123.00
High Priest of Demeter	123.00
RD 1, Box 92, Ramsey, Indiana 47166	
Mrs. Jennette Thomas, Pomona (Kenneth)	130.00
49 Gardiner Avenue., North Kingstown, Rhode Island 02852	130.00

Delegates

Arkansas—Mr. & Mrs. Joe Peters (Ethel)	378.00
RD 5, Rogers, Arkansas 72756	378.00
California—Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Koster (Edna C.)	562.00
2101 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, Calif. 95817	562.00
Colorado—Mr. & Mrs. Francis Guthrie (Harriet)	370.00
51 W. 84th Ave., Denver, Co. 80221	370.00
Connecticut—Mr. & Mrs. Frank Warner (Margaret)	116.00
895 Shepard Ave., Hamden, Ct. 06514	116.00
Delaware—Mr. & Mrs. Claude Hoffman (Catherine)	82.00
RD 4, Box 378, Dover, Del. 19901	82.00
Florida—Mr. & Mrs. D. Vincent Andrews (Madelin)	276.00
RD 2, Box 330-C, Sarasota, Florida 33582	276.00
Idaho—Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Tate (Reta Mae)	306.00
Box 367, Meridian, Idaho 83642	306.00
Illinois—Mr. Russell Stauffer	242.00
Box 3787, Springfield, Ill. 62708	
Indiana—Mr. & Mrs. Wendel Shireman (Dorothy)	123.00
RD 4, Box 37, Columbus, Indiana 47201	123.00
Iowa—Mr. & Mrs. Delwin Cross (Lucille)	224.00
Box 428, Killduff, Iowa 50137	224.00
Kansas—Mr. & Mrs. Lewis R. Cline (Mildred)	171.50
RD 1, Neodesha, Kansas 66757	171.50
Maine—Mr. & Mrs. James E. Shores, Jr. (Dorothy)	184.00
146 State Street, Augusta, Maine 04330	184.00
Maryland—Mr. & Mrs. Rodman Myers (Jean)	88.00
RD 2, Box 112, Thurmont, Md. 21788	88.00
Massachusetts—Mr. & Mrs. Vernon P. West (Connie)	116.00
52 Maple St., Box 306, Florence, Mass. 01060	116.00
Michigan—Mr. & Mrs. Richard Carncross (Patty)	248.00
137 Strongwood Ave., Battle Creek, Michigan 49017	248.00
Minnesota—Mr. & Mrs. Albert Brendemuhl (Adel)	286.00
3730 Cottage Grove Dr. Newport, Minn. 55055	286.00
Missouri—Mr. & Mrs. David Wedding (Patty)	318.00
RD 1, Jacksonville, Mo. 65260	318.00
Montana—Mr. & Mrs. Forest Farris (Margaret)	580.00
550 Three Mile Dr., Kalispell, Mont. 59901	580.00
Nebraska—Mr. & Mrs. Edward Andersen (Darlene)	274.00
RD 1, Box 154, Waterloo, Neb. 68069	274.00
New Hampshire—Mr. & Mrs. B. Franklin Hayes (Virginia)	156.00
Box 344, E. Rochester, New Hamp. 03867	156.00
New Jersey—Mr. & Mrs. John U. Maple (Margaret)	94.00
2785 Main St., Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08532	94.00
New York—Mr. & Mrs. Morris J. Halladay (Catherine)	104.00
100 Grange Place, Cortland, New York 13045	104.00
North Carolina—Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Massey (Eunice)	146.00
Box G-1, Greensboro, North Carolina 27402	146.00
Ohio—Mr. & Mrs. James Ross (Mary)	136.00
1031 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43205	136.00
Oklahoma—Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Purdy (Wilma)	298.00
RD 1, Box 128, Tonkawa, Ok. 74653	298.00
Oregon—Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Harris (Lida)	381.50
1313 S.E. 12th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97214	381.50
Pennsylvania—Mr. & Mrs. Charles Wismer (Jane)	48.00
1604 N. Second St., Harrisburg, Pa. 17108	48.00
Rhode Island—Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira (Dorothy)	156.00
15 Rhode Island Ave., Newport, RI 02840	156.00

South Carolina—Mr. & Mrs. George C. Grobusky (Jenny)	184.00
RD 1, Walhalla, South Carolina 29691	184.00
Tennessee—Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. LaForest (Jean)	192.00
604 Ensley Dr., Rt. 29, Knoxville, Tenn. 37920	192.00
Texas—Mr. & Mrs. R. G. Carter (Flo)	382.00
Rt. 1, Box 26, Elmendorf, TX 78112	382.00
Vermont—Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Lowry (Elizabeth)	168.00
89 South Water St., Vergennes, VT	168.00
Virginia—Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Du Lac (Doris)	53.00
10002 Beach Mill Rd., Great Falls, VA 22066	53.00
Washington—Mr. Jack Silvers	522.00
3104 Western Ave., Seattle, WA 98121	
West Virginia—Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Hall (Betty)	140.00
Rt. 1, Box 175-B, Ravenswood, WV 26164	140.00
Wisconsin—Mr. & Mrs. Lester Wallace (Betty)	134.00
Rt. 1, Wood Trail, Beloit, WI 53511	134.00
Wyoming—Mr. & Mrs. Charles Buell (Pearl)	478.00
184 West Brock, Buffalo, WY 82834	478.00
	SUBTOTAL
	18,271.00
Seventh Degree: Verno Shorthill	306.00
Ruth Esther Shorthill	306.00
	TOTAL
	18,883.00

The Executive Committee has voted to approve room expense and meal allowance of \$10 per day per person for the following: Don

and Ruth Peck, Verno and Ruth Esther Shorthill, Ruth and Leroy Hoover, and Clare and Mary Jane Wagner, and Mrs. Ella Laing.

1980 SESSION EXPENSES

RESOLVED, that the following compensation recommendation be adopted as follows:

1. The Executive Committee at each National Grange Session compile and approve a list of those names other than the Delegates who are to be compensated in any way during the Convention and give this list to the Audit and Budget Committee.

2. We recommend that travel compensation be based on second class or tourist class round trip plane fare from the airport nearest the Delegates' and Officers' homes by the most direct route to the site of the National Grange Session. We urge Delegates to travel at the least expensive fare and be willing to accept same as their travel compensation.

3. National Grange to be responsible for Hotel rooms for National Officers and Delegates and for other approved personnel for the required period of attendance at the National Session.

4. We recommend that in order to cut Annual Session expenses the Department Heads use members of the Host State Grange to work in exhibit rooms. Department Heads that bring in people to help in their Departments shall pay their expenses out of their budgets.

On behalf of the Officers and Delegates of the National Grange, we want to express our gratitude to Brother Charles Wismer and Sister Jane Wismer and the members of the Pennsylvania State Grange for their untiring manpower and hospitality.

Fraternally submitted,
 Delwin Cross, *Chairman*
 Vernon West
 Edwin Koster
 Margaret Maple
 Virginia Hayes
 Pearl Buell
 Woodrow Tucker

THE REPORT OF THE CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were assigned to the Citizenship and Public Affairs Committee: 8, 12, 24, 29, 32, 67, 69, 73, 87, 88, 90, 109, 110, 125, 136, 139, 141, 158, 159, 175, 178, 181, 190, 208, 210, 211, 214, 222, 224, 228, 240, 243, 247, 248, 252, 271, 273, 275, 276, 289, 290, 305, 312, 318, 325, 331, 340, 343, 361, 368, 369, 372, 373, 374, 377, 379, 383, 384, 395, 396, 405, 406, 409, 411, 413, 419, 422, 429, 430, 440, 441, 478, 489, 491, 497, 516, 517, 518, 520, 523, 528, 538, 545, 552, 562, 564, 572, 573, 574, 579, 598, 606, 618, 619, 634, 640, 641, 642, 643, and 644.

The following Resolutions were transferred from this Committee: 8 & 491 to Transportation, 69 & 109 to Taxation, 32 in part to Foreign Affairs, 528 to Conservation 489, 518 and 634 to Education.

Resolution No. 380 was transferred to Citizenship and Public Affairs from Taxation.

The following Resolutions were withdrawn: 271, 312, 331, 373, 422, and 538.

The following Resolutions were referred back to the states: 139, 141, 214, 222, 516, and 520.

The Committee reported adversely on the following Resolutions: 12, 88, 224, 372, 377, 384, 478, and 517.

Resolution Nos. 73 and 395 were defeated by Delegate action.

POLICY STATEMENT

Many issues face us as we head into the decade of the 80's, and the manner in which we deal with them may have an effect on generations to come.

We feel that the very essence of our National heritage will be tested to its utmost, and only through the resolve of the people of this country will we be able to overcome those difficulties placed in our path. The answers are not to be found in the written laws that are developed by our government but in the hearts and minds of a people determined to promote and defend the basic freedoms that formed the basis upon which the Declaration of Independence was drafted and signed over 200 years ago. We should do everything in our power to see that our Constitutional rights are upheld and strengthened.

Too often recently we have heard more of the term "Special Interest Groups", and not

enough of the term "Melting Pot". We should remember that no matter what our ethnic origin or background, we share the common bond as Americans, and should strive to become a people of common laws, applied equally and fairly to all Americans.

The need of educating people to their responsibilities as citizens to a more stringent acceptance of providing for their basic needs, to an increasing awareness of the impact of the consequences of their actions, is becoming more prevalent in our society. We should make sure that we as parents set examples in making sound and responsible decisions and provide our children with the lesson of accepting responsibility for the consequences of our actions. We are constantly asking, "why doesn't somebody do something", instead of taking a good look at ourselves and asking, "What have I done today to make the world a better place in which to live".

We believe the government should do for its people only that which the people cannot do for themselves. Government should become the model of efficient operation. It should only employ those persons necessary for efficient government, and trim personnel where ever possible to avoid the ever increasing budgets which are found at all levels of government.

Ours is a great nation, not because of its size or military might, but because its people are great. The Grange at all levels stands ready to work for the betterment of our society.

The Policy Statement covers Resolutions No. 305 by Buell, 369 by Ross, 552 by Warner and 643 by Halladay.

NATIONAL PRINCIPLES

RESOLVED, that the National Grange strongly supports retaining, "The Star Spangled Banner" as our National anthem, the motto, "In God We Trust", on our currency, and our present form of the, "Pledge of Allegiance", and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange vigorously oppose all efforts by organizations and individuals attempting to destroy the great traditional principles upon which our Nation was founded.

This covers Resolution No. 24 by Harris, 125 by Maple and 579 by Halladay.

STUDENT AND VOTER REGISTRATION

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favors students voting in person, or by absentee ballot, in their home communities, rather than in their college town; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge State, Pomona and Subordinate Granges to encourage programs to stimulate voter registration and participation in local, state and National elections.

This covers Resolution Nos. 208 by LaForest, 419 by Wismer and a portion of the Masters address.

SALARIES OF CONGRESSMEN

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support any effort to require pay raises for members of Congress to be discussed in open committee hearings and voted on by roll call vote.

This covers Resolution Nos. 29 and 32 by Harris in part and 523 by Hayes.

INDIAN CLAIMS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange goes on record favoring negotiation rather than litigation in the settlement of Indian claims and such negotiation be in the form of a money settlement rather than federal or state developed lands and privately owned properties.

This covers Resolution No. 574 by Halladay.

USE OF NATURAL FIBERS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the use of cotton and natural fibers, rather than synthetic fibers whenever practical, in all segments of the economy inclusive of military supply.

This covers Resolution No. 598 by Massey.

VETERANS BENEFITS

WHEREAS, there are many officials who would seek to deprive the war veterans of many benefits, primarily medical care in Veteran's hospitals, and

WHEREAS, honorably discharged veterans are entitled to these benefits; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose all attempts to reduce or eliminate

any of the rights of honorably discharged veterans.

This covers Resolution No. 273 by Koster.

REFORM OF COST OF LIVING INCREASES

WHEREAS, the Government periodically grants a cost of living increase to Social Security recipients, retired Federal workers, military personnel and retired railroad workers etc., and

WHEREAS, these increases based on CPI (consumer price index) are calculated on current salary or pension of the recipient and not on a predetermined basic rate or standard, and

WHEREAS, with a 05% increase a person receiving \$300 per month would receive \$15.00 per month increase, while a \$2000.00 per month high ranking military and civil service retirees would be increased by \$100 per month and,

WHEREAS, the differences in the amounts of increase are unfair and disproportionate to the real purpose of cost of living increases, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange seek and support legislation to limit cost of living increases to a standard across the board amount commensurate to the level of middle income retirees, and be it further

RESOLVED, that retired persons holding civil service positions be barred from all CPI raises related to retirement pay while so employed.

This covers Resolution No. 178 by Carter, 429 by Purdy.

VA BENEFITS FOR DRAFT EVADERS

WHEREAS, legislation is pending with regard to veterans benefits for draft evaders and deserters and

WHEREAS, rights to these benefits have not been earned by these people as by the men and women who properly responded to the call to duty in times of war and National emergency, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record in opposition to granting VA benefits to draft evaders and deserters, and be it further

RESOLVED, that these and all future evaders and deserters be considered on a level equal to that of a dishonorable discharge.

