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PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Wednesday

November 5, 1980

The Staff of the National Grange, some of its officers and delegates began to gather at the Stouffer's Five Season Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa in preparation for the 114th National Session.

Thursday and Friday

November 6-7, 1980

On Thursday and Friday the Agricultural Committee and the Citizenship and Public Affairs Committee met with their respective chairmen.

On Friday the Conservation Committee met with its chairman.

Saturday

November 8, 1980

On Saturday the Agricultural, Citizenship & Public Affairs and Conservation Committees met.

The National Grange Executive Committee was called to order at 2:00 PM by the Chairman to deliberate on the budget, audits and preparing for the general business of the Session.

Sunday

November 9, 1980

The Grange Patrons attended the various churches of their choice. The three advanced committees continued with their work. The Committee chairman for all committees met for instruction and the department heads began setting up their displays in preparation for the arrival of the delegates and Grange Patrons.

Sunday Evening

November 9, 1980

The Iowa State Grange was host to the National Grange Officers, Delegates and

guests at a banquet at the Stouffer's Five Season Hotel. Table decorations were made by the Jasper Pomona Grange Women's Activities Committee members Birdy Faidley and Joy Emmack. Brother Delwin Cross, Master of the Iowa State Grange and Executive Committee of the National Grange served as the Master of Ceremonies. Following the invocation by Freda Gienapp, Chaplain Iowa State Grange, a sumptuous banquet of roast sirloin of beef au jus was enjoyed. The Iowa State Grange officers introduced their National counterparts and music was provided by Vigortones Quartet. The Welcome to Iowa was given by Robert H. Lounsberry, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture and a Welcome to Cedar Rapids was made by Marlyce Heidt, Cedar Rapids Convention Bureau. The main speaker was Emmett Butler.

FIRST DAY

Monday Morning

November 10, 1980

The 114th Session of the National Grange was called to order by the Worthy High Priest of Demeter, C. Jerome Davis at 9 A.M. on November 10th, 1980 in the Ballroom of the Stouffer's Five Season Hotel in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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 Edward Andersen in the Masters chair. The roll call of officers found the Worthy Ceres Patty Wedding absent due to the death of her mother. The roll call of Delegates found all Grange States represented with the exception of Missouri. Also represented was Potomac Grange No. 1 and the Alaska Grange Council.

The Grange closed in the 7th Degree and opened in the 4th Degree to allow all 4th Degree members to enter the session.

It was moved and supported that the printed program be accepted as the Order of Business for the Session.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 9:00 a.m. Agriculture Committee — Delaware Rm.
 Citizenship & Public Affairs — Jones

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 9:00 a.m. Agriculture Committee — Delaware Rm.
 Citizenship & Public Affairs — Jones
 Conservation Committee — Linn

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 9:00 a.m. Committee Meetings
 2:00 p.m. Executive Committee — Suite 1120

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 9:00 a.m. Committee Meetings
 3:00 p.m. Committee Chairmen meet for instructions — Johnson I
 4:00 pm. Committee Meetings
 (see room assignments on page 1)
 6:00 p.m. Host State Banquet — So. Dakota
 (Officers, Delegates & Invited Guests)
 Speakers: Robert Lounsberry
 Iowa Sec. of Agriculture
 Emmett Butler
 8:30 p.m. National Officers' Rehearsal — Wisc. & Nebr.
 8:30 p.m. Committee Meetings

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 7:00 a.m. New Delegates' Breakfast — Cedars I & II
 9:00 a.m. Opening of the 114th Annual Session in the Seventh Degree — Wisc. & Nebr.
 (Seventh Degree members wishing to witness the Opening should be in the Room by 8:45 a.m.)
 9:15 a.m. Admission of 4th Degree members
 Roll Call of Officers
 Roll Call of States
 Partial report of credentials committee
 Adoption of order of business
 9:45 a.m. Master's Address
 Edward Andersen, National Master
 10:15 a.m. Reconvene session in the 4th Degree
 Referral of resolutions & interim reports
 Announcements
 Committee reports
 Noon Recess
 1:30 p.m. Reconvene session — Wisc. & Nebr.
 Committee reports
 4:00 p.m. Session closes
 4:15 p.m. Committee meetings
 7:00 p.m. Committee meetings

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast for Delegates & Officers

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Sponsored by Federal Prescription Service — So. Dakota

9:00 a.m. Session opens in 4th Degree — Wisc. & Nebr. Committee reports

Noon Recess

1:30 p.m. Reconvene session — Wisc. & Nebr. Committee reports

5:30 p.m. Session closes

6:30 p.m. Harvest Banquet — S. Dakota
Sponsored by National Grange Mutual Ins. Co. (Delegates, Officers & Invited Guests)

9:00 p.m. Committee meetings

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 a.m. Exhibits open — Ill. & Minn. (Lecturer's, Women, Junior & Youth)

9:00 a.m. Session opens in 4th Degree — Wisc. & Nebr. Announcement of Community Service Winners

9:30 a.m. Election of Executive Committee member Committee reports

Noon Recess

12:15 p.m. Farmers & Traders Luncheon — So. Dakota (Delegates, Officers & Invited Guests)
Speaker: Roderick C. Sager, C.L.U. President, Farmers & Traders

1:45 p.m. Reconvene session — Wisc. & Nebr.

3:30 p.m. Youth Rap Session — Missouri

5:00 p.m. Recess

5:15 p.m. Dinner for Delegates & Officers — So. Dakota Rm. Sponsored by National General Insurance

6:00 p.m. Youth candidates reception — Missouri

7:00 p.m. Reconvene session — Wisc. & Nebr.

9:00 p.m. Session closes

9:30 p.m. Youth Orientation Program — S. D. & Mo.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast — S. D. & Mo.

9:00 a.m. Exhibits Tour — Amana Colonies
Busses will leave from Stouffer's

9:00 a.m. Session opens in 4th Degree — Wisc. & Nebr. Receive invitations for 1985 annual session Committee reports

Noon Recess

12:15 p.m. Past Delegates' Luncheon — Missouri (Dutch Treat)

1:30 p.m. Reconvene session — Wisc. & Nebr. Group recognition of Past Delegates Committee reports

4:30 p.m. Session closes

6:30 p.m. Women's Activities Banquet — Wisc & Nebr. Presentation of National Awards

9:30 p.m. Teen Dance — Roosevelt Hotel — 2nd fl. Youth Couples Party — Roosevelt Hotel — 2nd fl.

9:30 p.m. Seventh Degree Rehearsal — Coliseum

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 8:30 a.m. Session opens with Youth Officers in the chairs — Wisc. & Nebr.
- 9:00 a.m. Exhibits open — Ill. & Minn.
- 9:30 a.m.- Family Musical & Talent Finals
- 1:45 p.m. rehearsals — Coliseum
- 9:30 a.m. Junior Grange Degree exemplified — Wisc. & Nebr. Matron of the Year Award
- 10:00 a.m.- Junior Grange of the Nation
- 12:00 p.m. Women's Activities Conference — Roosevelt Hotel — Rm. 201-205
- 10:30 a.m. Committee reports & unfinished business
- 11:00 a.m. Recess
- 12:30 p.m. Rural American Luncheon — S. D., Mo., Wisc. & Nebr. Speaker: The Honorable Bob Bergland
- 12:30 p.m. Junior Grange Luncheon — Roosevelt Hotel — 2nd fl.
- 3:00 p.m. Reconvene session — Wisc. & Nebr. Committee reports
- 3:00 p.m. Family Musicals — Coliseum
- 5:30 p.m. Session closes
- 7:30 p.m. Talent Finals — Coliseum
- 10:00 p.m. Youth Party — Mo. & S. D.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 8:00 a.m. Seventh Degree rehearsal — Coliseum
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Conference — Mo. & S. D.

- 9:00 a.m. Exhibits open — Ill. & Minn.
- 9:00 a.m. Fifth Degree Conferral — Wisc. & Nebr.
- 10:00 a.m. Sixth Degree Conferral — Wisc. & Nebr.
- 1:00 p.m. Seventh Degree Conferral — Coliseum
- 3:00 p.m. Convocation of the Assembly of Demeter — Coliseum
- 5:00 p.m. GROW Club Dinner — Roosevelt Hotel
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Buffet — Missouri
- 8:00 p.m. Youth Coronation — Coliseum
- 10:00 p.m. Coronation Ball — S. D. & Mo.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 9:30 a.m. Memorial Service Rehearsal — Wisc. & Nebr.
- 10:00 a.m. Church/Memorial Service — Wisc. & Nebr.
- 11:00 a.m. Business Session of the Assembly of Demeter — Wisc. & Nebr.
- 11:45 a.m. Installation of Executive Committee Member
- Noon Recess
- 1:30 p.m. Session opens in 4th Degree — Wisc. & Nebr. Committee reports
- 5:30 p.m. Recess
- 7:00 p.m. Session reconvenes — Wisc. & Nebr. Committee reports Communication of the Annual Word Closing of the 114th Annual Session

Brother Lester Wallace, Chairman of the Agriculture Comm. asked for special privilege and read two telegrams, one to be sent to Ronald Reagan President Elect, Clayton Yeutter — Chairman, Agriculture Policy, Edward Meese — Chairman, Transition Team, Senator Jesse Helms, North Carolina, Congressman Tom Foley, (Washington), Chairman, House Agr. Comm. and the other to be sent to Senator Tom Eagleton.

The telegrams were in the form of resolutions and were adopted by the Delegate body and ordered sent.

TELEGRAM

President-Elect Ronald Reagan
Clayton Yeutter — Chairman, Agriculture Policy
Edward Meese — Chairman, Transition Team
Senator Jesse Helms, North Carolina
Congressman Tom Foley, (Washington),
Chairman, House Agr. Comm.

The National Grange assembled in its 114th Annual Meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on November 10, 1980, adopted the following resolution urging a year's delay before implementing any new farm programs.

1981 Farm Program

WHEREAS, the authorization legislation that provides for the present farm programs expires at the end of the 1981 crop year, and

WHEREAS, a new Administration will be responsible for the formulating and administering farm policy and programs for the eighties, and

WHEREAS, the Congressional budget procedure requires that authorizing legislation be reported to the Congress by May 15 of each year, and,

WHEREAS, this provides very little time for a new Administration to formulate any new direction to farm programs or farm policy, now be it,

RESOLVED, that to provide the new Administration with sufficient time to evaluate present farm policy and programs and to recommend any necessary

changes, the National Grange recommends that the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 be extended for one year.

TELEGRAM

Telegram sent to Senator Tom Eagleton, Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture Appropriations for FY 1981.

The National Grange assembled in its 114th Annual Session in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on November 10, 1980, adopted the following resolution regarding the transfer of the federal government's functions pertaining to Annual Damage Program.

Animal Damage Control Program

WHEREAS, the Grange supports current attempts to streamline and reorganize governmental programs to ensure that they are receptive to the needs of the general public, and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been introduced to transfer the entire function of the Animal Damage Control Program from the Department of the Interior to the United States Department of Agriculture, and

WHEREAS, if accomplished, this proposal would greatly benefit farmers by directly reducing the number of Federal agencies they would deal with when processing claims, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the transfer of the Animal Damage Control Program to U.S.D.A.
This covers Resolution No. 264 by Myers.

Sister Patty Carncross presented the Memorial Service for Junior Granges written by C. Jerome Davis and herself. It was moved and supported to refer the program to the Good of the Order Comm.

At this time the Worthy Overseer Russell Stauffer assumed the Masters station and Brother Edward Andersen presented his first Master's Address.

NATIONAL MASTER'S ADDRESS

Worthy Officers, Delegates and Grange Members:

It is indeed an honor to greet you from the Master's station on this opening day of the 114th Annual Session of the National Grange.

This meeting represents the second time the National Grange has met in the "tall corn" state of Iowa. Our 41st Annual Session was held in Des Moines in 1909. It is interesting to note that Newton, Iowa was the home of the second working Subordinate Grange in the country. It was organized in May 1868. Also, Oliver Hudson Kelley, the founder of the Grange, worked as a telegraph operator in Muscatine, 20 years before he began organizing Granges. And, Jones Mill Grange in Delaware County is the oldest continuously active Grange west of the Mississippi River.

Iowa is as rich in Grange history as it is in agriculture. Located in the heart of the nation's greatest food producing area, it is an ideal place for us to assemble and develop National Grange policy. Traveling to Cedar Rapids from any direction, one can observe vast fields of grain, soybeans and hay and the farmsteads of good, honest, hard-working farmers.

It is our task to fully represent America's dedicated agricultural producers and their communities. We do not approach this task lightly, nor with a narrow vision. We are as determined in our efforts today as we were 114 years ago when we became the first organization to represent and defend the American farmer.