This covers Resolution No. 618 by Massey.

GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the existence of so many Federal regulatory agencies, such as O.S.H.A., Environmental Protection Agency and others relating to Agriculture and Industry is of major concern, and

WHEREAS, many conflicting regulations exist among these agencies resulting in added expense, confusion and loss of time, and

WHEREAS, the existence and enforcement of so many regulations has and is having an adverse effect on progress and well being in both the agricultural and industrial communities throughout the Nation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange work toward legislation which would make regulations cost effective, insure periodic review of regulations, improve regulatory planning and management, eliminate needless legal formality and delay and encourage public participation in the regulatory process.

This covers Resolution Nos. 175 by Carter, 252 by Peters, 340 by Carncross, 383 by Ross, 564 by Tate and 642 by Halladay, and a portion of the Masters address.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage elected officials to exercise prudence and demonstrate fiscal responsibility in using travel and other privileges accorded their office.

This covers Resolution Nos. 90 by Wedding, 158 by Anderson, 325 by Brendemuhl, 379 by Ross, 380 by Ross, and 644 by Halladay.

PRAYER IN SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has found that voluntary Bible reading in schools and other public places is Constitutional, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourages Bible reading voluntary prayer, and the use of religious music in schools and other public places.

This covers Resolution Nos. 210 by LaForest and 640 by Halladay.

OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL AGENCIES

The National Grange recommends that Congress continue its oversight of the ac-

tivities of the several federal agencies. This oversight should be conducted with a view to determining and eliminating the economic drain of agencies which serve no useful purpose.

This covers Resolution No. 573 by Halladay.

OBSERVATION OF HOLIDAYS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange continue to support efforts to seek restoration of the observance of holidays on their traditional and historical dates.

This covers Resolution Nos. 318 by Shireman, 411 and 413 by Wismer and 572 by Halladay.

VETERANS PENSIONS

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration has, in certain cases, reduced the amount of Veterans pensions because income is received from other sources, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the National Grange support the position that when the income from other sources has ceased, the benefit should be restored to the original figure, so that the recipient may better cope with the rising cost of living.

This covers Resolution No. 247 by Peters.

MERGER OF PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange opposes any action to place any public retirement plan under the present Federal Insurance Contributions Act.

This covers Resolution No. 361 by Ross.

BALLOTS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend to the appropriate State and Federal authorities that all ballots and pertinent instructions for City, County, State and Federal elections be printed in the English language only.

This covers Resolution No. 275 by Koster.

WELFARE

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend that a complete review and reform of our present welfare programs be undertaken with a view toward the following:

1. Tighter controls on welfare program spending.

2. Work incentive programs to encourage a recipient to contribute to rather than take away from the economy.

3. Thorough investigation of welfare applicants on a continuing basis.

4. Establishment of review boards to re-evaluate recipients eligibility periodically.

5. Provision for incentives to give recipients a sense of pride in their own self-sustaining, economic well-being.

This covers Resolution Nos. 181 by Carter, 190 by Grobusky, 243 by Peters, 374 by Ross and 406 by Wismer.

METAL DOLLAR

WHEREAS, a coin dollar lasts longer and is therefore more economical, but

WHEREAS, the new metal dollar is too easily confused for a quarters, be it

RESOLVED, that National Grange favors modification of the dollar coin so as to be readily identified.

This covers Resolution Nos. 110 by Guthrie and 228 by Stauffer.

SOCIAL SECURITY

WHEREAS, the Social Security Act was established with contributions from the employee and employer as a system to provide a means of supplementing retirement income for those who had contributed, and

WHEREAS, Social Security has broadened in scope to include welfare type benefits, such as, support and education benefits for dependent recipients, medicare and supplemental security income to needy families, which in fact could be provided through welfare programs already established, and

WHEREAS, this plan can no longer remain self supporting without constantly increasing the contributions, thus penalizing the working man to pay for these welfare programs, and

WHEREAS, some changes are being contemplated; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the National Grange advocate a complete revision of the Social Security Act and the implementation of a totally new program providing only supplemental retirement benefits to persons on the basis of past contributions, as was the original intent. It should not include welfare benefits funded by the working people.

This covers Resolution Nos. 67 by Silvers, 276 by Koster, 290 by Lowry, 343 by Carncross, 441 by Cline, 619 by Massey and 641 by Halladay.

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose the formation of any regional government authority that would supercede or supplant the relationship of the states to the Federal Government.

This covers Resolution Nos. 240 by Stauffer and 562 by Tate.

FOOD STAMPS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support further changes in the food stamp program to tighten eligibility requirements and that efforts be made to reduce and eliminate abuses now associated with the program.

This covers Resolution Nos. 248 by Peters, 409 by Wismer and 430 by Purdy.

WOODBURNING STOVES

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favor Grange programs which encourages all residents to use extreme care when considering and using woodburning equipment and that they comply with all local building and fire codes in the installation of these stoves.

This covers Resolution No. 497 by Myers.

WIDOWS BENEFITS

RESOLVED, that Social Security regulations be reviewed and revised to allow widows, without children, and not having attained the age of 60 to receive benefits as an advance on their later Social Security earnings for a minimum of one year, to allow them to adjust, receive training or obtain employment, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Social Security adjust the time for such benefits as determined by the individual need.

This covers Resolution No. 289 by Lowry.

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support a U.S. Constitutional Amendment that would allow states to apportion one house of the State legislature on a basis other than population.

This covers Resolution No. 211 by LaForest.

COMPULSORY DRAFT

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose the concept of compulsory draft for maintaining our military forces, except in the case of a national emergency.

This covers Resolution No. 405 by Wismer.

SPECIAL SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the Special (School) Milk Program to be funded at such levels as will provide an adequate supply of milk as needed for school children.

This covers Resolution Nos. 396 by Wismer and 606 in part by Massey.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose the abuse of the school lunch program and recommend that the schools be more thorough in approving the applications for the free and reduced price meals.

This covers Resolution No. 606 in part by Massey.

METRIC SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has enacted legislation for the metric system, and

WHEREAS, the enormous impact of this legislation is not fully realized and will be felt for generations to come. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange opposes any conversion to the Metric System and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge Congressional action to require that any product which is placed in interstate commerce must be labelled in standard weights and measures.

This covers Resolution Nos. 87 by Wedding and 136 by Cross.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUNDING

WHEREAS, it is recognized that in order to assure that all persons have an opportunity to campaign for President, funds must be

available to assist in the financing of Presidential campaigns, and

WHEREAS, to provide such funds out of general tax revenues is a diversion of funds collected for governmental expenses, and

WHEREAS, individual states, if they desire, should provide funding for campaigns of Senators and Congressmen, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge a revision of the Federal Election Campaign Act so that any individual may designate on his tax return the sum of \$1 to be paid into the Presidential Election Campaign Fund and such dollar will then be an addition to his tax liability, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose any measure to expand the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act to other than the Presidential Election Campaign.

This covers Resolution Nos. 159 by Andersen and 440 by Cline.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT

WHEREAS, the economic need of both men and women has become a combined effort, and

WHEREAS, the surviving spouse of either sex is responsible for support of remaining dependants, and

WHEREAS, distribution of social service jobs and Ownership Rights should be non-discriminatory; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange supports all efforts to enforce the Equal Opportunity Employment Act.

This covers Resolution No. 545 by Warner.

INCUMBENT'S CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favor laws which would prohibit the use of government owned facilities, government paid staff, or other privileges accorded the office to aid the election campaign of incumbent office holders.

This covers Resolution No. 368 by Ross.

Fraternally submitted,
Richard Carncross, *Chairman*
Lida Harris
R. G. Carter
Dorothy Shores
Elizabeth Lowry
Darlene Andersen
Ethel Davis
Fae Snyder

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The following resolutions were assigned to the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee: 14, 17, 28, 53, 54, 58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 66, 72, 89, 96, 97, 100, 101, 102, 103, 106, 108, 113, 128, 131, 132, 135, 137, 138, 148, 150, 163, 167, 174, 184, 189, 191, 199, 200, 202, 229, 230, 236, 239, 255, 256, 258, 259, 260, 261, 272, 279, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 302, 303, 309, 310, 314, 315, 323, 329, 330, 334, 337, 341, 353, 354, 364, 391, 392, 393, 402, 410, 416, 420, 423, 427, 431, 433, 437, 438, 461, 462, 463, 469, 504, 505, 521, 522, 528, 536, 543, 548, 549, 559, 578, 581, 582, 607, 622, 624, 626, 628, 633, 645, 646, and 647.

The following resolutions were transferred from the Conservation & Natural Resources Committee to the Agriculture Committee: 138 and 582.

Resolutions number 166 and 147 were transferred from Taxation to the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee.

Resolution Nos. 72 and 147 were withdrawn.

The Master's Address reviewed the problems of energy since the Arab Boycott of Oil in 1973. The direction provided by the Master was adequately covered in Resolutions dealing with concern for high energy prices, developing new energy resources from waste products and moving ahead in the development of alternate sources of energy.

The Master pointed out his concern for the direction that conservation programs would take in the future. These concerns were adequately covered by resolutions dealing with RCA, the Rural Clean Water Act and recommending the role that USDA agencies should play in administering these programs.

OPPOSING REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

WHEREAS, pending in Congress is a provision of the public works bill that would create a nationwide series of regional commissions having authority to develop economic plans and programs, and

WHEREAS, these permanent commissions, covering the entire nation, and enjoying greater power than the eight commissions already formed, would take away much authority for land use and growth policies traditionally reserved for state and local governments; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange

oppose legislation that would create a nationwide series of regional commissions.

This covers Resolution No. 191 by Farris.

The following telegram was adopted by the Delegate body and ordered sent to the following

*To the Honorable Tom Foley, Representative
To the Honorable Tip O'Neill (Speaker of House)*

and

To the Honorable John Rhodes (Minority Leader Representative)

The National Grange assembled in its 113 Annual meeting is a strong supporter of FIFRA (Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, Rodenticide Act) and urges enactment of legislation to extend the Acts authorization.

In considering the extension of the Act, Congress should address the serious problem of Fire Ants by authorizing the use of Mirex on a controlled basis in the highly infested areas of the South. We, therefore, urge speedy action on the extension of FIFRA, with the Mirex amendment intact.

*Edward Andersen, Master
The National Grange*

SYNTHETIC FOODS

WHEREAS, we feel that additional sources of energy are a definite necessity; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Federal Government provide funds for technology and incentives for rapid increase in the production and distribution of bio-mass, alcohol and other synthetic fuels from waste and agricultural products to relieve the energy crisis, and be it further

RESOLVED, that any synthetic fuel provided be a type that can be used in automobiles and machinery we now have.

This covers Resolution Nos. 28 by Harris; 60 by Silvers, 96 by Wedding; 132 and 150 by Cross; 230 and 236 by Stauffer; 258 and 260 by Koster; 282 in part and 286 by Lowry; 315 by Buell; 323 and 329 by Brendemuhl; 334 and 337 in part by Carncross; 354 in part and 364 by Ross; 393 by Wismer; 423 in part and 433 by Purdy; 461 in part by Myers; 521 in

part by West; 543 and 549 by Warner; 578 by Halladay; 628 in part by Massey; and 646 in part by Halladay.

SMALL ENERGY PROJECTS

WHEREAS, energy is a primary concern of this country's citizens, and

WHEREAS, there is the technology to construct efficient small energy facilities for solar, wind, geo-thermal, alcohol, and other energy potential, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for grants and loans for citizens to construct such facilities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage the Federal Government to provide the necessary incentive to the private sector (such as farmers) through loans and grants to establish energy producing facilities primarily for their own use and the means that would allow the producers of such energy to sell their excess.

This covers Resolution Nos. 416 by Wismer and 461 in part by Myers.

ENERGY INCENTIVES

WHEREAS, this nation is facing a potential energy shortage which could disrupt our economic system with disastrous results, and

WHEREAS, this nation is dependent on foreign sources of oil for almost fifty percent of our current supply, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for all out development of alternate sources of energy to help decrease our dependence on foreign oil, and

WHEREAS, it will take at least ten years before alternate sources of domestic energy will begin to make a meaningful contribution to a reduction in our dependence on foreign oil, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support immediate legislative and regulatory changes that will provide the necessary incentives for domestic producers of crude oil and natural gas to increase their production, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support a national energy policy which includes the following actions:

1. Investment of corporate profits that result from increases in world oil prices in activities which increase exploration, drilling,

producing and recovery of additional domestic energy resources.

2. The phase out of price controls on crude oil.

3. Discontinuing the federal allocation system for gasoline and diesel fuel but retaining Presidential authority to provide high priority users such as agriculture, transporters of agricultural products, home heating and emergency vehicles, with the necessary fuel supplies during an emergency.

4. Encourage the exploration and production of offshore oil and gas.

5. Encourage investment in refineries by establishing a consistent policy in future pricing of domestic sources of energy.

6. Open public lands for oil and gas exploration.

7. Provide a way to streamline the application for and construction of energy facilities in order to cut red tape and overcome regulatory constraints.

This covers Resolution Nos. 100 by Guthrie; 135 by Cross; 166 and 167 in part by Wallace; 184 by Carter; 189 by Grobusky; 287 by Lowry; 337 in part by Carncross; 423 by Wismer; 427 by Purdy; 505 by Myers; 522 by Hayes; and 548 by Warner.

OIL PRICES

WHEREAS, the United States is dependent on foreign suppliers and prices for almost fifty percent of its crude oil, and

WHEREAS, this dependence on foreign oil has dramatically increased the price of energy used throughout our economy, and

WHEREAS, the major oil companies are involved in the production of foreign and domestic oil and are able to exercise influence in volume, price and distribution of both foreign and domestic supplies of oil, and

WHEREAS, higher energy prices have caused undue hardship for many individuals and has fueled the fires of inflation that affect all citizens, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support federal investigation of alleged price manipulations and monopolistic practices by the oil industry and publicly report findings to the American public, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support measures to increase the nation's domestic capability to supply its own energy needs and stabilize the price of energy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange

support measures designed to provide economic assistance to the low income and those on small fixed incomes to assist them in paying for the high cost of energy.

This covers Resolution Nos. 148 by Cross; 202 by Silveira; 646 in part by Halladay.

NUCLEAR ENERGY

WHEREAS, a growing population and economy will place additional demands on our ability to produce electricity, and

WHEREAS, an effort will be required to generate additional power from coal and Hydro-power, these sources will not be adequate to meet the growing demands, and

WHEREAS, a reasonable examination of the energy outlook in America clearly indicates that nuclear power is essential to fill the electrical energy gap, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the orderly development of nuclear power generation provided such development meet all reasonable safeguards, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the Federal Government to set the policy and both the Administration and the Congress to provide leadership and support for a safe and positive nuclear program. It is of vital importance that positive action be taken to:

1. Simplify and shorten the nuclear licensing procedure.

2. Provide for Government processing and storage of nuclear fuel, and the disposal of nuclear waste.

3. Improve safety in design, construction and operation of nuclear power facilities.

4. Go forward with a reasonable program for development and commercialization of the breeder reactor.

This covers Resolution Nos. 59 by Silvers; 108 by Guthrie; 163 by Wallace; 259 by Koster; 284 by Lowry; 309 by Buell; 337 in part and 341 by Carnecross; 354 by Ross in part; 410 by Wismer; 437 by Cline; 645 and 647 by Halladay.

CANADIAN POWER

WHEREAS, our electrical needs are increasing, and

WHEREAS, the cost of oil for generating electricity is becoming prohibitive, and

WHEREAS, hydro power from Canada

would be an economical source of electrical energy, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record as approving purchase of power from Canada, keeping in mind that we don't want to become dependent upon foreign countries for our electricity.

This covers Resolution No. 285 by Lowry.

PREFERENCE CLAUSE

WHEREAS, publicly owned utilities, Rural Electric Cooperatives and municipally owned power systems have traditionally received preference in the distribution of power generated from Federally constructed dams; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose the weakening of the preference clause in any legislation regarding publicly owned utilities, Rural Electric Cooperatives and municipally owned power systems.

This covers Resolution No. 62 by Silvers.

ELECTRIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, foreseeable shortages of electricity, a primary source of energy which supplies our residential, agricultural and industrial needs of modern design, and

WHEREAS, priorities must be developed to provide both private and public electric utility industries with the assistance of state and federal energy agencies to convert to coal as other available fuels, and

WHEREAS, it takes ten years to build a generating plant according to complex and stringent guidelines to preserve the ecology of the area; be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urges the Department of Energy and state agencies that issue permits to build generating plants to adopt a strong energy policy to provide the most economical and ecologically acceptable sources of fuel to maintain adequate electric power for our American way of life.

This covers Resolution No. 469 by Myers.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

WHEREAS, we need protection of our environment, but the present laws are too restrictive, making it difficult, expensive and time consuming to build the needed industrial plants which would help solve our energy problems; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Congress examine our environmental laws and make the changes necessary to encourage the expansion of the energy industry.

This covers Resolution No. 431 by Purdy.

ENERGY CRISIS

WHEREAS, the Grange believes that America faces an energy crisis, and

WHEREAS, we further believe that the United States must strive to become more self-sufficient in energy production; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange favor the conservation of existing supplies of energy and the continuing and expanding research for and use of new sources of energy, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Grange support a strong program to conserve power by enforcing the 55 mph speed limit, insulating homes, car pooling, and adjusting thermostats to reduce our dependence on all kinds of oil products nationwide.

This covers Resolution Nos. 132 in part by Cross; 167 in part by Wallace; 282 in part by Lowry; 337 in part by Carncross; 536 by Warner; and 626 by Massey.

NORTHERN TIER PIPELINE

WHEREAS, there is a proposed pipeline called Northern Tier Pipeline from Port Angeles, Washington to Clear Brook, Minnesota which would shorten the route for the crude oil that comes from the North Slope of Alaska to the upper Midwest by 5,000 miles, and

WHEREAS, this pipeline for American oil on American soil would be a more secure way of transporting crude oil from Alaska; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the Federal Government to expedite the issuance of permits for the construction of the Northern Tier Pipeline.

This covers Resolution No. 330 by Bren-demuhl.

ENERGY AND EPA REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, National Grange realizes the seriousness of the energy crisis, be it

RESOLVED, that a greater effort be made to produce new energy sources including coal

gasification, nuclear energy, solar energy, wind energy and other feasible sources and emphasize the necessity of striving diligently to find a method to destroy the nuclear ash, be it further

RESOLVED, that EPA regulations be relaxed to help speed up the development of these new energy sources.

This covers Resolution Nos. 97 by Wedding; 261 by Koster; 353 by Ross; and 504 by Myers.

TALL GRASS NATIONAL RESERVE

WHEREAS, the National Grange is on record as being opposed to the creation of a "Tall Grass National Reserve", therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange continue its opposition to any concept or plan that would take any substantial acreage of grassland and place it in reserve, and be it further

RESOLVED, that we cooperate with other groups in our efforts to oppose the "Tall Grass National Reserve."

This covers Resolution No. 438 by Cline.

REUSABLE CONTAINERS

WHEREAS, there is concern and need for conservation at every level possible, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National and State Granges support legislation requiring containers be made from bio-degradable, recyclable, or renewable resources.

This covers Resolution Nos. 63 by Silvers, 463 by Myers, and 633 by Massey.

CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

WHEREAS, mandatory installation of catalytic converters on new vehicles has increased the danger of igniting fires in wheat fields, pasture, and forest land and is a distinct hazard in rural areas, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that laws to enforce mandatory use of catalytic converters be rescinded.

This covers Resolution No. 113 by Guthrie.

WILDERNESS AREAS

WHEREAS, the removal of National Forest areas that have grazing, merchantable timber, mineral, energy or water development potentials, from multiple-use purposes

will have serious economic impact on adjacent areas, communities, regions and the nation as a whole, and

WHEREAS, the designation of an area as Wilderness will seriously curtail effective control of fire, insects, and disease within these areas, and

WHEREAS, the cost of properly administering these areas is very costly in life and money; and

WHEREAS, areas set aside as Wilderness cannot be enjoyed by all segments of society; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose the designation of further areas as Wilderness if significant merchantable timber, grazing, mineral and energy resources, or water development potential are within these areas.

This covers Resolution Nos. 53 by Silvers; 283 by Lowry; and 391 by Wismer.

IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN WATER ACT

WHEREAS, ASCS has for years been charged with making cost-share payments on conservation practices, and

WHEREAS, SCS's responsibility was to provide technical assistance in planning and the engineering of projects, and

WHEREAS, provisions in the Clean Water Act provided that SCS be designated as the agency to disperse the proposed cost-share funds, and

WHEREAS, it would appear that this would be a duplication of agency office, staff; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record in favor of SCS and Conservation Districts carrying out the technical planning and setting of priorities under the Clean Water Act and that payment of cost-share funds be made by ASCS and County Committees.

This covers Resolution Nos. 462 by Myers and 624 by Massey.

ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, local communities have the ability to develop energy resources within their capability, and

WHEREAS, many communities need financial assistance in order to develop these resources; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange

support legislation to provide state and federal funding for the development, engineering and construction of community based energy resource development.

This covers Resolution No. 622 by Massey.

RARE II

WHEREAS, wilderness area review and evaluation (RARE II) studies have been completed and recommendations made at all levels, and

WHEREAS, delays in implementing these studies have resulted in a loss of timber harvesting which has added greatly to the cost of construction of new homes, and

WHEREAS, objection and threatened lawsuits by certain groups continue to tie up some of this land, and

WHEREAS, the RARE II study specified that federal lands studied be classified as wilderness areas, land for future study and lands for multiple use; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that final administrative and legislative resolution of the RARE II program be completed within the year 1980, and be it further

RESOLVED, that provisions of these actions include the immediate release for multiple use of all areas not designated as wilderness or further study.

This covers Resolution No. 302 in part by Buell.

RURAL CLEAN WATER PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, the farm costs of solving farm water pollution problems are very high, and

WHEREAS, the Rural Clean Water Program has been enacted for some time but until recently has not been funded, and

WHEREAS, Congress has recently authorized \$50,000,000 cost-sharing funds for the program and directed that these funds be administered by the Farmer-Elected Committee System, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange commend the Congress for this initial funding of the Clean Water cost-sharing program and encourage making it available to all farms with pollution problems in subsequent years as satisfactory experience is gained in program implementation.

This covers Resolution Nos. 62 and 66 by Silvers and 624 in part by Massey.

LIVESTOCK GRAZING ON FEDERAL LANDS

WHEREAS, over 63% of the total area of western states is owned by the Federal Government as Bureau of Land Management or Forest Service land, and

WHEREAS, a large portion of the ranch and livestock operators in these states depend on the use of this land for grazing, and

WHEREAS, grazing plans being prepared by the BLM and FS call for reductions of 25 to 70% in the grazing which will reduce many ranches operations below an economic level, and

WHEREAS, such users are vitally concerned with the improvement of these lands and are intimately familiar with needs and practices necessary to maintain, preserve and improve these lands and the wildlife of the area, and

WHEREAS, the continued successful operation and production of these ranchers are vital to the economy of these states and the nation as a whole; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favor pending and future legislation that would reduce or limit overall reduction in grazing to 10% or less on any given unit in the next five years, except in the case of an emergency such as severe drought, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grazing permittees on these allotments be consulted as grazing plans are prepared.

This covers Resolution Nos. 101 by Guthrie and 559 by Tate in part.

RESTORATION OF FEDERAL LANDS TO STATES

WHEREAS, more than 63% of the land in the 13 Western States is controlled by the Federal Government thereby denying these states and their citizens the right to determine their own destiny, and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced to divest the Federal Government of its control of this public domain and to place title of these lands in the hands of the respective Western State Governments, and

WHEREAS, a portion of the revenues from these federal lands are distributed to state and local government, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation to assign control of federal

lands in the 13 Western States to respective State Governments, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed legislation contain provisions that will insure equitable treatment of local governments within each of the effected states, including assurances that the revenues now received by the counties are protected.

This covers Resolution Nos. 303 by Buell and 559 in part by Tate.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER

WHEREAS, the rising cost of energy has caused a re-examination of the possible ways to generate electricity, and

WHEREAS, many dams have been constructed without consideration for the generation of power, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to consider including a power generating capability in all new dam construction and to consider the construction of new dams for the purpose of generating electricity, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage a national program to reevaluate present dams to determine if it is feasible and practical to install a power generating capability, and be it further

RESOLVED, that action be taken to expedite the addition of power generating capability in those dams where the addition is practical, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Federal Government and governing bodies at all levels, utilities and all interested parties be encouraged to examine the possibilities of constructing new dams, off-stream storage and low head projects to take advantage of hydro-power to generate electricity.

This covers Resolution Nos. 131 by Cross; 239 by Stauffer; 337 in part by Carncross; 354 in part by Ross; 402 in part by Wismer; and 521 in part by West.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDIES

WHEREAS, environmental impact studies are required for nearly all types of county, state and federal construction projects, and

WHEREAS, these studies often do not show the full economic impact on the local, state or national economy and the people of the area, and

WHEREAS, large sums are often spent on studies that determine the projects to be entirely infeasible, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that knowledgeable local people will be consulted before expensive studies are made; and further, that if these studies are deemed necessary, these local people or entities will be involved in the whole study process, and be it further

RESOLVED, that any such studies should include the full economic impact on the local, state or national economy and the people who will be affected.

This covers Resolution No. 128 by Maple.