Last Tuesday each of us cast a ballot to select our national leaders for the next four years. The National Grange is in a strong position to work with all national leaders regardless of political affiliation. Our position is enhanced by our grass roots traditions, our non-partisan actions and our belief that what benefits agriculture benefits the Nation.

The Grange could be called a special interest group, but our interest in agriculture is not one-dimensional. The issues raised by our Grange members show an in-depth concern for every aspect of American life, both as it affects us and our urban neighbors.

Since our national session last November, we have witnessed a number of drastic events: the holding of U.S. citizens in Iran, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, rapidly increasing inflation and higher interest rates, high unemployment, record droughts, and Mt. St. Helens' volcanic explosions. This has indeed been a frustrating and unpredictable year.

As we surge forward into the 80's, we must hold onto and fight for our basic philosophies, yet recognize that changes are inevitable and face the future with courage and determination as our fathers did before us.

1980 has been a very busy year for the National Grange and in many ways a year of change which started with our election of officers last November. I will address some issues and concerns relating to the internal structure of our organization later in this Session.

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture continues to be our nation's No. 1 industry and also the shining example of increasing productivity per man hour. Our farmers continue to provide an abundant quantity of high quality food at a minimum of cost to our American consumers and to people around the world.

In 1980 each U.S. farmer produced food and fiber for himself and 58 others at a cost of 17% of the after-tax income of the average American worker.

Never before in a time of peace have so many countries around the world depended so greatly on American farmers for such a large portion of their food and fiber.

In spite of the embargo restrictions with Russia, we set a new agricultural export record

in 1980 in both tonnage and value. We exported agricultural products worth 40 billion dollars, a 25% increase over 1979, resulting in a net gain of agriculture exports over agriculture imports of 22 billion dollars, a gain of 40% over 1979—one of the bright spots in our trade balance.

We also continued to build our food reserves, which are very important to all of us, especially in dairy products and wheat.

Year 1980 is a good year to illustrate the value of many of the agricultural programs we operate in conjunction with our government.

The crop losses suffered by the volcano and drought-stricken regions will be relieved to some degree by disaster programs under the 1977 Food and Agricultural Act, and by certain provisions of the Farmers Home Administration and the Small Business Administration. Areas where Federal Crop Insurance coverage was available also provided protection to the producer.

The farmer-owned wheat and feed grain reserve program proved to be very useful this year. It provided the storage and the removal from the market of a record 1979 wheat and corn crop. Were it not for this reserve program, all agriculture prices would have been further depressed.

The reserve program also enabled the U.S. Department of Agriculture to remove from the market the 11 million tons of wheat and feed grain that were scheduled for delivery to Russia, at the time the Russian grain embargo was announced.

The value of the grain reserve will also be recognized as a valuable tool in 1980 because we will need some of the feed grains in the reserve to meet the needs of our livestock producers and to fill our export commitments in 1981.

The present farm program expires with the 1981 crop year. During this session you will be acting on several resolutions that will determine the type of Farm Program policy the National Grange staff will work to incorporate in a farm program in 1981. Producing for a market at a profitable price level should be our goal. The 1981 Farm Act should include those steps we feel are necessary to reach this goal. We recognize the need to have government involved in production agriculture. However, we must hold that involvement to a minimum.

The Reserve Program should continue to be the cornerstone of the new Farm Act. Flexibility to adjust the loan rate and the target price should be retained. An upper limit on the amount of reserves must be identified if we are to have a program that is market-oriented.

Set-aside and paid diversion programs should continue to be an option that is available to aid in keeping production in line with demand.

Development of foreign markets for agricultural products should continue to be a joint program between our Federal Government and our farm commodity groups.

We must guard against efforts to require that soil and water conservation practices be implemented before being eligible to participate in a price support program.

Dairy

The dairy price support program came under heavy attack from several areas in 1980. Production reached a new high and milk cow numbers increased for the first time in 26 years. A record number of replacement heifers have been raised and are now entering the milking herds.

This increased production comes during a time of declining consumption. The decline in dairy product use is partly due to a weak economy. Dairy farmers are increasing their funding of dairy product research, dairy marketing research and dairy product promotion and advertising in an effort to increase sales.

The 80% of parity price support level, the price adjustment two times a year and the formula used to determine parity are under attack by consumer interests and others. This is being done in an effort to lower the price of milk to the consumer. But the result will be a lower price structure to the producer.

Before we agree to drastic changes in the present program we need to analyze the conditions in 1979 and 1980 that encouraged this increased production. Cheap feed grain

prices and low cull cow prices were the leading factors that encouraged increased milk production. The impact of the drought, higher feed grain and roughage prices will help bring 1981 production in line with consumption. I have been working with several other farm groups to develop an informational and educational program to encourage milk producers to reduce their production in 1981. If production does not decrease in 1981, we may need to reassess the present formula for determining parity. We must be willing to adjust slightly or run the risk of losing the entire program. The dairy industry and the consumer cannot afford to lose the dairy program which has assured an adequate and steady supply of fresh wholesome milk.

Soil & Water Conservation

The public survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture last winter received 65,000 responses about the Resource Conservation Act (R.C.A.) proposals. These responses indicated a very strong awareness by the public about the need for soil and water conservation. These responses also indicated the following:

1. A strong support for U.S.D.A.'s traditional objectives concerning the conservation and preservation of agricultural land.
2. A strong support to continue government programs of providing research, technical assistance and cost-sharing for practices that benefit society but yield little or no short-term economic return to the farmer or land owner.
3. A support by 11 percent to retain prime farmland.

Basically, the survey showed strong support by the public for soil and water conservation programs and the willingness to pay for them.

Cross-compliance between farm price support programs and government cost-sharing in conservation programs received support by 49 percent of the returns in the survey. I believe this would be a serious mistake and I am guessing that most of the respondents did not fully realize the impact of such a cross-compliance feature. It would be very inequitable and would be a nightmare to administrate such a program. Also, it could very easily defeat the purpose of both programs.

Saving our topsoil and conserving our water will become increasingly difficult in the immediate years ahead because:

(1) The increased demand for U.S. agricultural products around the world will force additional acres to be put under cultivation. The majority of these additional cultivated acres will be marginal land requiring intensive conservation practices.

(2) A recent report by the National Agricultural Lands Study task force shows that land development removes 3 million acres a year from our agricultural base—1 million acres is prime agricultural land. At this rate in 20 years such states as Connecticut, Massachusetts and West Virginia will lose more than half their prime agriculture land and such states as New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Florida will lose virtually all their prime farm land. If this practice is allowed to continue, good productive farm land will become a smaller percentage of total agricultural base each year. We will be trying to increase production on lower class land that will require very intensive conservation practices.

(3) In many areas in the mid-west, farmers are removing wind-breaking forests which allows increased wind erosion.

(4) In many areas contour farming has been abandoned and water holding terraces removed to allow larger equipment to be used to work the soil.

As a result of this phenomenon, an average acre of cropland in the corn belt will lose 10 tons of top soil a year due to wind and water erosion. A recent study here in Iowa indicated a loss of 17.2 tons of topsoil a year in 1974. This topsoil loss in the last ten years is the major factor that has cut our ability to increase yields more than 1% a year. The previous 20 years our yields were increasing 2% a year. A 1977 survey shows that 58% of our cropland needs conservation treatment. Secretary Bergland recently said we have 35

million acres in grain production with an erosion rate exceeding 10 tons per acre per year—more than double accepted levels.

This type of problem can only be corrected by a concerted effort on the part of consumers and producers. Tremendous amounts of money and work will be required and the sooner the better and less costly it will be.

Minimum tillage and no tillage practices should properly be called conservation tillage. Many farmers practiced minimum tillage 20 years ago and eventually some of them returned to conventional tillage because good equipment was not made available. Minimum and no-till equipment is available in almost all major lines of farm equipment now and will become increasingly popular, not only to conserve the soil and water but also to conserve fuel. The farmers will buy and use this equipment. This will be a major step forward; however, major land treatment practices must be a cooperative effort by producer and consumer. Tax funds must be made available on a participating basis to encourage land owners to use the best conservation structures and practices for their farms. The existing Soil Conservation Service is the proper agency to perform this service. However, it needs an adequate budget. Congress controls the purse strings and if the present House Agricultural Appropriation bill becomes law, field-level technical assistance will shrink again next year. This would mean a loss of 1,000 field technicians between 1979 and 1981.

The House bill proposes a 1981 budget of \$283 million compared to \$320 million needed to keep the present S.C.S. field force in place. This increase is needed just to meet allowed salary increases. Additional funds are needed in the S.C.S. budget to increase the field technician force and additional funds are needed in A.C.P. budget for cost-sharing programs.

We are actually spending less for capital investments in permanent soil conservation and watershed protection measures today than we did 10 years ago in 1970. Think how much less that is when you figure in the inflation factor. As each year goes by, E.P.A. becomes more of a factor as they implement the Clean Water Act. We all know from past experience E.P.A. likes to reach their goals by regulation. The Grange wants and I believe each of you want to continue a program of cooperation between land owner, the Conservation District, the state and the federal government. If we allow the situation to become more critical than it already is, then we will be asking for stringent regulations.

TRANSPORTATION

The movement of agricultural products to the processor and on to the consumer continues to be a frustrating and costly issue. Frustrating because there are no easy answers and all solutions seem to be a band-aid type. Costly because energy is a major item in transportation inputs and continues to increase in price each year. Transportation costs are a major expense item in marketing our raw agricultural products. For example, freight cost on grain from the Dakotas to a port for export can vary anywhere from 45¢ a bushel to \$1.25 a bushel depending on the mode of transportation available at any given time.

The fact that we had the largest export ever of agricultural commodities (a 25% increase) and also the largest delivery of agricultural inputs to the farms in 1980 indicates our transportation capabilities are improving. Action by Congress and the Administration in 1980 to deregulate the trucking industry and the rail industry is a move to increase competition which will eventually translate into improved service and reduced rates in some areas. A shortage of railroad jumbo hopper cars has been cited for many years as being the main obstacle in moving grain by rail. Thousands of these cars have been built in recent years and have certainly helped to ease the problem but the most help has come from shortening the turn around time for each time the car is filled. Since 1978 the fleet of covered hopper cars has increased by one-third. In one year, 1979, 24,196 hopper cars were put in service. The increased use of unit trains that by-pass certain rail terminals on their way to port are the principle factor involved in shortening the turn around time.

Modernization of railroad terminals and yards and increased utilization of hopper cars are essential if the rail system is to meet future demand. Abandonment of rail lines will continue and cause certain grain elevators and rural communities to be without rail service. The trucking industry will fill these voids but the freight rate will be higher.

Trucking

On July 1 of this year, President Carter signed the Motor Carrier Act of 1980. This is a regulatory reform rather than a total deregulation act. In summary, the Act: makes it easier for a person to obtain a certificate as a motor common carrier of property; removes certain restrictions on motor carrier operations, including elimination of gateway restrictions and circuitous route limitations; adds to agricultural products exempt from economic regulations, fresh shellfish not intended for human consumption, livestock and poultry feed and agricultural seeds and plants if such products are transported to a site of agricultural production or to a business enterprise engaged in the sale to agricultural producers of goods in agricultural production; allows intercorporate hauling for compensation when parent corporation owns 100% interest in subsidiaries; eliminates single line ratemaking after January 1, 1984 if the Motor Carrier Ratemaking Study Commission does not submit its final report on or before January 1, 1983; establishes a Study Commission to make a full and complete investigation and study of the collective ratemaking process for all rates of motor common carriers and upon the need or lack of need for continued antitrust immunity; provides penalties for violation of rules relating to loading and unloading of motor vehicles (this is of particular interest to agriculture); directs Secretary of Transportation and the Interstate Commerce Commission to recommend to Congress in 18 months how to bring about more uniform state regulations and calls for an annual review by Congress of progress in implementing the Act. The ICC is now issuing several regulations to implement the Act and will be doing so for the next year.

Rail De-regulation Act

Congress also gave final approval to a compromise rail de-regulation bill, giving the Administration a clean-sweep in deregulating the major transportation industries—air, motor and rail.

The Grange, the organization primarily responsible for initial rail regulations, looked with favor on rail regulatory reform, primarily because the Interstate Commerce Commission, an outgrowth of the Granger Laws to protect farmers from repressive freight rates, had indicated it would deregulate the rail industry if Congress did not act. This would mean that agriculture shippers would have no real resource as to grievances. Just as important, the Grange felt that in most cases, the rail shipper no longer needed rate protection because of the competition in the market from barge and motor carriers. We supported amendments in the House that led to a compromise that gave agricultural shippers greater protection from rate increases and rail line abandonment.

The major provisions of the Act are: (1) a contract rate section that will be a major benefit to agricultural commodity shippers; (2) the rail line abandonment section provides for expedited proceedings but provides for shippers and local concerns first right to buy lines scheduled for abandonment after other rail lines express disinterest; (3) a merger section which precludes the approval of rail mergers in the event a substantial lessening of competition or monopoly situations would likely be created; (4) a section to reduce the power of railroad rate bureaus; (5) a section designed to maintain proper rail/water competition and (6) a section directing the I.C.C. to take action to promote use of railroad equipment in times of emergencies.