ANIMAL WASTES

WHEREAS, many dairymen and livestock producers are affected by environmental regulations in the handling and disposal of animal wastes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange continue to support research on the handling and management of animal wastes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we urge national environmental control agencies to use a moderate and practical approach in the development and implementation of regulations dealing with these animal wastes.

This covers Resolution No. 607 by Massey.

RESOURCE CONSERVATION ACT

WHEREAS, the Conservation study directed by the Resource Conservation Act will likely be the basis for determining future conservation programs and

WHEREAS, the RCA study to date shows that considerable conservation progress has been attained and that much additional conservation is needed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange participate in the Resource Conservation Act studies and make sure that a quality, locally designed and controlled conservation program that meets family farm needs is finally developed.

This covers Resolution Nos. 106 by Guthrie and 174 by Carter.

"DIVORCEMENT" LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, there is pending legislation in many states to prohibit anyone, including farm cooperatives, from selling gasoline at retail if they sell gasoline at wholesale, and

WHEREAS, this legislation, if passed, would increase the price of petroleum products by forcing another "middleman" between the supplier and the consumer, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record as opposing such "divorcement" legislation.

This covers Resolution No. 528 by Hayes.

NATIONAL CEMETERY IN REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK

WHEREAS, the Federal Government now owns thousands of acres of land in Humboldt County, California, known as the Redwood National Park, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for an additional National Cemetery on the West Coast, and

WHEREAS, there are many acres of land within the National Redwood National Park suitable for such a cemetery; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record as supporting legislation to create a National Cemetery in the Redwood National Park.

This covers Resolution No. 272 by Koster.

AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the Airport at Jackson, Wyoming was established before the surrounding area became part of the National Park System and money for improvement of the airport has already been appropriated by Congress; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support action to insure that the Airport at Jackson, Wyoming not be closed.

This covers Resolution No. 310 by Buell.

GRAVEL AND SAND

WHEREAS, a recent court ruling, dealing with the 1916 mineral reservation law, found that sand and gravel are minerals and are owned by the Federal Government, and

WHEREAS, the original intent of the law was not to include sand and gravel as a mineral; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge passage of legislation that clearly states that gravel and sand, for the purpose of the 1916 Mineral Law, are not minerals that are reserved to the Federal Government.

This covers Resolution No. 314 by Buell.

FORMER INDIAN LAND

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record advocating that any parcels of an Indian reservation that have been sold:

1. Shall not become a part of the Indian reservation again, regardless of who purchases them.

2. Shall abide by the local ordinances and zoning codes for that area.

This covers Resolution No. 54 by Silvers.

DAMS AND RESERVOIRS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommends that Federal, State and local Governments work more closely together in planning for future land use for the building of dams and reservoirs. Local landowners should be involved in the process in early stages. Proper long range planning should be made to set aside land for future water use in order not to destroy homes and farms unnecessarily.

This covers Resolution No. 581 by Massey.

NEW MELONES DAM

WHEREAS, New Melones Dam has not been filled, and

WHEREAS, there is excess water storage available at New Melones that has not been contracted for, and

WHEREAS, there is no water currently available to supply the existing contracted needs of the Eastside Canal and the Mid-Valley Canal; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange seek the use of this excess capacity for the Eastside and Mid-Valley canals, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation to implement these projects.

This covers Resolution No. 256 by Koster.

OFF-SHORE OIL DRILLING

WHEREAS, there is a need to develop our off-shore oil resources, and

WHEREAS, these resources are federally owned, and

WHEREAS, the high cost of off-shore oil drilling makes it difficult for smaller companies to participate, and

WHEREAS, the process provided for the right to drill for off-shore oil resources should provide an opportunity for all segments of the oil industry to participate, there, be it

RESOLVED, the National Grange encourage the Federal Government to insure that the policy governing the leasing of off-shore

oil rights provide an opportunity for all segments of the oil industry to participate.

This covers Resolution No. 102 by Guthrie.

ALASKA LANDS BILL

WHEREAS, the Alaskan Lands Bill passed by the House of Representatives sets aside 127 million acres of land on which 67.5 million acres is placed in wilderness, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Alaska and the nation need the mineral, oil, timber, and agricultural resources that will be denied use if the House version is accepted, and be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the multiple use of Federal land in Alaska.

This covers Resolution No. 89 by Wedding.

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM LONG TERM AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, the USDA has a practice called "Long Term Agreements" and is encouraging farmers to participate in such, and

WHEREAS, Long Term Agreements are playing an important role in Soil Conservation and anti-pollution projects, and

WHEREAS, because of the complex nature of many of these projects which require vast amounts of expense, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that funding of L.T.A. and mini-L.T.A. be charged to the County allocation the year the practice(s) are performed.

This covers Resolution No. 392 by Wismer.

CONTROL OF SOIL EROSION AND RUNOFF

WHEREAS, soil erosion and runoff of chemicals on agricultural lands is a major concern to many people, and

WHEREAS, the ASCS has conservation programs in the ACP program; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State ASCS institute a cost sharing program to establish grass strips along edges of crop land next to roads and field boundaries to control soil erosion and runoff.

This covers Resolution No. 420 by Wismer.

PRESERVATION OF FARMLANDS

WHEREAS, agricultural land is being lost to highway and airport construction, strip mining, and recreational, residential and industrial development, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that every Environmental Impact Statement submitted for a federal project include the impact of the loss of agricultural land to the local area, the state and the nation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the transfer of development rights be considered as a technique to be used to protect the family farm and whenever land is designated for permanent agricultural use, farmers should receive adequate compensation for the loss in land value, and be it further

RESOLVED, that efforts be made to educate the public on the importance of keeping land in agricultural production to insure future domestic and world supplies.

This covers Resolution Nos. 14 and 17 by Hoffman; 58 by Silver; 103 by Guthrie; 137 by Cross; 199 and 200 by Silveira; 229 by Stauffer; 255 by Koster and 279 by Lowry.

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REPORT OF THE EDUCATION & HEALTH COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were referred to this Committee: 30, 52, 81, 111, 112, 143, 160, 173, 185, 186, 187, 204, 223, 226, 246, 269, 281, 295, 296, 297, 317, 320, 321, 326, 360, 365, 366, 367, 414, 421, 436, 464, 472, 473, 474, 479, 489, 490, 498, 499, 518, 537, 547, 551, 554, 569, 611, 616, 634, 648 and 649.

Resolution No. 569 was transferred to the Agricultural Committee.

Resolutions 143, 269, 366, 421, 436, 464, 474, 499 and 554 were withdrawn.

The Committee reports adversely on Resolution Nos. 112, 160, 320 and 489.

Resolution Numbers 185 and 547 were "struck" by the Delegate Bodies action.

POLICY STATEMENT

Health and Education are synonymous with happiness. The well-being of an individual is essential. Educational opportunities and fulfillment permit a person to achieve the greatest good for himself and others.

We strongly urge educational programs which will alert the public to the dangers of polio, tuberculosis, and other communicable diseases.

A free public education to everyone is the core of our democracy, and a determined effort should be made to up-grade our public schools.

This covers Resolution Nos. 326 by Brendemuhl, 616 by Massey in part, and that portion of the Master's Address.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON FAMILIES

The White House Conference on Families was called by President Carter to "examine the strengths of American families, the difficulties they face, and the ways in which family life is affected by public policies".

A National Advisory Committee will conduct hearings, state and national activities and issue work groups which will lead up to three White House Conferences in 1980.

In lieu of Grange representation at the hearings, the Health and Education Committee identified the following farm family problems and strengths.

Problems of farm families:

1. Lack of health services
2. Economic
 - a. competition with industrial wages
 - b. low family income
 - c. low cash flow
 - d. under-employment
3. Social
 - a. longer working hours—thus less time for social activities and sports
 - b. less availability of social and recreational facilities
 - c. death and divorce—division of property creates additional hardships
4. Safety
 - a. with animals and machinery
 - b. lack of protection of person and property—police and fire

5. Political
 - a. disproportionate representation—taxation without equal representation (property taxes)
6. Education
 - a. lack of vo-ag education in some schools
7. Transportation
 - a. cost of traveling long distances
 - b. isolation from services
8. Lack of modernization in farm homes—plumbing, heating & electricity

Strengths of farm families

1. Family unit—"the family that works together stays together"—a closer unit
2. Environment—clean air, open space & natural beauty
3. Basic learning and accepting responsibility—and respect of people, animals, and property
4. Membership in Rural Organizations
5. Independence
 - a. farmer is his own boss
 - b. flexibility of working hours
6. Wholesome recreational opportunities at home

MORALITY IN MEDIA

WHEREAS, pornography is a four billion dollar business and

WHEREAS, this material has a direct effect on physical and mental health of people, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Granges at all levels be urged to support efforts of Morality In Media Inc., 475 Riverside Drive, N.Y., N.Y.

Morality In Media began in 1962 and continues with two aims:

1. To educate and alert parents and community leaders to the problems, of the scale, and the danger in the distribution of obscene material.
2. To encourage communities to express themselves in a unified, continuous, organized way (a) to law enforcement officials urging vigorous enforcement of obscenity laws and (b) to legitimate media requesting responsibility.

This is a Committee Resolution.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & FFA

We reaffirm 1979 Vo-Ag policy. The Grange strongly supports the Vo-Ag program and recommends:

1. Subordinate Granges should become familiar with the local Vo-Ag advisory board to determine if agriculture is represented. Encourage the inclusion of a Grange member on the board.

2. State leadership in the program has been badly eroded in recent years. State Granges should be alerted to the trend of abolishing and/or incorporating leadership positions and oppose any attempt to cut or weaken state programs. State Advisory Boards should include a member active in agriculture.

3. The National Grange opposes any budget cuts for vocational education. We support a National Advisory Board with members active in the field of vocational agriculture.

4. The National Grange supports a full Vocational Agriculture Program in the local high schools with qualified instructors.

- a. all programs should be twelve month curriculums
- b. all programs should provide a supervised occupational experience
- c. the program curriculums should be based on established competency needs
- d. all programs should include an active FFA Chapter
- e. federal legislation to support construction, improvement and updating of vocational facilities
- f. guidance counselors be made aware of need and opportunities for Vo-Ag teachers.

This covers Resolution No. 472 by Myers

SEX AND VIOLENCE ON T.V. & RADIO

WHEREAS, it appears that blasphemy, profanity, violence, sex and obscene programs on radio and T.V. have a demoralizing effect on children and adults, and

WHEREAS, such programs contribute to increased violence and crime, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange request Congress and the FCC to more intensely pursue regulatory controls to effect higher standards in T.V. and radio programming.

This covers Resolution No. 367 by Ross.

ADVERTISING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON TV

WHEREAS, the problem of alcohol abuse is becoming more and more prevalent among the youth of our nation, and

WHEREAS, this situation is the cause of many accidents, disrupted families, poor health, poor school and work records, and even death, and

WHEREAS, one of the causes is the unlimited advertising of alcoholic beverages at all times of day on television; be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record as supporting national legislation to curb commercial advertising of alcoholic beverages on television in a similar manner to that which presently exists for the sale of cigarettes.

This covers Resolution No. 295 by Lowry.

CPR & FIRST AID COURSES

RESOLVED, since safety training is of the utmost importance, we urge all Granges to sponsor and promote CPR and First Aid Courses.

This covers Resolution No. 490 by Myers.

TRAINING FOR RESCUE WORKERS

WHEREAS, nearly one fourth of farm accidents involved farm tractors and machinery, and because most such accidents result in serious and often permanent injury due to entanglement of the victim in the equipment, and because rescue workers who come to an accident scene may not be familiar with the operation of farm equipment and may not readily understand how to quickly and safely remove an accident victim from such equipment, be it

RESOLVED, that Granges encourage or provide training for rescue workers in the proper extrication of victims of farm accidents.

This covers Resolution No. 498 by Myers.

AGE LIMIT ON CONSUMING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

WHEREAS, the age limit on consuming alcoholic beverages varies from state to state with border line crossings making the laws almost meaningless; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record in favor of asking each State to set the minimum age of 21 for consumption of alcoholic beverages.

This covers Resolution No. 223 by Stauffer, 414 by Wismer and 479 by Myers.

NUTRITION EDUCATION

WHEREAS, nutrition education is needed in public schools to combat the poor performance by children who lack proper nutrition, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture earmarked \$26.2 million in November of 1977 to add nutrition education to the school curriculum of the states; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange supports scientifically sound nutrition education in the public schools and as sponsored by privately funded organizations.

This covers Resolution No. 634 by Massey.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

WHEREAS, educational grants are made to deserving students who otherwise could not afford a higher education; be it

RESOLVED, that recipients of such grants be required to maintain certain minimum standards as a prerequisite for further grants in aid.

This covers Resolution No. 186 by Grobusky.

HUMANE EDUCATION

WHEREAS, we believe humane education should be absorbed at an early age of life, and children taught respect and responsibilities concerning animals, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record as favoring humane education being taught in the elementary school system.

This covers Resolution No. 231 by Lowry.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

RESOLVED, we reaffirm our 1978 National Grange policy that the National Grange opposes any National Health Insurance plan other than catastrophic coverage; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any catastrophic health insurance plan should encourage the participation of private enterprise.

This covers Resolution Nos. 81 by Wedding, 204 by LaForest, 365 by Ross and 537 by Warner.

HEARING EAR DOG

WHEREAS, the Hearing Ear Dog is to the deaf as the Seeing Eye Dog is to the blind, and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Hearing Ear Dog is not now afforded the privileges afforded the owner of a Seeing Eye Dog; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange initiate and support legislation that will make it mandatory for all business and officials of public buildings to allow the same privileges to the owner of a Hearing Ear Dog as are now afforded the owner of a Seeing Eye Dog; and be it further

RESOLVED, that legislation also be initiated to have a certain harness or collar designed which may be worn by a Hearing Ear Dog so that it can be recognized as such.

This covers Resolution No. 518 by West.

DRUGS & ALCOHOL

WHEREAS, we see more and more evidence of drug and alcohol abuse by our children, and

WHEREAS, this causes disruption and illness in their lives as well as those around them, sometimes even resulting in death; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Grangers urge more education in our schools concerning the harmful effect of marijuana, other drugs and alcohol on our youth, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange be totally against legislation legalizing these drugs except for medical reasons, and support stronger enforcement of present laws.

This covers Resolution Nos. 246 by Peters, 296 by Lowry, 317 by Shireman, 473 by Myers, 551 by Warner, and 616 in part by Massey.

LABELING OF FOOD ITEMS

WHEREAS, fillers, certain food additives and vegetable protein are used in some food products; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange work to secure legislation that will require full and complete labeling of all food items as to the percentage of ingredients and additives.

This covers Resolution Nos. 52 by Silvers, 611 by Massey and 649 by Halladay.

BUSING

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose massive busing of school children for any reason other than quality education.

This covers Resolution Nos. 111 by Gut-

hrie, 173 by Wallace, 226 by Stauffer, 360 by Ross and 616 in part by Massey.

"MR. YUK"

WHEREAS, so many household and farm poisons and chemicals are dangerous to children if swallowed or inhaled, and

WHEREAS, present labeling does not warn children of the danger; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Grange members contact their legislators to enact legislation making it mandatory for manufacturers to label all dangerous household and farm poisons and chemicals with "Mr. Yuk" symbols.

This covers Resolution No. 297 by Lowry.

U.S. DEPT. OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, a separate U.S. Dept. of Education has recently been established, be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange work with the newly established Dept. of Education to insure equal educational opportunities in our public schools, and be it further

RESOLVED, that top priority of the Dept. of Education be local and state determination of educational needs; such as

1. Improved curriculum
2. Stricter discipline
3. Upgrading teaching staff
4. Cutting down excess supervisory personnel

This covers resolution No. 648 by Halladay.

INGREDIENT LABELING FOR MEAT PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the USDA has authorized meat processors to include a certain percentage of bone tissue in some meat products;

RESOLVED, that we urge the USDA to continue their co-operative investigation with the meat industry regarding label requirements on meat products that may contain bone tissue so that the consumer is made aware of the ingredients in such products.

This covers Resolution No. 30 by Harris.

PARAMEDICS

WHEREAS, many communities are lacking medical service, and

WHEREAS, paramedics have proven to have saved many lives, and

WHEREAS, Federal matching fund grants

are available for emergency equipment; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Federal grants for emergency equipment include the training of paramedics.

This covers resolution No. 321 by Bren-demuhl.

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL TRAINING

WHEREAS, agricultural education is essential in our public schools if we are to train young farmers and educate all citizens of agriculture life, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange urge that

adequate funding be provided for vo-ag education, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Grange use its influence to expand the availability of vo-ag training on a twelve months basis.

This covers Resolution Nos. 187 by Grobusky and 616 in part by Massey.

Fraternally submitted,
Betty Wallace, *Chairman*
Margaret Warner
Catherine Halladay
Eunice Massey
Mildred Cline
Reta Mae Tate
Kermit Richardson

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The following resolutions were assigned to the Foreign Affairs Committee: 2, 23, 31, 33, 50, 51, 78, 82, 93, 153, 157, 179, 182, 183, 327, 355, 381, 435, 467, 503, 542, 587, 588, 593, 597, 600, 602, 608, 609, 614, 630, 631, and a portion of 32.

Resolution No. 467 was transferred to the Agriculture Committee.

Resolutions withdrawn: 23, 31, 179, 381, 608, and 609.

Resolutions reported adversely by the Committee: 32, 33, 182, 327, 435, 542.

Our thanks are extended to the following resource people for their helpful information: Bill Dyess, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs; George White, Deputy Assistant Administrator, International Trade Policy, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S.D.A.; and Robert Frederick, National Grange Legislative Director.

IMPORTED DAIRY PRODUCTS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the Secretary of Agriculture to initiate countervailing duty procedures on imported dairy products when there is evidence that imported dairy products are being sold below the domestic price, thus removing the influence of foreign government farm support programs.

This covers Resolution No. 50 by Silvers.

LABELING IMPORTED FOOD

WHEREAS, we recognize the right of con-

sumers to know where the food and fiber they purchase is produced and/or processed, and

WHEREAS, we are sensitive to the physical difficulty and the extra cost to consumers that government-forced labeling would cause; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favors the labeling of imported products, such as meat, where the cost or difficulty of labeling is not prohibitive.

This covers Resolution Nos. 51 by Silvers, 93 by Wedding and 355 by Ross.

ANTI-DUMPING PROCEDURES

RESOLVED, that consideration be given to the use of import quotas, and/or import fees, on fresh fruits and vegetables imported into the United States in an attempt to prevent foreign producers from obtaining an increasing share of the domestic market; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the inspection standards on imported fresh fruits and vegetables be strictly enforced by the U.S. government.

Committee resolution covering Resolution Nos. 2 by Andrews, 78 by Wedding, and 183 by Carter.

IMPORTED PROCESSED TOBACCO

RESOLVED, that the National Grange give support to the petition now before the Customs Department to return to the traditional definition for scrap tobacco which would restore the 45 cents per pound duty to

imported processed tobacco instead of the 16.1 cents duty on this processed tobacco that now comes in as scrap.

This covers Resolution No. 600 by Massey.

AGRICULTURAL EMBARGOES

We applaud foreign agricultural market development and encourage continued responsible activity in this direction. However, we continue to oppose embargoes that would disrupt contracted sales and destroy U.S. credibility as a world supplier of feed grains and soybeans.

This covers Resolution No. 587 by Massey.

EXPORT SALES

We are opposed to Commodity Credit Corporation or any other government agency becoming the sole negotiator in export sales of United States-produced Soybeans and Grains.

This covers Resolution No. 593 by Massey.

TEXTILE IMPORTS

We commend the U.S. State Department and the Administration for the progress that has been made in limiting textile imports and urge that efforts be continued that will lead to permanent agreements.

This covers Resolution No. 597 by Massey.

MONITORING EXPORTS SALES

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urges that exports of grain continue to be monitored to insure full disclosure of information concerning sales to foreign countries.

This covers Resolution No. 614 by Massey.

TARIFF ON FREIGHT CARS

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of freight cars for transporting the grain, soybeans and other farm commodities to market; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we urge the speedy adoption of legislation to suspend the tariff on imported railroad freight cars.

This covers Resolution Nos. 503 by Myers and 630 by Massey.

S.T.R. OFFICE

WHEREAS, the basic reason for the cre-

ation of the Office of Special Representative for Trade Negotiations in 1962 still exists, and

WHEREAS, we support the reorganization of the trade functions of the federal government which will strengthen the office of the Special Trade Representative, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation reorganizing the trade functions of the federal government and strengthen the role of the Special Trade Representative.

This covers Resolution No. 631 by Massey.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961

WHEREAS, in 1975 Congress passed and the President signed the Title XII amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, it being the only one of its kind, and

WHEREAS, implementation of this legislation has proceeded very slowly, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange commends the Congress for its foresight and rational action in enacting this legislation directed to helping the poor in agriculture throughout the world . . . We thus encourage the Congress and Carter Administration to provide necessary funding and encourage prompt, widespread implementation to bring land grant institution assistance to Lesser Developed Countries who are willing to make definite, continuing commitments to developing their agriculture so as to improve the life and productivity of the small farmer.

This covers Resolution No. 153 by Andersen.

CATTLE HIDE EXPORTS

WHEREAS, the U.S. shoe manufacturing industry has been requesting restrictions on hide exports, and

WHEREAS, the need to sell U.S. products abroad to help our balance of payments deficit is paramount, and

WHEREAS, the value of cattle hide is an important part of our livestock income, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange favors continued unrestricted exports of cattle hides.

This covers Resolution No. 157 by Andersen.

EXPORT CREDIT POLICY

We endorse the Commodity Credit Corpo-

ration export policy, which, combined with granting most favored nation status to the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China, will be a means of increasing grain and soybean export sales.

This covers Resolution No. 588 by Massey.

IMPORTATION OF EXOTIC FOWLS

WHEREAS, the importation of exotic fowls is a constantly hazardous practice, spreading new diseases to domestic fowls, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that USDA more closely monitor all importation of exotic fowls from foreign countries.

This covers Resolution No. 602 by Massey.

U.S.-MEXICO RELATIONS

WHEREAS, the relations between Mexico and the United States have been strained over minor issues, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the Federal Government to make every effort to improve relations and increase trade between the United States and Mexico.

This covers Resolution No. 82 by Wedding.

The following telegram was presented to the Delegate Body as a special report by the Foreign Affairs Committee, it was adopted and forwarded to the White House.

TELEGRAM to: President Carter

Dear Mr. President:

The National Grange assembled in its 113th Annual Session in Lancaster, Pennsylvania commends you on the calm and col-

lected manner in which you and your Administration have addressed the highly volatile situation in Iran.

Your diplomatic firmness in dealing with international political blackmail reflects the attitude of a mature, peaceful people. The times call for quiet diplomacy, uncluttered by acts of revenge, founded on injured pride and fed by emotionalism.

Your decision to cut-off the purchase of Iranian oil has the full support of the National Grange. The safety and lives of the Americans being held hostage by undisciplined students in Iran are far more important than the few extra miles we can drive with Iranian oil.

We urge that you take every diplomatic sanction necessary to win their freedom.

Sincerely,

John W. Scott, Master
The National Grange

SALT II

WHEREAS, the United States Senate will soon vote on the ratification of SALT II, and

WHEREAS, in both short and long term interests the United States will be best served by the SALT II Treaty, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge members of the U.S. Senate to ratify SALT II.

This is a Committee Resolution.

Fraternally submitted,
Edgar Hall, Chairman
Michael LaForest
Claude Hoffman
Madelin Andrews
Harriet Guthrie
Mary Ross

REPORT OF THE GRANGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were assigned or transferred to the Grange Activities Committee: 117, 118, 123, 124, 144, 172, 188, 203, 233, 234, 242, 294, 300, 352, 444, 454 and 515.

Transferred from Grange Law and Good of the Order: 319, 351, 477, 484, 485, 492, 514, 525, 632 and 635.

The following Resolutions are reported adversely: 234, 351, 444 and 454.

The following Resolutions were withdrawn: 117, 352 and 515.

Resolution number 203 was transferred to Grange Law and Good of the Order.

POLICY STATEMENT

Throughout the history of the Grange, the Women's Activities, Youth and Junior De-

partments and Lecturer's Department have contributed very substantially to the growth and success of our Order. The foresight demonstrated by our founders in making welcome and including women, young people and children in formulating our aims and purposes, has added strength, creativity and unity to our organization. The contributions made by these groups have certainly, in no small measure been responsible for the fact that the Grange is a living viable organization today. In turn, our country has remained a land of opportunity; a place where the liberty of the individual and the pursuit of happiness are still possible and we would like to think that the influence of the Grange has played, and will continue to play a part in this atmosphere of hope and pride. We must continue our efforts to increase our membership. Only by this means, can we obtain fresh view points and new enthusiasm. We must increase our participation in the programs and contests available to us. And we must, above all, utilize to the fullest extent the talents and abilities of all our members to insure the strength, stability and progress of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

This covers Resolution Nos. 300 by Lowry, 484, 485 and, 492 by Myers, 632 and 635 by Massey.

JUNIOR GRANGE

WHEREAS, the strength of the Junior Grange depends in large measure on the support and leadership provided by the Subordinate Grange and the programs supplied by the National Grange, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that each Subordinate Grange be encouraged to have an active Junior Committee and invite in Junior Grange to present a Lecturers Program some time during the year when possible.

This covers Resolution No. 124 by Guthrie.

Resolution numbers 172 and 294 were deleted by Delegate action.

TATTING

Be it RESOLVED, that the Tatting category be continued and encouraged at state level and hope the participation will be great enough to have national competition in the future.

This covers Resolution No. 118 by Guthrie.