A section of railroad surcharges remains in the Act. This allows carriers to recoup all "reasonable expected costs" and also apply surcharges up to 10 percent over out-of-pocket costs. However, those railroads found to have adequate revenues cannot apply surcharges.

Highway Trust Fund

Congressional action this year will further reduce the number of dollars coming into the Highway Trust Fund. A part of the "Windfall Profits Tax" legislation will extend to 1992 the exemption of the 4¢ a gallon federal excise tax on gasoline. Several states have also exempted all or a portion of their state excise tax on gasoline.

These tax exemptions plus greater fuel efficient cars and less driving by the public are

a combination that equals less funds for highway construction, highway maintenance and highway safety programs in the future. These decreases are coming at a time when our Interstate Highway system is virtually completed. However, the maintenance of the Interstate system and other major highways is very costly due to inflation. Other primary and secondary roads are in severe disrepair because of years of neglect while building the Interstate system. The weakest points in our highway system nationwide are the bridges. A recent survey indicates 65,000 bridges do not meet minimum standards and are actually closed to trucks over a certain weight.

There is an effort underway in Congress to supplement the Highway Trust Fund from general revenues to offset the loss of the 4¢ a gallon tax on gasohol. The Grange is reluctantly supporting this effort. I say "reluctant support" for two reasons:

1. When we move from a fund that is designated for a specific purpose, it is somewhat less political than securing the funds from the general revenue.

2. The Highway Trust Fund is a system that collects the tax from the people using the service that the tax pays for. I believe this is a good method and it should be continued in the future. If more funds are needed for highway construction and maintenance, we should consider increasing the "use tax."

Russian Grain Embargo

President Carter's announcement on January 4, 1980 declaring a partial feed grain, wheat and soybean embargo against Russia caught everyone by surprise. The embargo was put into place because of national security and a foreign policy decision following the invasion of Afghanistan by Russian forces in December 1979.

President Carter declared in his announcement that the U.S. Department of Agriculture would take the necessary steps to make sure the grain producers do not feel the full impact of the grain embargo.

We immediately supported the announcement with a telegram. We saw the National Grange's role as being one of an advisor to the U.S.D.A. on the steps to be taken to protect our producers from a decline in grain prices.

The National Grange and other farm leaders met several times with Secretary Bob Bergland and his under secretaries during the months of January and February. Eventually U.S.D.A. implemented every one of our recommendations, but not soon enough. The markets were stagnant and eventually moved lower until June. At this time the U.S.D.A. programs were all put into place and the grain market began to respond. In July the grain market began reacting to the drought and we have been on a drought market since then. The embargo undoubtedly had a downward effect on the grain market from January 4 to July. The farmers who had to sell at that time suffered a tremendous loss of income.

Most of the information available at this time indicates the embargo caused a reduction in livestock production in Russia. The question is, to what degree did it affect their production? Perhaps we will never know.

The National Grange has not removed its support of the embargo as all other farm groups have. I believe at this time the embargo has very little, if any effect on our grain prices.

At this time our country is still embargoing grain shipments over our contract agreement of 8 M.M.T. The embargo on fertilizer and high technology equipment, the discontinuance of the cultural exchange, and our putting restrictions on Russian fishing in U.S. waters, are still in place as our way of expressing our disapproval, short of military intervention, of the Russian invasion of Afghanistan. Should the Grange continue to support these types of sanctions against the Soviet Union? This is a decision I ask you as delegates to help us make at this session.

Pension Funds—Agriculture

The American Agricultural Investment Management Company, a consulting firm whose main function is to assist employee benefit funds in the acquisition and management of agricultural properties in the U.S. came into being in 1980. This is another attempt to use large volumes of tax-free retirement funds to purchase farm land.

In 1978 the assets in these pension funds totaled \$564.9 billion. At the same time it is estimated that the land offered for sale on the open market amounted to \$8.5 billion which is only 1½% of the pension funds.

It is obvious from these figures that the price of land would escalate very rapidly and would not be available for a farmer to buy. If this were allowed to happen, it would progressively alter farm ownership patterns by increasing the number of tenants and part-owners and decreasing the number of full owners. Any substantial increase in land prices would virtually eliminate the opportunity for a beginning farmer to own land. As much as we dislike any controls or restrictions on our people investing their money as they choose, we cannot allow this proposal to happen. We need a change in our tax laws so pension funds which are invested in farm land will be liable for the same taxes as are the assets of the family farm owner.

Grange-Farm Film Foundation

The Farm Film Foundation, Inc. was chartered 34 years ago by Brother and Sister Edith and Dana Bennett. It was organized as a non-profit educational corporation. Its purpose is to serve as a film distribution center for educational and informational films related to agriculture and rural communities. The films are supplied to the Foundation by various agri-related businesses. They are then made available on a loan basis to interested parties who can borrow them at no cost except return postage. The producers of the films pay the Foundation a fee each time one of their films is used.

On August 28, 1980 the Board of Trustees of the Farm Film Foundation voted to go into "voluntary dissolution" and transfer their assets, liabilities, and responsibilities to the Grange Foundation. Assets include approximately 3,000 films, two film cleaning and repair machines, and approximately \$61,000 in investments or cash accounts.

Through increased promotion and efficient management, we hope to increase the volume of film distribution and provide the Grange with additional public exposure.

Brother Bill Steel is presently serving as director of the Grange-Farm Film Foundation and has four employees at work in its operation in Grange Headquarters.

IN MEMORIAM

During this past year, a number of our faithful Brothers and Sisters have passed away leaving us with treasured memories of their dedication and service to our Order. We are saddened by this loss and extend our deepest sympathy to their families and friends. On Sunday morning we will conduct a Memorial Service to honor the memory of those who have passed on. This year we received word of the death of the following Past Delegates:

EMILY (SAMUEL T.) BRIGHTMAN

Wife of Past Master

Massachusetts State Grange

HARRY B. CALDWELL

Past Master North Carolina State Grange

Past Member and Chairman

National Grange Executive Committee

F. ARDINE RICHARDSON

Past Master, Main State Grange

Past Chaplain, The National Grange

WALTER B. ARNOLD

Past Master, Virginia State Grange

RALPH W. SMITH

Past Master, Iowa State Grange

NORMAN E. GILLESPIE

Past Master, Rhode Island State Grange

SAMUEL WALTER SAMUELSON

Past Master, Wyoming State Grange

CLARENCE P. JONES

Past Master, Wyoming State Grange

CONCLUSION

This has been a very eventful year in my Grange life and in many respects very gratifying to me and Darlene.

I have appreciated the positive support given by our State leaders and members this past year. Almost all have indicated a great degree of hope and as we say in the Sixth Degree, "embued with the courage of hope, our greatest incentive to achievement," I am glad to find hope is still there.

We have some changes in our National Grange Staff since one year ago. I want to extend my appreciation and gratitude to these people for their contribution to the Grange over the last several years. They are Sister Jenny Grobusky, who served six years as National Grange Director of Women's Activities; Brother Dave Lambert, who served six years in our Legislative Department as Director of Regulatory Affairs; Mary McLane, who served 10 years as Legislative Assistant to Brother Bob Frederick.

Brother Bill Steel will retire at this session as National Grange Director of Youth Activities, but will continue as manager of the Grange Production and Supply Department. Bill has also accepted a new responsibility as Executive Director of the Grange-Farm Film Foundation. I am sure Bill will also continue to do as he has for so many years to "help out" wherever his talent is needed.

I welcome to the Staff Sister Mary Buffington as our National Grange Director of Women's Activities, Sister Susan McDowell as Legislative Assistant to Brother Frederick, and Brother Jim Miller as Assistant Legislative Director.

Diane Liepold keeps the office running smoothly at all times and sees that I get to where I'm supposed to be and keeps me on time.

Lorena Stigers with the help of Lois Deckert controls the Accounting Department. Lois became a new mother this year. Congratulations, and it was a girl. Lorena enjoys seeing those cookbook orders come in. 59,000 have been sold at this time.

Many of you have commented on the increased visibility of the Grange this year. Judy Massabny did this with the increased budget you gave the Grange Information Department. Judy is also doing her usual good work as National Session director during our convention.

Sister Patty Carncross, National Junior Grange Activities Director, gave fine leadership to the Junior Grange program again this year. She developed three new merit badges to create new interest among our Junior members. Also, congratulations to Patty and Richard for daughter No. 2 this year.

We have two new Officers, National Secretary, Brother Frank Hayes, and National Treasurer, Brother Vernon West, who both performed their duties well, as expected. They collected the dues and forwarded the funds to us as we needed them.

Worthy Lecturer, Brother Kermit Richardson performed his duties very efficiently while carrying on the conferences and programs that are so vital to all Grange members.

Brother Bob Frederick has been very helpful to me, not only because of his tremendous ability as Legislative Director, but also because of his easy way of getting me acquainted with the government people and our counterparts in other organizations.

You can be proud of all members of this crew—they will keep our Grange rocket on target in the decade of the 80's.

And special thanks to Darlene for being willing to come to Washington, D.C. She has the biggest job of all—bringing me back to earth occasionally. We all look forward to serving you another year and thank you for the opportunity.

Fraternally Submitted
Edward Andersen, Master

At the close of the Master's Address the members gave Brother Andersen a standing ovation. Brother Stauffer assigned the various sections of the Master's Address to the respective committees for their consideration.

The Worthy Secretary read a telegram from President Carter sending warm greetings to the members of the National Grange on the occasion of their 114th Annual Session.

November 8, 1980

Mr. Edward Andersen
Master
National Grange
c/o Stouffer's Five Seasons Hotel
Five Seasons Center
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

I send my warmest greetings to the Board and Members of the National Grange on the occasion of your one hundred and fourteenth Annual Session.

The Grange has kept its commitment to rural America and farmers, and I am sure it will continue to do so in the future. As President I have appreciated your organization's wise counsel in formulating the food and agricultural policies and programs of the past four years.

As you know, there remain many farm issues to be resolved. I therefore urge you in the months ahead to speak up in the debate on the new farm bill, especially on those domestic and international programs that have proved their worth to the hard-working people you represent.

You have my deepest admiration for your invaluable service to our country and my confidence that you will continue to build upon the splendid reputation you have achieved.

Jimmy Carter

A partial report of the Audit and Budget Comm. was presented by the Chairman Vernon West.

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 fourteenth Session of the National Grange.

Arkansas
Joe Peters
Ethel Peters
California
Edwin Koster
Edna C. Koster

Colorado
Francis Guthrie
Harriet Guthrie
Connecticut
Frank Warner
Margaret Warner

Delaware

Claude R. Hoffman

Catherine Hoffman

Florida

D. Vincent Andrews

Madelin Andrews

Idaho

Gordon Tate

Reta Mae Tate

Illinois

Russell Stauffer

Indiana

Wendell E. Shireman

Dorothy Shireman

Iowa

Delwin Cross

Lucille Cross

Kansas

Edward Moody

Grace Moody

Maine

James E. Shores, Jr.

Dorothy Shores

Maryland

Rodman Myers

Jean Myers

Massachusetts

Vernon P. West

Connie West

Michigan

Roland Winter

Beulah Winter

Minnesota

Adel Brendemuhl

Albert Brendemuhl

Missouri

David Wedding

Patty Wedding

Montana

Forest Farris

Margaret Farris

Nebraska

Robert Smith

Margaret Smith

New Hampshire

Philip Shattuck

Madelene Shattuck

New Jersey

John U. Maple

Peg Maple

New York

Morris J. Halladay

Catherine Halladay

North Carolina

Lloyd Massey

Eunice Massey

Ohio

James Ross

Mary Ross

Oklahoma

Marvin Purdy

Wilma Purdy

Oregon

W. C. Harris

Lida Harris

Pennsylvania

Charles Wismer

Jane Wismer

Rhode Island

Frank Silveira

Dorothy Silveira

South Carolina

George C. Grobusky

Jenny Grobusky

Tennessee

Michael LaForest

Jean LaForest

Texas

R. G. Carter

Flo Carter

Vermont

Harold Bergeron

Mary Bergeron

Virginia

Arthur Du Lac

Doris Du Lac

Washington

Jack Silvers

West Virginia

John Hall

Phyllis Hall

Wisconsin

Lester Wallace

Betty Wallace

Wyoming

Charles E. Buell

Pearl Buell

The Pianist for the Session is Sister Doris Trout of Iowa.

The Worthy Master continued his report and presented his views on the Grange activities of the past and his recommendations for the future of the Grange.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Membership growth in the National Grange continues to be a goal yet to be accomplished. I believe the time has come for all delegates and especially the Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee to analyze what has happened to our Grange fraternity over the last thirty years. For more than thirty years, we have suffered a gradual decline in National Grange membership. Certainly we all recognize we cannot continue to do business as usual if we want to survive as a national organization. Unless we take positive action to change our course, we will no longer be a National Grange — we will only have regional Granges.

During this past year National leaders held five regional Leadership Conferences. The conferences were designed to emphasize the relative importance between each program (or office) and membership in the Grange. Each Grange function is basically a membership tool. If each Officer or Director performs his duties correctly, it will have a positive effect on membership retention and aid in securing new members. The Conferences also stressed the importance of communications at every level in our organization.

We also used the regional conferences as a means to receive input from the Grange leaders about the role they believe the National Grange should play in assisting the states in membership efforts. All State Masters at the conferences, except two, indicated a National Grange Membership program would be welcome and helpful in their states.

I ask this delegate body for approval to allow the National Grange to conduct a Leadership Conference in each region this Grange year and each year thereafter, provided funds are available.

I recommend that this delegate body approve an adequate budget for National Grange Extension for the coming Grange year. These funds are to be used in several programs to be determined by the National Master and the Executive Committee in consultation with the State Master involved or the State's Membership Director. These programs would be designed to meet the various needs of each individual state.

All membership programs will require a commitment of funds, time, personnel and a desire on behalf of each State Grange to help themselves.

There is a need in some states for practical assistance to help build confidence and a positive attitude about the Grange among members before participating in membership drives.

In some states an increase in dues structure is needed before they can ever expect to provide any on-going services to their membership.

There is also a need in some states for some very basic leadership training and development programs.

I sincerely believe the National Grange can be very helpful by providing incentives, inspiration, proven techniques and personnel to assist the State Granges. We must understand that to be successful, we must make a long term commitment to our membership program. We cannot expect to hire qualified people to develop programs and materials unless we are committed to more than a one or two year program.

We should not expect to see a net gain during our first year. However, we should be able to identify progress — perhaps in the area of extension programs begun in several states, extension personnel working in many states and some states providing a larger budget for membership activities.

I ask all delegates and especially the members of the Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee to consider very carefully resolutions that deal with the internal structure of our organization. Let us be willing to remove any methods we may have that tend to discourage new members unless it definitely serves a useful purpose today. I bring to your attention a resolution that has been sent to this delegate body a number of times in the last ten years. The resolution has requested another form of membership in the Grange. This membership would be open to people who wish to support the Grange with dues, but do not have the time or desire to attend meetings or participate in the programs and would not have a vote. The dues should be higher than regular member-

ship dues at all levels. This type of membership could be identified as support members, or affiliate members, or something similar.

I ask you to review the responsibilities of the National Overseer. I recommend that the National Overseer be made a voting member of the National Grange Executive Committee and that an additional member be elected to the Executive Committee so as to retain an odd number in total on the Executive Committee.

Another area that needs attention is communicating the Annual Word to the new members when receiving the Fourth Degree. Presently we require this to be done by the Master of the Subordinate Grange which the member is joining. The problem exists when a Degree Day is held in a Pomona with several Subordinate Granges having new members initiated and the Master of each Subordinate Grange is expected to give his members the Annual Word. If all Masters are present and attempt to do this, it creates confusion for everyone. If some Masters are not there, it creates confusion for some of the new members. A simple answer is to allow the host Subordinate Master to communicate the Annual Word to all new members.

We have many good things going for us, but unless we are willing to take the risks associated with change to improve our abilities to secure and retain members, we will have nothing except memories of what the Grange used to be.

Motion made and supported that this portion of the Master's Address be assigned to the Good of the Order Comm.

The motion was made and supported that the new Delegate State Masters present their reports at this time, and that the remaining Delegate reports be given to the Secretary for printing in the Journal.

The Worthy Master introduced the following new Delegates who presented their respective reports to the Delegate body.

Edward and Grace Moody — Kansas, Roland and Beulah Winter — Michigan, Robert and Margaret Smith — Nebraska, Philip and Madeliene Shattuck — New Hampshire, Harold and Mary Bergeron — Vermont and John and Phyllis Hall — West Virginia.

REPORTS OF STATE MASTERS

ARKANSAS

It is again the privilege of Ethel and I to bring friendly greetings from the Patrons of Arkansas to the Officers and Delegates of the National Grange assembled for their 114th annual Session.

Our State Session has just been completed. The optimism and interest displayed at the meetings bodes well for the continued success of our order.

The Tri-State Grange Leaders Conference which we hosted in April, was well attended by the Patrons of Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas. National Master, Ed Anderson, Lecturer Kermit Richardson, Junior Sup. Bill Steele and Women's Activity Chairman, Mary Buffington and her husband were in attendance.

Brother and Sister, Lester and Betty Wallace were well received at our State Session. We all enjoyed having them. They represented the National Grange in fine tradition.

Our State lecturer has carried out very interesting programs at the subordinate Pomona and State levels.

Good public relations has been established with the news media due to the efforts of Mary Richardson, our Public Relations Director.

We are starting a youth program under the leadership of Deloris Peacy which we hope will be successful for the future.

We had 75% participation in the Community Service Program. Our D.W.A. did

an excellent Job in her department. We were proud of Sister Erma Hilton — she was awarded Honorable Mention in the cranberry contest and won a trip to California.

We are looking forward to a bigger and

better year in the State of Arkansas and we wish all the other States the best of everything.

Fraternally Submitted,
Joe Peters

CALIFORNIA

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the National Grange:

Again Edna joins me in bringing greetings to the National Grange from the membership of California.

The 108th annual session concluded only two weeks ago adopted a forward and progressive program, providing the administrative staff with defined position guidelines dealing with the many complex problems facing our state and nation.

Intersession committees proved to be a very valuable service in expediting the work of the convention which finished its task several hours earlier than scheduled because the information material was readily available for the session committees which were composed of several intersession committee members.

During the year a survey questionnaire was developed to try to ascertain why grangers were leaving the fold through the "back door." The results of the survey proved to be interesting, but most disturbing was that 78% of those who were suspended were not contacted in person. As a result of the survey, it is apparent leadership training conferences are again necessary. Plans are underway to conduct conferences in every Grange county beginning after the first of the year, and in the larger counties where Granges are more widely separated, as many as two or three conferences may be held. All members, but especially administrative officers, will be asked to attend.

It was a real pleasure to have Brother Francis Guthrie and Sister Harriet at our annual session, representing the National Grange. They were well received and brought to our delegates a very timely message. Brother Jack Silvers, Master of the Washington State Grange, was also an invited guest and he left with us a challenge not only for legislative accomplishments,

but in membership growth. Kristi Wilson, National Grange Princess, from Wyoming, set the stage with her inspiring and timely extemporaneous address during the opening ceremonies of the youth program and pageant on Wednesday evening. She displayed her talent and understanding throughout the entire State Grange session.

The annual Youth Conference was again held on the Cal-Poly Campus near San Luis Obispo. Here, as always, educational sessions on the Grange structure and its purposes were in clear focus.

The Young Marrieds and Singles conducted an excellent session in the Yucca Grange Hall, Antelope Valley, Los Angeles County, in February under very adverse weather conditions.

Our Youth Camp was held in June at Bucks Lake near Quincy. Code reading, testing workshops, swimming, good food and fellowship were featured. Kristi Wilson, National Grange Princess, was a most welcome guest; a beautiful personality who made a major contribution to the enjoyment of everyone. California has a youth program that proudly exemplifies the high ideals and principles of the Grange. William Booth, State Director, has organized an excellent youth group.

The year 1979-80 has been a challenging one in California, especially in the field of legislation. Some real advances were made in correcting not only legislation, but in the administrative structure of at least one State Board affecting the farmers of our state. We are again looking forward to another year of achievements on the legislative front, as well as in membership growth.

Fraternally submitted,
Edwin Koster, Master
California State Grange

COLORADO

Worthy National Master Andersen, Officers and fellow Delegates to the 114th annual session of the National Grange, greetings.

In retrospect, this past year in the Colorado Grange has been a busy and progressive one. We continue to build membership and again showed a net gain. We were pleased to organize another new Grange on the Western Slope of the state and prospects look good for three more over the state.

Six of us attended the Western Leaders Conference in Oregon in August. Immediately following that meeting, Colorado hosted the Great Plains Youth Conference with young Grangers from Oklahoma, Kansas, Wyoming and Colorado participating.

Our State Session in September was well attended, with many of the delegates from the Western Slope driving 400 miles to attend. Among these were the Rose Drill girls who performed beautifully.

National Master Ed Andersen and Sister Darlene attended a portion of the session and were an inspiration to all of us. Our delightful National Princess, Kristi Wilson, was also present. She has visited us on several occasions, and we are thinking of adopting her.

Three \$500 and one \$750 scholarships were awarded this year to young Grangers.

Our Youth have worked long and successfully to earn enough money to charter a bus to this National Session, and we are proud of their efforts.

Our Junior and Youth camps were well attended, and we were happy to have National Princess Kristi Wilson, National Runner-up Princess Patty Davies and National Runner-up Prince Keith Pfeiffer all at the Youth Camp. A Young Singles and Married Couples had a very successful conference and fun-time in the Spring.

Included in our Legislative work this year was participation in the Family Farm Conference, the Farm Land Conversion hearings the State Agriculture Commission has been holding, a Farm Organization coalition meeting, Cattlemen's conference, Farm-City Week planning, Rare II studies and others.

Representing the National Grange, Harriet and I were fortunate to be able to attend state sessions in Missouri, Wyoming and California. We enjoyed all of them, and each was a learning experience.

Fraternally submitted,
Francis Guthrie

CONNECTICUT

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates:

Once again it is my privilege to bring greetings from the members of the Connecticut State Grange and wish you well in your annual session.

Our 96th Annual State Session is history, but will not be forgotten. We were honored and privileged to have as our guests Edward and Darlene Andersen from the National Grange, and they have really endeared themselves to our members. Edward Andersen was the speaker at our banquet.

The sixth degree was conferred on 138 candidates. All committees gave their reports, and we had over 70 resolutions. I believe we had a very warm and friendly session. Spirits were high.

Our Grange Camp celebrated its 25th anniversary with over 500 people attending.

Those attending found a new 66-car parking lot, drainage along the road, all 12 cabins with new roofs, 12 new picnic tables, a new sailfish, swing set, float and ladder. We have expended about \$35,000 just on the parking lot and our Past Deputies have committed themselves to raising the rest. So you see how generous and dedicated our folks are. Our Camp also enjoyed its biggest year ever in attendance.

Our committees are really doing a great job and everyone working like beavers. We didn't have a net gain in membership for the year, but we did the last quarter; so that means we have turned it around and are moving up. We are practicing our motto "Think Positive, Dare to do, Move forward," and this year we have added "With a Smile."

Our Grange newspaper is getting better with every issue, and our subscriptions are slowly increasing. All in all, I believe this has been a really great year for the Connecticut State Grange. My wife and I would like to thank all the Patrons for their help, sup-

port, and friendship which has made this great year possible.

Fraternally submitted,
Frank H. Warner, Master

DELAWARE

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Patrons All:

It is once again, a pleasure for Catherine and I to bring you Greetings from the Patrons of the "First State," Delaware.

We were pleased that well over a hundred members were in attendance at the 113th National Grange Session last year in Lancaster and 51 received the 7th Degree. Four Past Delegates and their wives were introduced to the Delegate Body. We had more Past Delegates present than any other state.

Our Leadership Conference was well attended as was our Worship Together Service, Scholarship Dinner, State Banquet and other State Grange activities.

Improvements continue to be made in our State Grange Headquarters. Through the generous donation of one of our Subordinate Granges we were able to install wall to wall carpet on our lower level of the building and we also purchased a copy machine.

Grange Week activities were entered into enthusiastically. Participation was good in the Community Service Program, Safety, Talent, Art and Photo Contests.

Our State Women's Activities Director, Bea Gooden has continued to do an outstanding job. We had 457 entries in the Sewing Contest, going over our goal by 32. Diane Russell placed second in the National Sewing Contest, Class A — Adult, Needlework, Stuffed Toy Contest, CARE and Deaf Fund were well supported. We welcomed National Grange Women's Activities Director, Mary Buffington to Delaware at our spring W. A. Workshop and Luncheon.

It was another busy year for our Youth members as they manned the Grange promotional booth at the Fair (selling 38 cook-books), made a float and won third prize, raised \$365 for the School for the Deaf, held a GROW Club Banquet, continued to have a Rose Drill team and Youth Choir, presented Booster Awards, took a Christmas

Party to Home for Mentally Retarded, conducted Grange Family Camp, assisted at JG Camp, enjoyed picnics, dances and a trip.

Junior Grange activities included Talent, Prince and Princess and Cheerleading Contests, Junior Camp, Session Day and many other worthwhile state projects. National Junior Grange Program was well supported and entries sent to National in all categories. \$965 was raised through donations and a statewide Rock-a-Thon to raise money for the Dogs for the Deaf Project.