GRANGE PROGRAM FOR DEAF

WHEREAS, in 1971 the National Grange adopted a National Health Project, helping the Deaf and Hearing-Impaired, and has since entered into several projects such as the Sign-song Book, "Lift Up Your Hands", and

WHEREAS, other organizations such as Shriners with the "Burn Centers" and the Lions with "Blindness" have established favorable public image through publicity generated by their efforts, and

WHEREAS, the Grange has not promoted in the public eye, the association between the Grange and the National Health Project, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the National Grange through the National Deaf Activities Committee increase their efforts to disseminate information to all levels, promoting through publicity campaigns the work done for the Deaf and Hearing-Impaired with the ultimate goal of establishing the Grange in the public eye, as being the National Organization working with the Deaf and Hearing-Impaired.

This covers Resolution Nos. 188 by Grobusky and 514 by West.

NATIONAL GRANGE SEWING CONTEST

WHEREAS, the rules of the National Grange Sewing Contest states that "all former National winners may not enter", and

WHEREAS, age 12 is a very young age to eliminate a child from further competition and

WHEREAS, they would never be able to compete as a Subordinate member, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the National Grange Sewing Contest rules be changed to allow a child under age 12 winning at the National level, to enter again, when they qualify for the next class.

This covers Resolution No. 233 by Stauffer.

NATIONAL PROGRAM MATERIAL

WHEREAS, advance promotion is a key ingredient to the success of the programs and contests of the National Grange and

WHEREAS, the distribution of printed materials containing rules, prizes, etc. are an integral part of advance promotion, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange ex-

pend every effort to get such materials into each state early enough to obtain maximum participation.

This covers Resolution Nos. 242 by Stauffer, 319 by Shireman and 525 by Hayes.

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS, donations to charitable organizations often go toward administrative expense rather than to the charity itself, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange use due care in the selection of charities they support.

This covers Resolution No. 477 by Myers.

REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCES

WHEREAS, regional youth conferences generate enthusiasm and acquaint Grange young people with the National and State Grange Youth program and activities and thus strengthen the Grange, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange Youth Director continue youth regional conferences.

This covers Resolution No. 123 by Guthrie.

SEWING CONTEST

WHEREAS, our National Director of Women's Activities requires that each garment being sent to the National Grange Sewing Contest be accompanied by a construction

paper folder with proofs of purchase inside, and

WHEREAS, many garments are entered in the contest without the required folder; be it

RESOLVED, that the requirements of such a folder be printed in the official rules so that all entrants are aware of the requirement.

This covers Resolution No. 144 by Cross.

Through this Committee we would like to extend the thanks of the entire membership across the nation to Jenny Grobusky, National Director of Women's Activities, Bill Steel, National Director of Youth Activities, Patty Carncross, National Director of Junior Grange Activities and Kermit Richardson, National Grange Lecturer for their creative enthusiasm and untiring dedication. The importance of these departments to the overall prosperity of the Grange cannot be over emphasized.

We also commend the newly formed National Grange Deaf Activities Committee for the program they have initiated and for their dedication to this new most worthwhile project.

Fraternally submitted,
Catherine W. Hoffman, *Chairman*
Jean Myers
Frank Warner
Lucille Cross
Edna Koster
Albert Brendemuhl
Marjorie Tucker

REPORT OF GRANGE LAW AND GOOD OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were referred to the Committee: 3, 4, 9, 10, 19, 27, 34, 83, 84, 85, 86, 119, 120, 121, 122, 129, 168, 169, 170, 171, 205, 217, 218, 219, 220, 238, 249, 250, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 280, 291, 306, 307, 319, 336, 348, 351, 400, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 455, 456, 477, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 492, 510, 512, 514, 519, 524, 525, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 540, 541, 550, 556, 557, 560, 576, 632, 635, 636, 637 and 650.

Resolution No. 203 was received from the Grange Activities Committee.

The following Resolutions were transferred to the Budget Committee: 169, 264, 449, 451, 453 and 455.

The following Resolutions were transferred to the Grange Activities Committee: 319, 351, 477, 484, 492, 514, 525, 632 and 635.

Resolution No. 120 was referred back to the state.

Resolution Nos. 129, 250, 519 and 637 were withdrawn.

The Committee reported adversely on the following Resolutions: 10, 19, 27, 34, 83, 84, 85, 119, 203, 263, 265, 266, 306, 307, 400, 524, 529, 533, 534 and 540.

POLICY STATEMENT

Grange Goals

As we analyze our Grange statistics, it is

obvious that we are facing a drastic decrease in membership resulting in loss of working revenue. Where do we go from here? At the 111th National Grange Session, the delegate body directed that goals be established for presentation at the 112th Session. These goals were forwarded to all State Masters for their review and comments. These comments indicated positive support for the approach taken. Bearing in mind that our Grange serves people from all walks of life and professions, it is time for the National Master to take the action necessary to implement the following objectives.

1. To become the largest and most effective farm and community service organization in the Nation.

2. To upgrade the Community Service Program to the status of a major program.

3. To develop the image of the Grange to make it more progressive and dynamic, and to make both its members and the public clearly aware of its purpose and objectives.

4. To improve member relations.

5. To develop innovative programs and service that provide necessary incentives for growth in membership and development of individual members and prospective Grange leaders.

6. To improve organizational relationships and performance.

7. To provide adequate funding to accomplish stated objectives and related goals.

We agree with Brother Scott in his address which states "Grange goals will give us the common direction we need and now is the time to go forward with total unity".

We urge the Executive Committee, with legal counsel, to review and update the "Rules and Regulations for Trials" and report back action taken at the 1980 National Grange Session.

This covers Resolution No. 220 by LaForest and parts of the Master's Address.

GRANGE PUBLICATIONS

WHEREAS, Grange publications, including manuals and digests, are necessarily revised periodically due to authorized changes, and

WHEREAS, much time and effort could be saved and better use made of these publications if a method of identifying the changes were employed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the changes be identified by a vertical black line placed in the

margin of the page opposite the change during printing.

This covers Resolution No. 122 by Guthrie.

Resolution numbers 205, 217, 448, 483, 510, 532, 560, 636 and 650 were defeated by Delegate action.

NATIONAL SESSION

WHEREAS, the National Session accounts for about 25 percent of the total expenses of the National Grange, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Session be limited to 8 full days in election years and 7 full days in non-election years.

This covers Resolution No. 168 by Wallace.

PAYMENT OF DUES

WHEREAS, the National Grange has to work on a fixed budget, and

WHEREAS, monies owed should be received on the established schedule in order to meet their proposed obligations, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Chapter IV, Article VIII, Sec. 4, Page 24, "Dues", in the 1976 National Grange Digest be amended so that following the word "of each year", the following be added: "The National Grange will levy a late charge, after 30 days, of 1% per month to State Granges of the unpaid balance"

This covers Resolution Nos. 219 by LaForest; 481 by Myers; 550 by Warner and 556 by Shores.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

RESOLVED, that the community service program be immediately reinstated with adequate funding for program administration and awards.

This covers Resolution Nos. 4 and 9 by Andrews; 86 by Wedding; 121 by Guthrie; 171 by Wallace; 218 by LaForest, 238 by Stauffer; 262 by Koster; 291 by Lowry; 336 by Carncross; 456 by Du Lac; 482 by Myers and 512 by West.

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, the National Grange has suspended sending representatives to State Sessions at present, and

WHEREAS, the attendance of national

representatives at state functions is often the only personal contact that many Subordinate Granges have with the National Grange; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange give State Granges the choice of one occasion each year to which the National Grange will pay transportation from the Promotional Fund for a representative with the state paying further expenses.

This covers Resolution Nos. 3 by Andrews; 170 by Wallace; 249 by Peters; and 486 by Myers.

PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the general public is not familiar with the Grange, its values, principles, goals and objective to work on behalf of rural and urban citizens; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange initiate and maintain an aggressive nationwide public relations program that utilizes all media forms (but especially television and radio) to better inform the general public; and be it further

RESOLVED, that State Granges launch a similar program in co-ordination with the program of the National Grange.

This covers Resolution Nos. 348 by Ross and 576 by Halladay.

JUNIOR GRANGE CERES CHARGE DRAPING THE CHARTER

WHEREAS, the Junior Grange, a very important segment of our Grange structure, has a very fine ritual which the Juniors exemplify exceedingly well, and

WHEREAS, when the occasion calls for the draping of the Charter which does occur, not only for purposes of Inspection but, at times of death of one of our Junior Grangers, and

WHEREAS, in the Junior Grange Manual there is no provision for this change and Ceres must use the same speech as in the Subordinate Manual which is long and cumbersome for use in the Junior Grange, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the High Priest of Demeter and the National Junior Director devise a pure and shortened version of the Ceres charge in draping the Charter which will further enhance the beauty of the Junior Grange Ritual.

This covers Resolution No. 557 by Shores.

FIFTH DEGREE ORDER OF BUSINESS

WHEREAS, in the Fifth Degree, the conferral of the Degree is at the end of the Order of Business and necessitates a change in the order of business; be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favor changing the order of business in the Fifth Degree; and be it further

RESOLVED, that after article three "Reports of Officers", article four would then be changed to "Proposals for Membership", article five "Report of Committee on Candidates", and article six "Conferring the Fifth Degree". The rest of the order of business would follow as printed in the Pomona Manual.

This covers Resolution Nos. 530 by Hayes and 531 by Ross.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE DIRECTORY

WHEREAS, the Grange is recognized as an agricultural organization, and

WHEREAS, at various times each year it may be necessary to contact the Agricultural Committees of neighboring states, and

WHEREAS, our National Grange Directory does not now include the names of the Agriculture Committee of the respective states; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the names of each of the State Granges Agriculture Committee chairperson be included in the National Grange Directory, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this action become effective with the printing of the 1980-1981 directory.

This is a Committee Resolution.

STATE GRANGE COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Alaskan State Grange Council can submit resolutions on Grange methods, actions and policy directly to the National Grange Secretary, but cannot speak on such resolutions, be it

RESOLVED, that Chapter VII, Sec. 24 of the Constitution and Digest of the Patrons of Husbandry be amended, by adding following at the end thereof:

"A State Grange Council, having six to fourteen Subordinate Granges in good standing, shall be recognized as a delegate in the National Grange, but have no vote."

RESOLVED, that Chapter VI, Sec. 2(1) be amended to include:

"Delegates of State Grange and Spouses;"

and be it further,

RESOLVED, that Chapter VI, Sec. 6 be amended to read:

"Officers who are not voting members, State Grange Council delegates and honorary members of the National Grange may serve on Committees and take part in discussions, but will have no vote."

This is a Committee Resolution.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

WHEREAS, the membership fee for prospective members is established at a different amount for men and women, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange establish identical fees for membership for all prospective members, without regard for their sex, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Article VII, Section 1 (page 23, 1976 Digest) be substituted to read "the minimum fee for membership in a Subordinate Grange shall be three dollars (\$3.00), except that a State Grange may lower the fee for Junior Grange members who are graduating into a Subordinate Grange."

This covers Resolution Nos. 452 by Du Lac and 532 by Choate.

JUNIOR GRANGE HONORARY MEMBERS

WHEREAS, our present Grange Law dictates that to be an honorary member of the Junior Grange, one must belong to a Subordinate Grange, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following amendment be made to the 1976 Digest, Chapter 10, Sec. 15, page 77, beginning with line 4 after "to pay dues". "Patrons of Husbandry and parents of Junior Grange members who are not Subordinate Grange members may become honorary members of a Junior Grange by paying the required fee and receiving such instructions as to enable them to enter a Junior Grange." Delete the last sentence beginning with "parents of Junior members . . .". This will make parents of Junior Grange members eligible for Honorary Membership in the Junior Grange, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Chapter X, Section 13, of the 1976 Digest be amended to read as follows: ". . . but the minimum membership fee shall not be less than one dollar (\$1.00) for both active and honorary members."

This covers Resolution Nos. 280 by Lowry and 541 by Warner.

Fraternally Submitted,
B. Franklin Hayes, *Chairman*
Rodman Myers
Adel Brendemuhl
John Maple
Jean LaForest
Arthur Du Lac
C. Jerome Davis
Kenneth Thomas

REPORT OF THE LABOR AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Worthy Officers and Delegates of the National Grange:

The following resolutions were referred to the Committee: 6, 7, 11, 65, 70, 71, 127, 149, 164, 176, 177, 207, 212, 216, 225, 232, 270, 274, 277, 316, 324, 350, 370, 371, 376, 378, 382, 385, 403, 404, 434, 553, 565, 566, 595, 651 and 652.

Resolutions 277 and 316 were referred back to the states.

Resolutions 149 and 385 were withdrawn.

POLICY STATEMENT LABOR

In our efforts to support legislation to increase and improve opportunities for employment and protection for both the employee and employer we must not lose sight of existing laws and long standing Grange policy that guarantees individual freedoms. The National Grange continues its strong support of the provisions of the Taft-Hartly Law which permits states to prohibit the "Closed

Shop" and its strong opposition to any efforts to remove this provision from the law.