The Grange took a stand on Farmland Preservation and is pressing for a farmland preservation law. A number of meetings and hearings were held with Grange members taking an active part.

Our Governor and other state officials as well as our legislators in Washington were kept well informed of our views on important matters pertaining to our State and Nation. We also have an active Legislative Director who keeps us alerted of bills coming before the Legislature.

The Delaware State Grange Restaurant on the Fair Grounds had another successful year showing a profit of over \$21,000.00 in a ten day period.

We donated \$5,000.00 to the University of Delaware to help furnish a room in the new hall for research and teaching.

Two \$500.00 scholarships were awarded as in the past.

We are real proud Andrea Valentine was recipient for the second straight year, of the \$500 Grange Deaf Education Scholarship.

Dave Lambert and his wife represented the National Grange at our State Session and Brother Lambert was the guest speaker at the banquet.

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

Fraternally submitted,
Claude R. Hoffman, Master

FLORIDA

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Patrons:

Greetings and best wishes from the Sunshine State for a successful 114th Annual Session of the National Grange. The experiment for a 3-day State Session in an off-election year worked out very well, January 3-5, 1980 at the Ramada Inn, St. Petersburg, FL. This schedule is expected to continue. Four regional conferences were held in January and February.

Because of distances in our State and the cost of gasoline, it limited participation to a certain extent at these as well as at other activities this year. This was reflected especially in Youth and Junior campouts and the State picnic which was held this year for the first time on the east coast of the State at the Kiwanis-Hobart Park, near Vero.

Over \$300 was received from recycling used hearing-aid batteries. This money was donated to the Cross Bayou Elementary

School and Deaf Education Center for a PAL machine.

Only three State Officers were able to attend the Leadership Conference in Tennessee and unfortunately none of the S. E. Youth Conference.

The inspection of Granges by State Officers and a smaller Deputy force seems to be more effective. I, myself, inspected eight Granges.

Community Service participation was up to 22 out of 29 Granges entering. Next year's goal is for 100% participation. Our next Session is January 7-10, 1981, Holiday Inn Surfside, Daytona Beach, FL. We are pleased that the National Master and Sister Darlene will be our representatives. It will be election of officers.

Fraternally submitted,
D. Vincent Andrews

IDAHO

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

Very unexpectedly, we are here to bring you greetings from Idaho. We have just completed our seventy-second State Session at Sandpoint, in beautiful north Idaho. Everyone seemed to enjoy the accommodations and all contributed to a most harmonious session. Sandpoint escaped the ash from the eruption of Mt. St. Helens which covered a large part of the Idaho panhandle. The thirties had their dust bowl, and now the eighties have had their ash bowl.

Grange work has gone well during this past year. The Community Service program entries increased to 46 (38% of our Granges) and there were 32 completions. The Women's Activities department had a National winner from northern Idaho. We are thankful for the fine work that our women do for the Grange in Idaho.

Again we had a net increase in membership with a total of 1,000 new members. However, we had 742 drop-outs. Two new Junior Granges were organized.

In an effort to reduce and gain information on the large number of drop-outs, we

have joined a program used in other states in sending them a letter from the state office. The main information gained so far is that many of these members have not received either dues reminders or drop notices from their Subordinate Granges. We need to work hard to see that these members do receive their dues notices, and also a personal call or reminder before they are dropped.

This program and others were discussed at our Western States Conference in August, which we feel was by far the best one we have attended. There was more time for conferences at all levels to discuss problems and solutions.

We were privileged to have the National Master, Ed Andersen with us for a few days after the western states conference. He made the annual Food Producers Tour for Congressional Aides with us and spoke to us at two picnics.

Our State Grange affiliates have had successful years, and we have endeavored to work with them, giving them lists of membership, new members and drops to aid them in serving our Grange people. The success of these affiliates and our Granges are very closely related.

We do have a great program, and we should bring in many others to share it with us. People do have different interests, and some will enjoy such things as community service, personal improvement, fellowship, recreation and ritualistic work. Others may be interested in legislation, national welfare, as well as our affiliate programs of insurance and credit unions.

We carried on a tremendous volume of legislative work, especially in the various program reviews, environmental impact statements, and assessments. Let us hope that these will soon come to an end or at least be reduced so we will have more time for normal activities.

We are pleased with our accomplishments but so much remains to be done.

We have been saddened during the year with the loss of some of our finest Grange members. Their life and their efforts should be an inspiration to all of us to carry on the work of this great organization.

I should like to pay tribute also to our past officers and leaders. The longer we strive to keep up the more we appreciate the work these Grangers have done. Their work and foresight has provided a solid financial base as well as the fine buildings that we have to carry on our work.

Fraternally submitted,
Gordon Tate, Master
Idaho State Grange

ILLINOIS

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

We have had another successful year here in Illinois, our 109th year of service to agriculture and the rural community. This will be a brief summary of our Grange Program for this past year.

Immediately after Midwest Leader's Conference, we held a series of regional leaders conferences throughout the State to get the programs started in the right direction. We feel that these conferences are important to our new officers and department heads.

Illinois continues to field a fine program for our Youth and Young Marrieds. Conferences and camp are held for the Youth, with many workshops to develop leadership in these fine young men and women. Programs include ritualism code reading, Grange procedures, resolutions, and fun, fellowship, and food in a mixture to hold the interest of all participants. The Young Marrieds Committee is also very active, with some statewide activities, and many local activities that are aimed at some interests of this age group. Both of these age groups are very enthusiastic about their Grange activities.

We have a very active group of Junior

Grangers, who do a fine job in all programs offered for them. This group holds two camps every summer, one in the north, and one in the south end of the state, and the enthusiasm of these Juniors is very gratifying.

Our 109th Session was held in Peoria this year, and was the highlight of our Grange year. National Master Ed Andersen and Sister Andersen were our honored guests at this session.

The Annual Session was a great success, with good programs, excellent exhibits, and lots of fun for all.

Illinois continues to take top honors in many of the WAC contests every year, and I would be remiss if I did not recognize the very fine job done by our WAC committee every year, and those talented Sisters who turn in such fine projects. We are indeed proud of them.

I bring the greetings and best wishes of the Illinois members to our Fraternal hosts, the Brothers and Sisters of the state of Iowa, and wish them great success in their endeavor of hosting this session. I'm sure that we will have an enjoyable and productive session here in Cedar Rapids.

Fraternally,
Russell Stauffer

INDIANA

Dorothy and I are privileged to bring greetings from the Grangers of the Hoosier State. This past year we have been able to show a net gain in membership in Indiana and we hope to increase this number in the year to come.

In my address at the 110th annual session of the Indiana State Grange, I pointed out a very great need for a membership committee in every Subordinate Grange and goals established. With this completed I feel we will be on our way for the increase we are all working for.

This past year we held a two day conference for all state officers, deputies, and committees. Our Worthy National Master, Ed Andersen, attended and certainly did a good job of building our enthusiasm. I am sure that this meeting along with Brother Andersen's counsel helped in our being able to show a net gain in membership.

We had a good representation at the Midwest Leaders Conference held in Moline, Illinois. I commend our National Grange Leaders for their excellent presentation at this conference. We all gained from their

presence and recommend that we should always have our National Leaders present at these meetings.

This past year we put our State Grange Departmental Programs out at our session but this year we are going to hold District Conferences just following the National Grange Session. We will then have a follow-up in February with a two-day conference for state officers, deputies, and committees.

All of our Department Heads and their committees have done an outstanding job this year in Indiana. Our Legislative Director has put in many long hours. They are truly dedicated people whose only pay is a "thank you."

We wish to thank the officers and members of the Iowa State Grange for hosting this 114th Session of the National Grange. We are looking forward to a very enjoyable and productive meeting and a prosperous new Grange Year.

Fraternally,
Wendel E. Shireman, Master
Indiana State Grange

IOWA

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates of the 114th Annual Session of the National Grange:

Welcome to Iowa from Lucille, myself and all of the Granges of Iowa. Our hopes are that we will have a very productive session in the Hawkeye State and one that will be very enjoyable to all.

The Iowa Grange has spent the last year putting the final touches to hosting this National Session along with other Grange contests, conferences, etc.

The Midwest Leaders Conference was attended in Moline, Illinois and our County Conferences followed giving the messages received to the various officers and committees. Iowa hosted the Corn States Lecturer's Conference in November.

Iowa Youth have been active this year preparing for the National Session, hosting the Mid Western Youth Conference in June and a very successful Youth Camp. They had guests from Maryland, Missouri, France and Denmark at the Camp Session.

Scott Wiles of Maryland, GISYE of Bill Routier attended camp with Bill. Iowa rates 2nd in number of exchanges since the program began nearly 25 years ago. Gene Edele was winner of Sing-A-Song regional competition.

The Juniors had a very successful camp and the directors have spent endless hours preparing for National Session. Bloomington Junior Grange has spent many hours in preparation of opening and degree presentation at the National Session.

Many 1980 committee meetings were held and the various appointed committees reported their progress toward our hosting at Cedar Rapids.

The Lecturer and W.A.C. departments have had a very good year with above normal participation and I know they appreciate the help in making their department labor fruitful.

The results of all departments working really beyond the call of duties make it much easier for the State Master and is appreci-

ated more than words can express.

Lucille and I represented the National Grange at the Wisconsin State Session and had a very enjoyable time.

We were pleased to have Judy Massbny as our National Representative at our State Session. Thank you, Judy, for all your help and your numerous trips to Iowa to keep us on the right track for hosting the National Session.

In closing, Lucille and I would like to give your special thanks to all the Iowa Grangers who have helped implement the task of making the 114th National Grange Session a very rewarding experience.

Fraternally,
Delwin D. Cross, Master
Iowa State Grange

KANSAS

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Visitors:

It is a great pleasure for Grace and I to bring to this 114th Session of the National Grange from the Grangers of the Sunflower State.

We have just completed our 109th Annual State Session in a very satisfactory manner with the best attendance and interest, of our elected delegates, that we have seen for some time, which sends us to our Labors with a very optimistic outlook.

Our Women's Activities Committee, under the guidance of Sister Geneva Atkinson; the Lecturer's Department, Ruth Esther Shorthill, Lecturer; the Youth Department, LaVerne Schif, Director; the Junior Department, Patty and Darla West, Co-Directors and the Digs Program, Brother Wayne Stewart Directing, made excellent contributions to a good Grange year. A very high degree of interest and participation was shown in all Departments.

Communtiy Service, which is what it's all about, showed good participation by most of our Granges and much was accomplished throughout the State. The participation made it quite difficult to choose the first several places in this contest and I feel sure they will give a good account of themselves in National competition.

Our Legislative committee has worked diligently with the Committee of Kansas Farm Organizations to implement needed and desirable legislation in Kansas with good success, and has also used its influence with individual legislators both State and National to give help when needed.

"Service to our Members," an area we take great pride in, and which has shown

improvement in all areas, includes our Kansas State Grange Credit Union, Insurance for members, Christmas Card Program, Fair Booth and Scholarship Program. This year our Brey Foundation Scholarships went to twelve Grange members to further their education and amounted to \$500.00 each.

Members throughout the State have taken an eager interest in the assistance to the Deaf Program and have provided some considerable help to the Deaf through the Kansas State School for the Deaf at Olathe, Kansas.

A number of our Officers and Department leaders attended the Midwest Leaders Conference and the Corn States Lecturers Conference this past year and brought back much valuable information for our use.

Membership has shown definite improvement under the direction of Brother Verno Shorthill, with a number of Granges bringing in new members, one with twenty. We still are working for a net gain over the entire State and feel that will be accomplished this year.

We were extremely pleased to have Brother "Tex" and Sister Flo Carter of Texas as our National representatives this year and we would particularly like to thank them for the fine job of installing our Officers.

We were also happy to have Brother Marvin and Sister Wilma Purdy of Oklahoma as our visitors. They are fine dedicated Grangers.

Fraternally,
Edward F. Moody, Master

MAINE

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates:

It is with pleasure that Dot and I bring you greetings from the State of Maine.

We are pleased to have National Grange accept our invitation to meet in Maine in 1984. I am sure this will be a building stone for the Grange in Maine and we will look forward to a large class of candidates. It was in 1948 that the National Grange last met in Maine.

We have just finished our State Session and were very pleased to have National Master Andersen and Sister Andersen with us. Our session was very well attended with many youth and young people taking part. We had a class of 193 for the sixth degree.

Loss in membership continues to be our biggest problem. We initiated 620 and took in 362 by demit and restatement. We also lost 497 by death and 1515 by demit and suspension. This is far too many slipping out

the back door and we hope to correct it this year.

The State of Maine was very pleased and proud to have Dot elected Pomona of the National Grange and Linc Merrill chosen National Grange Prince. Linc is going to be our membership chairman for 1981 and I am sure he will do an outstanding job. We were also very happy when Sherryl Hodgkins of Fayette won first place, Class A in the National Grange Sewing Contest.

We have put new gray vinyl siding on our headquarters building and painted the trim white. It has certainly improved the appearance and I am sure the image of the Grange.

With everyone working together, I am sure the Grange in Maine and all across the nation will grow in 1981.

Fraternally,
James Shores, Master

MARYLAND

Worthy Master, Officers and delegates — it is indeed a pleasure for Jean and I to bring greetings from the Patrons of Maryland.

We are pleased to say we had another increase in membership for the second straight year under the leadership of Maurice Wiles, membership director.

Our State Session was very successful both in attendance and resolutions adopted. We were pleased to have National Grange Secretary Frank Hayes and Virginia at our State Session. We had 26 members to receive the 6th degree. Some other highlights were: we gave two \$500 deaf scholarships and four \$300 agriculture scholarships at our session. These were new programs in our state this year and will be continued. Many Granges had fund raising projects which proved very successful. The "Service to Maryland Agriculture" Awards was awarded to John and Edna Newcomer of Leitersburg Grange for their contributions to agriculture and community work.

We sponsored the 4-H Child Care in the state and purchased a hog at the Maryland State Fair 4-H and FFA Sale.

We again sponsored the Maryland FFA

Parliamentary Procedure Contest and had the first place team perform at our state session.

The Community Shows sponsored by the Grange, FFA, FFA Alumni and 4-H were again successful despite the dry weather conditions.

We had our highest number of entries in years in the Community Service Contest and wish Glade Valley Grange the best of luck in the National Contest.

The safety program sponsored by National Grange Mutual is an excellent program, but we continue to have only a few granges submit reports. Hopefully 1981 will be different.

Women's Activities Director, Louisa Hott, had a very successful year and met the state sewing contest quota. Her state committee also helped with the meals at State Junior Grange Camp. In one year, over 5,000 Maryland State Grange cookbooks have been sold. This is an excellent fund raiser for the subordinate granges and state grange.

Youth Director, Janet Wiles, started the first Maryland GROW Club banquet in March and had a very successful Youth Breakfast at the State Session. Faye Zim-

merman, Princess, and David Wiles, Prince will represent Maryland at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Junior Grange Leader, Ethel Brauer, again had many successful projects including the Junior Grange Camp. There were two Junior Granges re-organized, Carroll Manor and Dublin Junior Granges.

I am pleased that our State Women's Activities Directors, Youth Director, Junior Grange Leader and Lecturer will be attending National Grange in Cedar Rapids.

I am sure with the continued leadership of our state officers and department chairmen, the member of the Maryland State Grange will have another successful year in 1981.

Fraternally submitted,
C. Rodman Myers, Master
Maryland State Grange

MASSACHUSETTS

Worthy Master, Officers, and Delegates:

It is a pleasure once again to bring a report of some of the activities of the Massachusetts State Grange. We have had a busy year, and I feel that it has been a fruitful year in many areas.

Although we had a substantial loss in membership for the year, we did have a net gain during the fourth quarter, and during the first quarter of the new year we have had some good classes of new members, many of whom took the sixth degree on October 24th. We think that this is a good indication of a turn around in membership acquisition, and with the new program that we have instituted, where we require a membership committee in every Grange, and with a goal, we should have a productive year during 1980-81.

We also took steps to affiliate with a camp, which has been used largely by 4H, and which we were invited to work with, and use for our Grange activities. Our Youth Leadership School was held there, and will be next year, and in addition many other activities are planned for the future. Many of our members have looked forward to an opportunity such as this, for many years. It offers so many possibilities to broaden our outreach, and to in turn build the Grange.

Also, during the past year we have worked closely with other groups which are interested in Agriculture, Conservation, Farmland preservation, and particularly those who are interested in how we are going to continue to have the foods that we need to

feed the people of Massachusetts. With 85% of our food now imported, this is a real concern for all of us who realize its impact, and it must shortly become a concern for many more people. Thus we are faced with a real challenge.

During the past year I have continued to urge the Masters of the Granges to make the best possible use of standing and special committees. Pointing out the fact that these committees can make the work of the Master so much easier, and make the programs and projects so much better, many have tried to reactivate committees, and have found that it works. My main thrust has been that the Grange has so many tools with which to work, but they must be used, and if they are we can once again look forward to our former status in the community.

Our 108th Annual Session was one where we made progress in facing reality, both financially and with regard to broadening our activities, and becoming more involved. I feel that this coming year, my last as Master of this State Grange, will be one of real progress in various areas. We look forward to working closely with the National Grange, in both ongoing and new programs, so that all may benefit, and the Grange may continue to fulfill its great destiny.

Fraternally,
Vernon P. West, Master

MICHIGAN

Worthy Master, Delegates, Brothers & Sisters:

Greetings from Michigan where our motto is "if you seek a pleasant peninsula look around you." Greetings also from Marshall, the City of Hospitality.

Grange leaders in Michigan have been busy this year. The most exciting news is the building of a new headquarters. Two years ago Capitol Grange, which owns and operates Grange Acres, a senior citizen housing development, gave a parcel of land to the Michigan State Grange for this purpose. The old headquarters building in downtown Lansing has been sold and we expect to occupy our new office, located eight miles east of the Capitol, in the spring. We feel this building will be more cost-efficient and more fuel-efficient and that it will serve our needs now and into the future.

The Women's Activities Committee under the direction of Sister Marie Thelen has been very active. The Sewing Contest quota was met and we are very pleased to have two national winners this year, Sister Leslie Rivard and Junior member Sandy Thelen. There was an increase in toys for the Stuffed Toy Contest with a total of 2824. Sister Thelen and her committee held a one-day conference as well as the Sewing Awards Day for the Sewing Contest.

The Youth Committee under the direction of Sister Luanna Swainston held a Young Marrieds week-end conference, two youth camps, provided a Rose Drill for the sixth degree, and a drill and the opening of the Saturday session of the Michigan State Grange. A Grow Club display and luncheon were part of the activities of the annual session.

Lecturer, Sister Hazel Ely and Junior Director Sister Ann Mills held a one-day conference for Lecturers and Junior Leaders. Sister Mills also conducted a three-day Junior Grange Camp.

Other activities include a Bowling Tournament, four camp-outs by our Camping Patrons, and two state-wide picnics.

It is our hope to realize a membership increase next year. My newly-appointed Membership Director is preparing a membership program which will soon be presented to the subordinate Granges.

There is excitement among Grange members in Michigan. We are looking to a year which will be forward-moving that this organization will continue for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,
Roland G. Winter

MINNESOTA

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates:

I bring you greetings from the Grangers of Minnesota for the 114th National Session.

We have just finished our 108th State Session; my first as State Master. Now I feel like a veteran.

Although we had an overall loss in membership this past year I have hopes for the future. I think there has been an improvement in the feeling of brotherhood among our members statewide. I hope this foretells a return of enthusiasm and a renewal of energy to promote programs as well as membership.

Our newspaper, which was an albatross, has had a complete revamping. It has become a smaller, more personal paper, that everyone seems to like. We have eliminated

advertising completely so our printing costs have come down; partly offsetting the loss of revenue. I think we will be able to handle it financially with a three dollar a year subscription rate, paid by the Granges. This will be voluntary on the part of the Granges but in the past some have donated far more than that, while others have donated nothing, or very little. We hope that this recommendation will awaken them all to the fact that it costs money to publish it.

We have taken part in two important 'firsts' in the past year. In March, my husband, Albert, and I were able to take part in the first Washington, D.C. trip of the Advisory Council to the Institute of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics of the University of Minnesota. I hold a position

on the Council by virtue of my Grange office. In the January meeting of the Council it was decided to take a trip, by as many as possible, to bring our needs and problems to our legislators; and at the same time to acquaint us with their problems as they try to serve us as we want them to. It is hoped to make such a trip a bi-annual affair. We had meetings with a number of influential people, including the Secretary of Agriculture Robert Berglund.

May I add that a personal highlight of the trip was the evening spent with National Master Ed and Sister Darlene Andersen.

The other 'first' was a joint meeting of Agricultural societies, such as the N.F.O., Farmers Union, Soy Bean Growers Association etc., just, after the President put the embargo on Grain to Russia. They were seeking a way in which they could work together to bring more impact. They also expect to have such meetings on a regular basis.

In March I, our State Chaplain and our State D. W. A. attended a meeting of A Farm Women's Forum Agenda, on the campus of the State University at Mankato. I think this was a first also, but I am not sure. The Grange was invited to participate, not as a women's organization, but as an organization that had always given women equal rights. I thought it an excellent opportunity to advertize the Grange.

For the same reason we tried to accept as many invitations as possible from other groups, even though we had no part in the programs. The Grange has been badly under-advertized here.

I have appointed directors for the Community Service Contest, Junior Granges and a special Membership director. I hope that

some new directors will help the lethargy that has prevailed; I also asked that each Grange appoint directors in all areas of Grange work.

Perhaps it would be fitting to say a few words about the Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm. As you know it was given to the Minnesota Historical Society in 1961. Until three years ago it just sat there, more or less, as it was. Then a major commitment of funds was made and an exciting plan was made for the renovation of the entire farm.

There is a new interpretive center several hundred yards from the house that will give visitors a look into the 1850s, 60s and 70s. A part of the farm is being turned into a native prairie and about thirty acres will be farmed as Kelley farmed using Oxen and growing 1850 to 70 crops. An orchard featuring heritage varieties of fruit is planned and the farm buildings will house animals of the period. Household skills will be demonstrated in the house and a hiking trail will be developed through the fifty acres of woods.

Perhaps this is not quite the proper place for a report on the Kelley Farm but to Minnesota Grangers it is a very interesting subject. We hold our annual picnic on the grounds so we keep up with it's progress. I thought the rest of you might be interested in it also.

I am looking forward to the 114th National Session in our neighboring state. Even though the plans for a bus fell through there will be quite a good representation from Minnesota. Many will be taking the seventh degree.

Fraternally,
Adel Brendemuhl, Master

MISSOURI

Worthy National Master, Officers and Delegates:

We are pleased to have the honor to bring this report of the Missouri State Grange to the 114th annual session of the National Grange at Cedar Rapids.

This year the program books were distributed and the Leader's Training meeting held in October. In the past the meetings were held in Jan. thus 4 months of the year was lost.

The Hazardous waste issue came to the front in Missouri. The movement "H Missourians Against Hazardous Waste" began in one of our Grange halls. This movement swelled until the Governor called a special session of the legislature resulting in the passage of the strongest regulations on hazardous waste in the nation.

We continue to lose a few members each year. We have adopted some new programs this year and anticipate that with additional

effort we can make a gain next year. I feel our greatest problem is participation in subordinate meetings. By coordinating programs and attacking the problem aggressively we hope to improve the quality of the programs.

Francis and Harriet Guthrie represented the National Grange at our annual session. The message they brought was well received and we were very pleased to have such nice people.

For the first time in modern history we began the distribution of a news letter to all households. This year we will stress membership building and continue to try to develop a complete insurance program.

Many of the Granges held special agricultural program meetings with different Govt.

agencies presenting their programs for the year; in this way our members were better informed. The Grange continues to increase the scope of participation in State Govt. I served on the panel of the two most important public meetings on agriculture in Missouri. Agriculture Leaders conference and Nutritional Guidelines meeting were covered state-wide by the media.

If the Grange is to be successful we must not only plan for the future but lead the way. Great change will be necessary both in the Grange and agricultural community in the future.

Fraternally,
David Wedding

MONTANA

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Members of the National Grange; Margaret and I are delighted to be representing the Montana State Grange at this 114th Annual Session here at Cedar Rapids and extend best wishes from all members of Montana State Grange.

This past year has been one of learning and challenge for me as my first year as State Master. Our membership has remained quite stable even with the loss of one subordinate Grange. We have been active in farm activities and programs within the State by participating in forums and testifying at budget hearings for the Montana State University, a Land Grant College.

Margaret and I were the only two leaders of any of the farm organizations represented at the "Project 80," a policy making program sponsored every ten years in our home State.

Late in March of this year, we hosted the National Princess, Kristi Wilson for four days. She was well received and we were able to give her a lot of exposure during her visit. She instilled a lot of enthusiasm in our members and made us aware of the necessity of youth for the survival of the Grange. I feel through the association we had with Kristi was a boost to all of us in Montana. Congratulations, Kristi Wilson! As Master of Montana, I am proud that we have a contestant in the Princess contest this year. Miss Peggy Billquist of Avon Grange No. 125.

In August, we sent three of our youth and two of our officers to McMinnville, Oregon to participate in Leadership and Youth Conference. Those youth attending were Peggy Billquist, Dawn Mannix and Becky Robbins, Our Junior Matron, Avalon Billquist and Youth Director, Anna Marie Robbins, were the adults in attendance. The feedback from these representatives was of great value to all Grange members. Our tentative plans are to host the Conference for 1981 in Montana.