The right to bear arms is guaranteed by our constitution. We must continue to resist attempts to legislate gun control and recommend enforcement of existing rules and regulations.

JUDICIARY

The rights of the victim of a crime are often ignored while too often the rights of the criminal are protected.

The National Grange supports:

1. Provisions for the reimbursement and/or restitution for the victim's loss by the criminal and

2. Stricter sentences for habitual offenders and for those convicted of serious crimes.

We oppose:

1. Suspended sentences or probation for repeat offenders and

2. Early release of habitual violent offenders.

This covers Resolution Nos. 164 by Wallace, 212 and 216 by LaForest, 324 by Bren demuhl, 371 and 376 by Ross, 553 by Warner and 652 by Halladay.

FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS

WHEREAS, Federal judges, using present Federal Civil Rights Laws are imposing many regulations and directions on the States Corrections Systems, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange seek to have the Federal Civil Rights statute amended to require prisoners to exhaust state remedies before filing civil suits in federal courts.

This covers Resolution No. 11 by Hoffman.

MINIMUM WAGE

WHEREAS, federal minimum wage laws have done serious damage to small businesses and especially to young persons who are denied the opportunity to get on-the-job training at wages in keeping with their productivity; and

WHEREAS, increases in the minimum wage have had an inflationary impact on our economy and increased unemployment, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange supports the enactment of minimum wage

legislation which includes provisions to enable youth, handicapped persons, the aged and unskilled persons to obtain useful employment at a wage rate commensurate with ability, experience and usefulness.

This covers Resolution Nos. 127 by Maple, 176 by Carter and 207 by LaForest.

VISAS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

WHEREAS, there are many foreign students attending our institutions of learning who stage riots, destroy private and public property and commit other crimes, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange continue to support the policy which requires that all visas clearly state that participation in unlawful demonstrations or criminal offenses would lead to cancellation of the visa and deportation, and that the restrictions be strictly enforced.

This covers Resolution Nos. 270 and 274 by Koster and 404 by Wismer.

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZING OF UNITED FARM WORKERS UNION

WHEREAS, recent reports indicate the Department of Labor, or other federal bureaus, have given grants to the United Farm Workers Union, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange protest the use of taxpayer funds to assist any union, for any purpose.

This covers Resolution No. 70 by Silvers

Resolution No. 651 was deleted by Delegate action.

OSHA

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend that the OSHA Act be amended so that responsibility for safe practices will be shared by both the employee and the employer.

This covers Resolution No. 65 by Silvers.

ALIENS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange requests enforcement of existing laws relating to the illegal entry of aliens and be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage the development of a program to bring aliens into the U.S. on a temporary basis for the harvesting of seasonal crops.

This covers Resolution Nos. 7 by Andrews, 71 by Silvers, 378 by Ross, 566 by Tate and 595 by Massey.

UNIONIZATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose any legislation that would *require* federal, state and municipal employees to join labor unions.

This covers Resolution No. 565 by Tate.

REPEAL OF DAVIS-BACON ACT OF 1931

WHEREAS, the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931 pushes up wages on federally funded projects by insisting that contractors pay the "prevailing" rates as determined by the Department of Labor, and

WHEREAS, the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931 was born in depression days and is now outdated, outmoded and unnecessary, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange take every action at its disposal to have congress repeal the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931.

This covers Resolution Nos. 177 by Carter, 382 by Ross and 403 by Wismer.

FEDERAL JUDGES

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommends:

1. Appointment of only well-qualified individuals to the position of Federal Judge.

2. Those appointed should serve for a ten year term upon completion of which they would be subject to reconfirmation for a new term.

This covers Resolution Nos. 232 by Stauffer and 370 by Ross.

PUBLIC SECTOR STRIKES

RESOLVED, the National Grange favor labor legislation that would encourage responsible two-way discussion and a binding arbitration clause.

This covers Resolution Nos. 6 by Andrews and 225 by Stauffer.

AGRICULTURAL STRIKES

RESOLVED, the National Grange opposes the disruption of harvesting by strikes and urges enforcement of existing laws to ensure that all segments of the economy are protected when a strike occurs.

This covers Resolution Nos. 350 by Ross and 434 by Purdy.

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REPORT OF THE TAXATION AND FISCAL POLICY COMMITTEE

Following Resolutions were submitted for consideration: 5, 26, 57, 68, 107, 109, 114, 115, 116, 152, 161, 165, 180, 198, 213, 215, 237, 251, 268, 288, 311, 344, 347, 375, 387, 388, 389, 390, 398, 401, 407, 408, 415, 417, 418, 426, 443, 447, 471, 476, 508, 511, 513, 526, 527, 555, 563, 620, 627, 653, 654, 655 and 656.

The following Resolutions were withdrawn Nos. 267, 308, 470, 527, 535, 539, 549 and 656.

The following Resolution was accepted from Agriculture-278.

The following Resolutions were reported adversely-61, 69, 298.

The following Resolution was transferred to Citizenship and Public Affairs-380.

The following Resolutions were accepted from Citizenship and Public Affairs-69 and 109.

The following Resolution was transferred to the Conservation Committee-166.

Taxation is the main source of income available to our government to implement those services that we demand or require for our comfort and safety. For every demand that we make on government, there, of course, is a price tag attached to it. We must be willing to pay or we must deny ourselves the benefit sought.

Our philosophy over the years has seemed to have by-passed realism and we are assuming that the "goose will continue to lay the golden eggs" even though we refuse to feed it. We must embark upon programs that will encourage and stimulate productive labor. We must be willing to deny ourselves and stimulate productive labor. We must be willing to deny ourselves some of the luxuries that are passed out under the pretense of a "free lunch".

For far too long we have not faced up to our problems in a realistic manner. We have been content to devise "stop-gap" measures which only prolong or magnify the situation. We all agree that inflation is our one great enemy today.

How many of us have given some real serious thought as to what has caused it. Many years ago we passed a minimum wage law to guarantee our labor a reasonable wage. We enacted a social security system to keep our retired workers out of charitable institutions in their sunset years. We established a welfare system that was just great. And now, all of a sudden, it dawns on us that we cannot afford all of these programs that were designed to make life comfortable. The one mistake that we made was that none of these programs encouraged or motivated people to make their lives more productive and thus share the cost of these so called luxuries.

A good tax program must encourage people to provide for their own welfare. It must be adequate to provide for the necessities required, and above all, it must be imposed in an equitable manner so that each shares in proportion to the benefits derived therefrom.

While we are aware of the necessity of collecting Federal taxes to support our needs and program, we also believe that the system of taxation must be fair to all and particularly not have an adverse impact on the agricultural community and particularly on the family farm structure. Many such inequities are readily apparent throughout our present tax laws.

For instance, corporations are allowed a net operating loss carry-over or carryback to offset net profits in other years which can reduce overall tax liability. However, the owner of a family farm operation who may in certain years, suffer a net operating loss, cannot use the balance of the loss in any other year to offset profits. Thus, such an individual could have a proportionately larger tax liability than a comparable corporation.

Moreover, the allowance of dual accounting systems could result in a situation where a corporation has a net operating loss for tax purposes, thus paying no income tax, while at the same time receives income subsidy payments. In such an instance, nothing is being paid into the Government coffers yet because of a technicality, one is withdrawing therefrom.

We also take note of the provisions available for most businesses to account for the expiration of their operating assets. Such options as depreciation and depletion allowances are not applicable to farm land which is the single largest asset of a farm and is used for business purposes in the same manner as a depreciable coke furnace or a depletable copper mine.

These inequities and their impact on the family farm structure is of deep concern to us and while we continue to seek answers and to propose solutions, we call upon our legislative representatives to openly recognize these basic unfair provisions and to lend their utmost cooperation in dealing with them.

Covering that portion of the Master's Address referred to the Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Policy, and Resolution No. 57 by Silvers.

UNRELATED BANKING ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the National Grange went on record in 1974 against the concentration of economic power in the hands of financial institutions, and

WHEREAS, a bank's ability to tie, directly or indirectly, the sale of insurance to an extension of credit adds to the concentration of economic power and is not in the public interest, and

WHEREAS, legislation pending in Congress would prohibit bank holding companies from acting as insurance agents, except in towns of 5,000 population or less, or where, after hearings, the bank can demonstrate the town has inadequate insurance abilities, and

WHEREAS, if bank holding companies are prohibited from acting as insurance agents or brokers of insurance in large towns because it is, according to the courts, unfair competition to small business and leads to the concentration of economic power, it is even more so in small rural communities where the financial structure is already more concentrated than in large metropolitan areas, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange strongly oppose legislation that would permit

bank holding companies from acting as insurance agents or brokers of insurance in towns with a population of 5,000 or less, unless they prove, after public hearings, that inadequate insurance availabilities exist.

This is a Committee Resolution.

INTEREST RATES ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, the maximum rates of interest payable by banks which are members of the Federal Reserve System on time and savings deposits are insufficient in view of the present rate of inflation of 10% or more, and

WHEREAS, small investors don't have other opportunities to save at higher interest rates because most Treasury bills and Government notes are issued only in denominations of \$10,000 or more; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support measures such as (1) amending Regulation Q to raise the interest rates payable by commercial banks and savings and loan associations on time and savings deposits of \$100,000 or less when such action will not adversely affect the rate of inflation and (2) reducing the minimum denomination of treasury bills and notes when such action would be in keeping with prudent fiscal policy and management.

This covers Resolution No. 109 by Guthrie.

GASOLINE TAX RELIEF FOR FARMERS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose any effort to repeal the provision of the Internal Revenue Code which provides a credit against income tax for gasoline used during the taxable year on a farm for farming purposes.

This covers Resolution No. 620 by Massey.

INFLATION AND IMBALANCE OF TRADE

WHEREAS, Agriculture and rural people face a grievous problem of double-digit inflation, and

WHEREAS, excessive Government spending and imbalance of trade helps to cause inflation, and

WHEREAS, on occasion the Grange has provided the leadership in bringing together the most competent people and abilities of numerous groups to achieve an established goal, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange

give their highest priority in supporting measures to correct the imbalance of Foreign Trade.

This covers Resolution Nos. 114 by Guthrie, 152 by Andersen, 288 by Lowry and 627 by Massey.

ESTATE TAXATION OF THE FAMILY FARM

WHEREAS, the present tax on estates often precludes the continued operation of a family farm by a widow or by surviving children thus it tends to erode the family farm structure, and

WHEREAS, the only relief from estate tax presently available to family farmers is the alternate farm use valuation, and

WHEREAS, the value of the alternate farm use valuation provision is negated because it (1) causes a lien to be placed on the property thereby inhibiting future borrowing power and (2) it is not available unless the decedent personally operates the farm until death; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislative measures which would grant an estate tax deduction on the value of family farms when such farms will continue to be operated by a member of the decedent's family and/or in the alternative continue to seek a revision of the alternate farm use valuation provision.

This covers Resolution Nos. 388 by Ross and 407 by Wismer.

TAXES ON INTEREST INCOME

WHEREAS, people should be encouraged to save money, and

WHEREAS, taxes on interest earned from savings accounts discourages savings; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend that interest up to \$1,200 per year earned on savings be exempt from income tax.

This covers Resolution Nos. 115 by Guthrie; 268 by Koster; 389 by Ross; 408 and 415 by Wismer; 511 by West and 655 by Halladay.

TAX BENEFITS FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS

WHEREAS, foreign interests are buying

businesses, farmland, and other real estate at an alarming rate, and

WHEREAS, these foreign-owned businesses, farmland, and other real estate have certain tax advantages not available for property owned by U.S. citizens; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge that appropriate legislation be enacted to insure that foreign investors pay taxes on their investments on the same basis as U.S. citizens.

This covers Resolution Nos. 161 by Wallace; 237 by Stauffer; 347 by Ross; 426 by Cline and 443 by Wismer.

FEDERAL TAX ON GASOHOL

WHEREAS, to encourage the research and development of alcohol content products used as a motor fuel, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange endorse proposals which would encourage the research, development and use of alcohol content fuel by eliminating or reducing federal taxes on such fuels until they become a readily available product to the consuming public.

This is a Committee Resolution.

GASOLINE TAX INCREASES

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose any federal increase on gasoline tax which would have the affect of further burdening certain segments of society without reasonably restricting gasoline consumption.

This covers Resolution No. 508 by Myers.

CAPITAL GAINS TAX

WHEREAS, present law provides, at the option of the taxpayer, a special method of taxing capital gains on the sale of real or personal property, whereby the gross profit on a sale is prorated over the years in which payments are received, and

WHEREAS, present law provides rules whereby sales between related taxpayers must be arms-length transactions, and

WHEREAS, legislation is now pending which would deny the installment method of taxing capital gains for sales of property between related parties, and

WHEREAS, this proposal would deny many, particularly the owners of farm land, a method of transferring appreciated property without the effects of a large increased tax liability in the year of sale, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose any legislation which seeks to deny the installment method of reporting sales of property between related parties.