Our State Session was held at Hamilton, Montana, October 2nd through the 4th. A number of resolutions acted upon at the Session are of National concern and will be presented at this year's session. Brother Jack Silvers was the National representative at our Annual Session. We feel he was a real asset to a successful session. Also, Mary Richmond and Vance Arter of Washington State Grange were in attendance and installed our one Executive Committeeman elected this year, a job very well done.

May our 1980 National Session be very successful and our labors will not be in vain.

Fraternally,
Forest Farris, Master
Montana State Grange

NEBRASKA

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates of the National Grange:

Greetings from Nebraska, all of our few members and Margaret and I.

If this report seems short and different it is because we are the "New kids on the block" and are not real sure of the footing yet.

Our Grange year started off normally, Sept. 17, 1979, when we held our 91st annual session but in November our serene lifestyle was rudely rocked. An election was held at the National Grange in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and our Worthy State Master and first lady departed Nebraska for far away Washington, D.C. and the office of Master of the National Grange. Speak of mixed emotions, we could not have been prouder, or happier for the Andersens or more confident that the National Grange was in good hands. We were, however thrown into a state of shock as a team loosing its captain.

Brother Frank Connely, who had been elected Overseer in 1978 was elevated to Master and I was once again appointed Overseer. Brother Frank and Sister Edith did a fine job of trying to fill the shoes of the Andersens but did find it most difficult along

with trying to establish a new business of their own.

Life did go on however and many activities did take place. I am sorry to report that we did suffer a loss in membership but look ahead with the hope that this trend can be reversed.

We were pleased that the Grange Insurance Association made farther advances and we think this can be a big help to us.

Many of our Subordinates and Pomonas held excellent programs and several of them showed small membership increase.

On Sept. 18, 1980 we held our 92nd annual session and I was elected as State Master. My family and I are nearly overwhelmed by the job but are attempting to get our feet back on the ground and adjust to the new lifestyle. We have a fine set of State Officers and the co-operation has been terrific. I'm sure that if we can just think of the right questions they will come up with the correct answers.

We look forward to becoming acquainted with all of you.

Fraternally,
Robert E. Smith

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

It is with pleasure that Madeliene and I bring you the greetings from the Granite State and to represent the State of New Hampshire at the 114th Annual Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

I will give you a brief outline of our work for the year.

We started out by having our annual Leaders Conference in November with all the Department heads present. They gave a brief outline of their program for the year ahead to all present then, each Department had a meeting with the Committee members and formulate the plans for the year.

The winter months were not as bad as usual. We did not have many Granges close their halls to meet in their homes to save energy as they did in the year past for the weather was good to us this year. I do not

encourage the Grange meeting in homes because they tend to get a little lacks in their work.

In April we held our annual Bowling tournament with over two hundred bowlers in attendance. This is open to only Grangers and is enjoyed by all. We have three area roll-offs and then the finals. At this time they are awarded trophies.

We also held our annual Degree Day where we conferred all four degrees on thirty-seven candidates, in one day with a program between the second and third degree and a supper put on by the Grange in that area. Each Department put on one degree. We are not planning a Degree Day this year as we are trying to encourage the Pomona Granges to have a degree team and confer the degrees within their Pomonas. I feel that we are not too far from having a gain in membership because last year we did

have a gain in two quarters. We did lose eleven Granges but, all was not lost as we consolidated about half of them.

In March we held a Junior Grange Day with Crafts under the Direction of Carolee Barrett, Director. The degree was conferred with over three hundred in attendance.

The Home Economic's Director Made-liene Shattuck held a very successful Dress Review in May with about eighty modeling their garments, at this time the Sewing prizes were awarded to the winners. Their were over three hundred in attendance.

In August we traveled to Hanover to attend the Shriners Parade and Football game as in the years past. We had a float of toys in the parade that are given to the Shriners for the Hospitals. This year the toys were valued around three thousand dollars.

In August we held our second annual Field Day week-end. We started small and in time we hope to have enough interested to have an Agriculture Fair.

A bus load of Patrons attended the New

England Lecturer's Conference in Burlington, Vermont and a State Lecturers Conference was held with good attendance.

October brought us to the 107th Annual Convention held in Concord and we were pleased to have the High Priest of Demeter C. Jerome Davis and his wife Ethel as the representative from the National Grange. We had a very productive session. We had election of officers this year and the proudest moment of our lives was when my Family installed the State Officers on Sunday.

I would like to thank our most recent Past Master Frank and his wife Virginia for all the help they have been to us before election and since I have been Master. With help and co-operation like that there is only one way to face the eighties and that is UPWARD.

Fraternally Submitted,
Philip A. Shattuck, Master
New Hampshire State Grange

NEW JERSEY

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates to the 114th Session of the National Grange:

Peg and I bring greetings from the GARDEN STATE and wish you all success in your work in the Grange.

Again this year, we the Delegates, have a job ahead of us to do in shaping the future of this Nation, the Grange and our people. We must take the bull by the horn and begin to get our act together if we expect to grow and change with the times. Now is the time to go forward and not wait until the next guy makes the move. Changes make for a stronger organization.

We can be proud of what our National Master has done for the Grange his first year in office in putting the Grange before the public. Have we helped him all we could have?

Now that there will be new faces in Washington and a new Secretary of Agriculture coming on board, we have to let them all know of our concerns in the Agricultural world. Let's start now to back our own National Master and Legislative Aides in getting our point across to these new legislators. Let's show them, we the leaders in the Agri-

cultural Community, that we are concerned, interested and involved in shaping the future of our Nation.

We in New Jersey again this year tried to get the enthusiasm built up for participation in all the National and State programs. The judging of these contests show that one doesn't have to be the largest Grange in the State to win, but the quality of the report makes the difference.

Someone in our organization must have the answer in getting new, younger and concerned people to join the Grange. Maybe we all should listen to what they have to say and try what they think will help. We all have to do the job and not leave this important matter to only a committee. New Jersey brought new members in this year, but also lost more than joined. Hopefully, all hands will begin to do the job and we will be able to report a gain for 1981.

To the officers and members of Iowa Granges, may we thank you for your hospitality.

Fraternally submitted,
John U. Maple, Master

NEW YORK

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of The National Grange:

From the Master's Station in the Empire State, I am happy to express a warm greeting, joined enthusiastically by my good wife Catherine.

Many good things have occurred in New York State Grange in 1980. We can mention only a few and a challenge or two.

For the first time in many years, New York enjoyed a net gain in membership for one of its quarters. For 3 years, a dynamic Membership Development Committee has been at work. We hope the net-gain-quarter is an indicator of good days ahead. An effective on-going program demands membership growth on a regular basis.

Again this year, Community Service work has been of vital concern. A State program, as well as the National, has received good participation. Spirit has been high, competition increasing, worthwhile projects accomplished and Grange image raised.

Legislative efforts figure prominently in the New York programs. We consider this as one of our greatest opportunities and Brother Howard Reilly has been a busy and effective man. Brother Mark Allen, Public Information Director has initiated a monthly Legislative News Letter which is popular.

The program that has received our greatest emphasis was carried on from the previous year and involved the on-going training of leaders and potential leaders in specific techniques.

The first year saw the training of the State Officers and Department Heads, followed the next year with the use of this Leadership Training Team (LTT) at education sessions throughout the state. The coming year will have the team, increased by Deputies, Junior Deputies, Pomona Masters, Pomona Lecturers and CWA Chairmen holding Leadership Training Meetings

in every Subordinate Grange. There is some thought of future expansion of the program to include leaders from other organizations.

For our 108th Session, we were privileged to entertain our neighbor from across the border, Brother Kermit Richardson, National Lecturer and Sister Margaret, his helpful wife. The Richardsons have hundreds of friends in New York and our Patrons tremendously enjoyed their presence.

A report of this size can touch on only a small portion of the year's effort. Suffice it to say that forward strides have been made by Juniors, Youth, CWA, Sports and Public Relations Departments. Grange Tour and the Grange Tour Reunion claim the enthusiastic interest of many.

We do need to place greater emphasis on ritualistic ability in our Granges. Efforts are continually included to encourage increased proficiency in this beautifully significant portion of the Grange structure.

New York State Grange has occupied its Headquarters Building in Cortland for 7 years. The Central Offices have proven to be as beneficial as predicted. Through a "Mortgage Buster Program," the mortgage has been reduced nearly two-thirds. We are also working toward the major challenge of paying off the 1983 Series of Debenture Bonds.

Several Granges have been disbanded or consolidated this past year, but organization work has also been going on. It is our hope and prayer that New York can continue to exemplify great principles of life and growth of spirit, lifting the goals of our Fraternity above the insignificant concerns of man.

The Empire State covets a productive 114th Session of The National Grange and prosperity for the year ahead.

Fraternally submitted
Morris J. Halladay, Master
New York State Grange

OHIO

I bring you greetings again from the Buckeye Grangers. This past year has been a challenging one that has brought some pleasant and rewarding accomplishments as well as its disappointments.

The past year our theme of "The Grange — the Cornerstone of Any Community" helped in many areas. Our community service program had over 100 Granges competing. Our legislative endeavors were excellent

and for the third straight year over 200 resolutions have come to state session.

Each of our departments were quite active. We had a larger attendance at Youth and Junior Camps, more entries in our talent contests and ritual contests, real help in our CWA programs and Lecturers' conference as well as our youth program for young marrieds, bowling, golf and horseshoe.

We have various committees such as four on the State CWA, Junior and Youth and three couples on the Young Marrieds that are of great help to our total program.

Our camp program has been the most rewarding of all our efforts. In just five years we have reduced our debt from \$205,000 to \$7,000. We have increased our improvements by \$40,000 with the value of our total camp nearing three-fourths of a million dollars. Plans were submitted to our session this year for an additional building to serve both as a dormitory as well as recreation at a cost of around \$100,000 which when built would allow for 150 beds in winter and 200 in summer. Our use could be further enhanced and

the camp could be placed on a yearly budget. High interest rates may delay our building program but the need is there.

Our budget of the State Grange needs careful study because of the increase in National dues as well as our loss in membership.

Our new theme for 1980 is "The Grange Holds the Key for This Decade." I truly believe this to be true in all states and I only hope that Ohio could someday start to have a net gain. If this were possible not only we but other states as well would be better able to serve the needs of our areas. A net gain would also solve the finances of both the states and national.

I have enjoyed my years of serving as a National Officer and Mary and I look forward to representing the great State of Ohio in the National Delegate Body.

Fraternally submitted,
James Ross, Master
Ohio State Grange

OKLAHOMA

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates to the 114th Session of the National Grange:

We recently held our 65th Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Grange. Russell Stauffer was our National Representative. We enjoyed Russ very much and he represented the National Grange well.

One of the most pleasing occurrences of our session this year was a new 5th degree Youth team from South Coffeyville grange in the Northeastern part of the state. Their grange has a soft ball team for the summer months and a bowling team for the winter months. This seems to be really pulling the youth into the grange there.

Tex and Flo Carter, Master and wife from Texas was also our guests in Oklahoma this year. We attended their session in August. We just returned from a visit to the Kansas State Session. This is a first for us, and we did enjoy seeing the workings of other State meetings.

We're proud to again have a large increase

in membership in Oklahoma this year.

We have had only fair representation in the Grange programs this past year, another area that needs work.

Agriculture in our area of the state has suffered this year because of the dry, hot weather. As of now many farmers are in the process of replanting their crops.

Our Grange Auto Insurance is being received well in Oklahoma and we now have 124 policy holders.

We want to thank our Host state, Iowa, and to let them know we appreciate their many efforts to prepare for this session.

In closing, I want to say that we're pleased to be a part of this great organization, and hope Oklahoma will help to make it move forward.

Fraternally submitted,
Marvin Purdy, Master

OREGON

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates of the National Grange:

It is a pleasure for Lida and me to bring greetings from the State of Oregon. We have had a very busy Grange year. Our state session was held in June and we were very happy to have National Grange Master Edward Andersen and his wife Darlene as our guests at this session, also in August we were happy to host the Regional Conference held at Linfield College.

We held officers and members conferences in every county. Again the Oregon State Grange has been very active in legislative work. We worked on several bills in the Legislature and took a very active part in putting out information on several ballot mea-

sures such as the formation of P.U.D.s, the proposed anti-trapping measure and the ban on Phenoxy Herbicides for Agriculture.

We sponsored the Community Service Program by offering prizes on a state level, held Youth and Young Marrieds conferences and held a Junior Grange summer camp.

Although this year showed a slight loss of membership, any loss in membership is not good and we are working to turn the tide back to a gain.

Fraternally submitted,
W. C. Harris, Master

PENNSYLVANIA

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

It is a pleasure for Jane and me to present greetings from the State of Pennsylvania.