This covers Resolution Nos. 278 by Lowry and 526 by Hayes.

INCOME TAX FOR MARRIED COUPLES

WHEREAS, there are instances where a married couple both working and filing a joint income tax return have a greater tax liability than if they were able to file as a single person, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we support efforts to correct this inequity in the Federal tax law.

This covers Resolution Nos. 116 by Guthrie; 180 by Carter; 418 by Wismer; and 476 by Myers.

IRS RESPONSIBILITY

RESOLVED, that the National Grange strongly urge that no taxpayer shall be penalized because of misinformation furnished in writing by IRS employees.

This covers Resolution No. 68 by Silvers.

BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, twenty-three State Legislatures have adopted resolutions asking U.S. Congress to balance the Federal budget and limit Federal spending to a percentage of gross national product, and

WHEREAS, there are many Federal bureaus and departments, some of long standing and some of recent origin, that render no service of significance or importance which means that alarmingly large amounts of our tax dollars are wasted, and

WHEREAS, deficit spending tends to increase inflation, thus eroding the buying power of every American citizen both at home and abroad, and

WHEREAS, excessive government costs constitute an increasing tax burden on all taxpayers, particularly those in the mid and lower bracket, and

WHEREAS, excessive Government spending not only lowers our purchasing power, but also leads to possible deterioration of our Government; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage a balanced Federal budget and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange

support the adoption of a Constitutional Amendment requiring Congress to operate on a balanced budget each year and, only in extreme emergencies would this requirement be waived, but only then in concurrence with the House, Senate and Executive branch of the Government.

This covers Resolution Nos. 5 by Andrews, 107 by Guthrie, 215 by LaForest, 251 by Peters, 311 by Buell, 375 and 387 by Ross, 401 by Wismer, 471 in part by Myers, 513 by West, 563 by Tate, and 654 by Halladay.

HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

WHEREAS, most factory workers and government employees receive free or reduced health benefit insurance, and

WHEREAS, an employer may deduct said premiums as production cost and the employee does not have to declare these fringe benefits, and

WHEREAS, self employed persons such as farmers are not allowed to deduct medical insurance premiums from their income taxes, and

WHEREAS, this practice is discriminatory and an unfair Internal Revenue practice, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Internal Revenue laws be revised to allow self-employed persons to deduct health insurance premiums from their income taxes.

This covers Resolution No. 398 by Wismer.

SOCIAL SECURITY TAXATION

WHEREAS, an independent panel, responsible for recommending changes to Congress in the Social Security System which reviews the system every four years is ready to report, and

WHEREAS, this committee in the past has paved the way for most of the major changes that Congress has adopted in Social Security, and

WHEREAS, this committee is recommending that 50% of the Social Security payments that are received be taxed using the

rational that this part was paid by the employer, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record opposing any taxation of Social Security income.

This covers Resolution Nos. 417 by Wismer and 653 by Halladay.

TAX REFORM ACT OF 1976

WHEREAS, the carryover provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 drains much liquidity from farm estates and places an undue hardship upon the heirs of an estate, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange use its influence to repeal this provision of the Act.

This covers Resolution Nos. 26 by Harris; 165 by Wallace; 198 in part by Silveira; 390 by Ross; 447 by Cline; and 555 by Shores.

VALUE ADDED TAX

WHEREAS, a value added tax has been proposed by members of Congress, and

WHEREAS, such tax is, in reality, a sales tax that is imposed upon different stages of manufacture, and

WHEREAS, this is a field reserved for the several states, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange oppose any form of value added tax.

This covers Resolution No. 344 by Carncross.

Resolution number 213 was deleted by Delegate action.

This Committee acknowledges with grateful appreciation the service of Sandy Adams.

Fraternally submitted,
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THE REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were referred to the Transportation Committee: 35, 64, 98, 140, 145, 146, 192, 193, 201, 209, 221, 241, 292, 293, 313, 322, 328, 332, 338, 339, 342, 345, 362, 363, 386, 412, 424, 432, 439, 445, 446, 475, 480, 493, 494, 501, 502, 506, 507, 509, 544, 585, 629, 657, 658 and 659.

Resolution Nos. 8 and 491 were accepted from the Citizenship and Public Affairs Committee.

Resolutions withdrawn were as follows: 322, 328, 342, 362, 502 and 544.

Resolution Nos. 209, 221 and 480 are already Grange policy.

The Committee reports adversely on Resolution Nos. 35 and 491.

We wish to thank the following resource people who appeared before this Committee: James Lauth, Transportation and Warehouse Division, Agriculture AMS-USDA; Edward M. Rider, Director Agriculture Relations, A.T.A.; John Newman, Regional Director, Highway Users Federation; and Charles Farmer and Connie Egounis from National Grange Mutual.

The Master's Address requested the Transportation Committee to give special attention to the deteriorating condition of our roads and bridges.

The alarming number of obsolete and structurally deficient bridges in many areas of the country make it imperative the Grange focus new attention on a modernization program for our roads and bridges.

We recommend funding levels for bridges be increased in orderly increments from \$180 million to \$1 billion a year retaining the 70%-30% Federal-State ratio.

We recommend phasing out the gasoline tax exemption in 2 years or sooner for gasohol and other synthetic fuel taxes. An expanded road and bridge program needs these taxes in the Trust Fund.

We recommend fully funding off-system roads and bridge programs as authorized in the Surface Transportation Act. Grange members are deeply concerned over the 65,000 off-system deficient bridges.

This covers the Master's Address in part and Resolution No. 507 by Myers.

CAR FUEL CONSUMPTION

WHEREAS, cars in America should be comparable in fuel consumption to cars built

in the U.S. for foreign countries. It makes little sense that a car sold to a U.S. citizen may travel only 15 miles per gallon of fuel while the same car sold to a European citizen can travel 35 to 40 miles per gallon of fuel, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that automobile manufacturers in America continue to improve fuel economy to become more competitive with foreign vehicles manufacturers.

This covers Resolution No. 345 by Carncross.

Resolution numbers 8, 140, 292, 475, 494, 509, and 657 were deleted by Delegate action.

EMERGENCY LIGHTS

WHEREAS, emergency police and service vehicles need and use emergency lights, and

WHEREAS, there appears to be no uniformity throughout the various states, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record as favoring a uniform system of emergency lights on these vehicles.

This covers Resolution No. 293 by Lowry.

FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS

RESOLVED, that our thinly populated farm districts receive equal rights with our heavily-populated districts for funding our farm-to-market roads.

This covers Resolution No. 432 by Purdy.

WATER TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, barge transportation on the inland waterway system is vital for the movement of agricultural commodities, particularly grain for export, and

WHEREAS, barge transportation is one of our lowest cost forms of transportation for bulk grain and fertilizer and is significantly energy efficient, and

WHEREAS, Lock and Dam 26 is acting as a constraint on large movements at the present time, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the building of a new Lock and Dam 26 be expediated immediately in order to free the proper movement of our barges to their fullest use.

This covers Resolution Nos. 98 in part by Wedding and 339 by Carncross.

DRUNKEN AND RECKLESS DRIVING

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend the establishment of uniform laws and regulations relating to drunken and reckless driving with reciprocity agreements regarding transfers of drivers records from one state to another.

This covers Resolution No. 64 by Silvers.

SPEED LIMIT

RESOLVED, that the National Grange continue to support the 55 MPH speed limit and favor stricter enforcement.

This covers Resolution Nos. 313 by Buell, 332 by Brendemuhl and 493 by Myers.

AIR BAGS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record as opposed to the Regulation that requires air bags being required on all new cars.

This covers Resolution No. 439 by Cline.

MAIL TO SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose legislation which would reduce postage on all letters written by citizens to Senators and Congressmen in Washington.

This covers Resolution No. 412 by Wismer.

DIVERSION OF PRIME FARM LAND FROM AGRICULTURAL USE TO HIGHWAY USE

WHEREAS, diagonal highways are a waste of prime farm land, and the remaining land near these highways is in small parcels difficult to farm, and

WHEREAS, a greater acreage of prime farm land is used for highway interchanges and connections than would seem necessary, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the Department of Transportation to examine its guidelines for the design of highway interchanges, connections and diagonal highways.

This covers Resolution Nos. 145 by Cross and 241 by Stauffer.

TRUCK BACK HAULS

WHEREAS, some I.C.C. regulations may cause a truck to return home empty, thereby wasting fuel; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favors restructuring of I.C.C. regulations pertaining to back hauls with fuel conservation in mind.

This covers Resolution No. 363 By Ross.

MOTOR CARRIER REFORM

WHEREAS, at the present time the Interstate Commerce Commission Motor Carrier industry regulations are in need of revision and may be the major cause of excessive trucking rates in many areas of the country as these rates prevent normal competition, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favors regulatory reform of the Motor Carrier industry, and be it further

RESOLVED, that we oppose the total deregulation of the Motor Carrier industry which could have a negative effect on thousands of small rural communities.

This covers Resolution Nos. 501 by Myers and 658 by Halladay.

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

We recommend that highway users taxes in the Highway Trust Fund authorized by Congress be fully utilized for construction of new roads, the maintenance of Interstate systems, the modernization of older roads and bridges and for safety projects.

This covers Resolution No. 506 by Myers.

EMISSION STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1977 required the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to set emission standards for 1983 model trucks over 8,500 pounds GVW, and

WHEREAS, this type of truck plays an important role in agriculture, agri-business and dairy farming, and

WHEREAS, EPA has failed to give manufacturers the required four year lead time and set the standards too stringently for the amount of pollution created by these vehicles, and

WHEREAS, if these stringent standards are adopted it will be costly for consumers,

create a loss of jobs and bring about a 5-15% fuel loss, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that National Grange urge the Congress to see to it that their intentions are carried out, by requiring EPA to give a minimum four year lead time, by developing more cost effective standards. (In 1975 heavy duty vehicles accounted for only 2.7% hydrocarbons and 6.8% carbon monoxide . . . Nature itself creates approximately 93% of all carbon monoxides) (CO).

This covers Resolution Nos. 98 in part by Wedding and 659 by Halladay.

RAILROAD SYSTEM

WHEREAS, there is grave concern over the efficiency of our railroad system both from the standpoint of lack of cars and the condition of the track and road bed, and

WHEREAS, the need to utilize all of our energy effectively is vital to this nation's economy, and

WHEREAS, the Grange from its early beginning was a prime advocate of the system in order to move agriculture commodities from the farm to market, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage and support Government action that will lead to the improvement of our present system both from the standpoint of reviewing the discontinuing of existing tracks as well as up grading of the system, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the ICC be asked to investigate the discontinuing of the hauling of livestock and the shortage of cars especially during critical harvest periods so as to eliminate the bunching of cars, or those sitting on idle sidings, in an effort to better our transportation needs, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange take a serious look at the Rural Transportation Advisory Task Force report on recommendations to improve the transportation of agricultural products which is to be reported to Congress in January, 1980 and take advantage of the opportunity for input into its specifics as to how these recommendations will improve agriculture transportation needs.

This covers Resolution Nos. 146 by Cross, 192 and 193 by Farris, 338 by Carncross, 424 by Wismer, 445 by Cline, 585 in part and 629 by Massey.

TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, many of the rules and regula-

tions of the U.S. Department of Transportation fail to encourage priority for programs and projects needed to provide safe, efficient and convenient transportation, and

WHEREAS, when conflicts in national goals in clean air, land use, energy and transportation laws arise, it is usually safe and efficient transportation that suffers, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the U.S. Congress to establish priorities whenever transportation, energy, land use and clean air objectives conflict with each other, and order a general review of policies and programs of all Federal Agencies affecting transportation.

This covers Resolution No. 446 by Cline.

AMTRAK TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, there is an energy shortage in our country which has caused the prices of fuel to rise higher and higher, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has proposed the cancellation of several Amtrak trains, and

WHEREAS, with present energy costs still rising there is an increased demand for passenger trains, be it

RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation reconsider its proposal to abolish many of the scheduled Amtrak trains in the United States and consider scheduling more commuter trains on their lines to offer better service to the public.

This covers Resolution No. 201 by Silveira.

MERCHANT MARINE

WHEREAS, U.S. Agriculture is exporting millions of tons of agricultural commodities requiring an increasing amount of ocean shipping, and

WHEREAS, in times of national emergencies a strong U.S. Merchant Marine Fleet has proven essential to national security, and

WHEREAS, the American Fleet of cargo vessels has decreased rapidly since the end of World War II, and

WHEREAS, higher labor and operating costs have long placed American shipping at a competitive disadvantage, leading to further decrease in the U.S. Merchant Marine, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislative and administrative changes that will benefit the U.S. Merchant Marine, including a stepped-up ship building program, construction of modern port and ship repair facilities and methods of supporting U.S. seaman other than any requirements and that prescribe a certain percentage of U.S. Agriculture exports be shipped in American flag ships.

This is a Committee Resolution in lieu of Resolution No. 386 by Ross.

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