This past year has been a busy and difficult one for the State Grange. We conducted 14 area meetings across the state to improve the leadership at the Subordinate and Pomona levels. We have attended and spoke at many Open House programs, we attended 20 Legislative Banquets this past year also.

The Pennsylvania State Grange has reactivated 4 Subordinate Granges, and we did additional membership work in 8 others.

The Pennsylvania State Grange youth had a very good youth camp, a young married, which was filled to capacity, and the junior granges also had a very well attended junior camp.

This past year we had a lot of success in the field of legislation of at least 13 difficult legislative proposals that we were able to help pass to improve agriculture and rural living in Pennsylvania.

The State Grange testified at 11 different hearings. We conducted 8 public meetings involving grange members on issues that were of concern to them. We helped a great number of people in solving problems dealing with regulations or legislative issues that they were unsure of their rights.

We conducted our first Washington Legislative tour, and we were certainly glad to visit the National Grange Headquarters and meet with the National Grange staff.

Also this past year, I formed a legislative contact list of granges all across the State of Pennsylvania. Whenever the grange was interested in an important issue or bill, this list was sent a letter with what we hope to accomplish. We have a grange action corner in most issues of The Advocate.

The Pennsylvania State Grange in conjunction with the Lecturer, Women's Activity, Youth and Junior Departments conducted a leadership school in June, which I felt was very rewarding for everyone that attended.

Our subordinate participation in this year's 1980 community service contest was up 15% over the 1979 level of participation, and many of our other grange programs had a high interest of involvement.

During the past year, the executive committee has endorsed the National General Insurance Company of St. Louis to write automobile insurance for our members. Our lawyer referral service has increased to 58 members that are participating.

We have just finished our state session with over 200 resolutions coming from the Subordinate and Pomona Granges. Our del-

legates increased 52 from last year. This year we had a total of 502 delegates attending. It was a very active session.

I am sure that the grange will be the voice for the decade of the 80's, and as Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange. I will be

alert and aggressive for agriculture and rural Pennsylvania.

Fraternally submitted,
Charles E. Wismer, Jr.

RHODE ISLAND

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates to the 114th session of The National Grange:

Greetings from all the members of the Rhode Island State Grange. We are all still hard at work making plans and arrangements for your visit with us in 1982 and the enthusiasm is becoming more and more noticeable.

We have seen some new faces this year and we have also missed a few. Less in membership has been our number one problem for some time, but when the loss includes those members who have been faithful and hard working, it becomes more critical. The loss of our Past State Master Norman Gillespie, who was serving as a member of the State Executive Committee at the time of his death, is one that will be deeply missed for a long time.

National Lecturer Kermit Richardson and his wife Margaret were the representatives from the National Grange to our State Sessions this year and all the Delegates and members were delighted and enjoyed their stay with us. Kermit's message, as the guest speaker at our State Sessions Banquet, was inspiring and well received.

Our statewide meeting, at which the various state committee heads and state Lecturer explain their programs and projects, is being attended by 95% of the Granges and we believe the interest in the programs have increased because of better understanding through questions and answers.

We are all working hard to create an increase in attendance at grange meetings by encouraging more participation in State Grange functions such as the annual State Grange Dance and the annual State Grange Family Day and Steak Fry. Both of these

events are open to friends of the grange members. Hopefully this will give members an opportunity to explain the Grange to their friends while having a good time. Other projects such as Grange Week activities and the recognition of a person in the community for their contributions, have brought people into our Subordinate Grange halls at open meetings.

Although our committees have provided many worth-while projects to improve the image of the Grange in our state, we feel we must not be lulled into complacency by resting on our successes, but rather to explore new avenues of involvement in our community's activities. The Grange has always and must continue to play an active roll in the progress of our country and in the advancement of our fellow human beings.

Our legislative policies should reflect our concerns for our judicial system which should protect us and enforce the laws; for the protection of our soil and water from the careless disposal of hazardous wastes; for the reduction of the waste of our energy needs; and for the monitoring of conservation regulations so that only necessary restrictions be implemented. All of these should be the concern of all of us because they affect all of those who share in the greatness of our country.

Dot and I look forward toward a productive and successful session, one in which all our efforts may be guided by our desire to promote growth in our fraternity and success in all of its endeavors.

Fraternally submitted,
Francis J. Silveira, Master

SOUTH CAROLINA

Officers and Delegates of the National Grange:

I bring greetings from the patrons of the Palmetto State.

South Carolina has experienced a most unusual year. It has been one of the driest and warmest years on record. Consequently our crops suffered and our farm income reflected the difficult weather conditions.

The Grange continues to serve the needs of its members in a very creditable manner. Although our records do not reflect a gain in membership this year, I feel that we had a very successful year in providing services to our members.

We had a very successful Leadership Conference early in the year. Our emphasis has been on service and participation and expansion of programs. We are working on building quality in our Granges and thereby enhancing our image.

We have participated in and cooperated with other agencies in Farm-City Week, State Agriculture Council and various commodity groups.

Fraternally submitted,
George C. Grobusky, Master

TENNESSEE

Worthy National Master, Officers and Delegates:

The Tennessee State Grange finished its 69th annual session this year by approving the creation of a State Extension Director. The traditional Master/Deputy system has proven very successful in Tennessee. The Extension Director will operate with a combination of National and State funds. Our goal is to increase membership through the formation of new Subordinate Granges.

In August, 1980, Tennessee hosted the Southeastern Leadership Conference and the Southeastern Youth Conference, simultaneously. These were highly successful events capped by live television and radio interviews of the National Master, and other officers and staff.

I would comment that it has often proven difficult to locate Grangers who would accept positions of responsibility at State

Grange levels. This year, we decided to split up the tasks of the Women's Activity Director by forming a three member committee. Each member will carry out specific women's activity programs. One new committee member will be appointed each year as the chairman retires.

The Tennessee State Grange has endorsed the National General Insurance Company and the Federal Prescription Service, but our membership does not seem to fully embrace these Grange services. Certainly, they play no role in attracting new, or retaining existing Grange membership. Tennessee Grangers have always loved the Grange for what it is and not for what it gives.

Fraternally submitted,
Michael LaForest, Master

TEXAS

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates:

Greetings once again from the Alamo country.

Our state session in August was an active one, from a social as well as a business standpoint. Daryl and Liz Lowry from Vermont were National Grange Representatives and contributed greatly to the success of the ses-

sion. Marvin and Wilma Purdy of Oklahoma were visitors, as well as the Berkley family of Kansas. Always a pleasure to welcome visitors. It has to be said that Marvin and Wilma are practically associate members here, as Flo and I are in Oklahoma.

Texas Grangers were happy to meet and visit with National Master Ed Andersen at a

"quick-up" dinner held in his honor when he had occasion to be in Texas last March.

Seventeen of our members attended the Tri-State Leaders Conference in Arkansas in April. A long old trip (1200 miles altogether) but we drove up and we drove back and we're glad we did.

We became at least partially involved in an agricultural coalition movement this year. Nothing of great importance to date nor any real promise of its continuation. Harvest, planting and other late summer business seem to have taken precedence. I am, however, optimistic about the future of this venture.

We have added one new Junior Grange to our family, bringing the total up to four.

Our youth are active in deaf signing, studying, using and promoting it every day. Their enthusiasm is contagious, to the extent that I am now registered in a sign language class in one of our local colleges.

We conducted a highly successful Leaders Workshop in January. Total attendance 115, continuing the constant gain for this session over the last four years. Our theme was full-form initiation in each of the lower degrees and a discussion of the lessons in each degree.

Community Service showed a gain this year with 65% of our Granges active in worthwhile projects and 48% registering for recognition.

Women's Activities continues to be a sustaining part of our activity. Say what you will, those ladies are busy.

Flo and I served as National Representatives at the Kansas State Grange session in October and have fond memories of the wonderful hospitality shown us. That was last week. We've driven home since then and tomorrow we'll vote as early as we possibly can and hit the trail for Iowa. So if this sounds a little out-of-breath please understand. Oh yes, on the way we stopped and attended the Oklahoma State Session. Congratulations again, Marvin and Wilma, on that wonderful crop of young initiates who received the sixth degree.

Fraternally,
R. G. Carter, Master
Texas State Grange

VERMONT

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates of the National Grange:

It is a real honor and a privilege for Mary and I to bring you the greetings of the Grangers of the Green Mt. State. We are not strangers to the National Grange convention as this is the 21st that we have attended and the first as a delegate from the great State of Vermont.

My term of office as Master started at the close of our 109th annual convention on the 19th of October 1980, so this report covers the sixth year of Bro. Daryl Lowry's term and we commend him at this time for his devotion and service to our great organization.

Our Grangers have completed a very busy year. We hosted the New England Leaders Conference in December which was conducted by Vt. department leaders and which proved very successful. We are also hosts for the N. E. Lecturers Conference under the

direction of our State Lecturer. Again, a very successful event with our National Master and National Lecturer in attendance.

All departments had excellent programs this year with good participation. Our second annual State Grange fair was held on our Grange Center property with a good attendance and outstanding exhibits. This event is getting larger each year and gives non-grangers an opportunity to view some of our activities.

Our membership loss this year was smaller due partly to the efforts of our Extension Director. He was successful in organizing a new subordinate Grange and re-organizing one. Membership is still the main concern of our Grange leaders and we are setting our goals for an increase in 1981. We are trying the slogan "1 for 1 in 81."

The Vermont State Grange is very concerned with the loss of prime agricultural

land to highway construction, shopping centers, housing developments, etc. This year we joined with the State Natural Resources Council in a suit to prevent the loss of three family farms to the highway construction of I-89. There is an alternate route available to them. The outcome is still to be determined.

We look forward to getting better acquainted with our fellow delegates and to enjoy the activities of the convention.

We extend a cordial invitation to each and everyone to visit us whenever you have the opportunity. Everyone is a V.I.P. when they come to Vermont.

Fraternally submitted,
Harold H. Bergeron, Master

VIRGINIA

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

On behalf of the Virginia State Grange Doris and I bring you greetings. The past year has been one of bright spots of accomplishments and dark spots of disappointment. The highlight of the year was the continued progress in the improvement program of our Junior/Youth camp facilities.

Ever since I joined the fraternity, the Grange has expended much effort to improve its communication techniques. However, this year, a breakdown in communication developed between the Executive Committee of the National Grange and this State Grange in the joint venture that existed for over two years to mutually participate in the litigation between the Virginia State Grange, Inc. et al vs. Great Falls Grange No. 738, Inc. over the ownership of the property of Great Falls Grange No. 738.

To present the evidence in the best manner it was important to have testimony on Grange law. The supreme authority, the National Master, was expected to provide this vital and expert testimony.

Shortly before the trial began the minutes of the January 28-30, 1980 National Grange Executive Committee were available. On page one it stated, "Discussion was held on the Great Falls Grange lawsuit and the position of the National Grange in this manner." This is all the official information ever received on the subject.

Living less than 30 minutes driving time from the National Grange building, I was never invited to the meeting. Who presented the status of the pre-trial preparation to the

committee? Was their decision based on fact? What was the decision?

The participation of the National Grange in this joint venture was the result of official action by its Executive Committee. On page 111 Chapter XIV of the *Digest* under the paragraph "Rescinding and Expunging" it states:

"A motion to rescind may be applied to the vote on all motions except that: votes cannot be rescinded after something has been done as a result of that vote that the Grange cannot undo; or when it is the nature of a contract agreed to by another party; or when it has otherwise passed out of possession of the Grange . . ."

One could question the propriety of the decision of the Executive Committee to later withdraw its support as I understand it unofficially did when it prohibited the National Master from testifying. Without his vital testimony the best possible case was not presented and the judge ruled against the Virginia State Grange. This experience was one of great disappointment to me, not only because of the verdict that was reached, but also because many of the principles upon which the Grange is built and has always championed have been violated.

As we face the coming year I am confident the membership will show a gain and participation in the community service program will continue to be the number one project in our state.

Fraternally,
Arthur J. Du Lac, Master

WASHINGTON

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates of the National Grange:

It is a privilege to again bring greetings from the Grange membership in Washington and to report briefly on some of our activities.

Our attention was diverted from Grange and other activities for a time this year by the volcanic activity of mischievous Mt. St. Helens. After 123 years of silence, national and worldwide attention was focused on that activity. She did, indeed, provide diversion from the mundane woes of inflation, interest rates, energy shortages, and all the problems which daily take our attention and provide our conversation. Mt. St. Helens created pollution problems even the environmentalists were powerless to rule against. For many Washington residents, the state escaped from being affected either directly or indirectly from this natural phenomenon.

Despite this unexpected diversion, which required cancellation of meetings and other activities for a short time, Grange activities have continued at a fast pace. Membership growth has continued, reaching another new high of 73,000 members during the year. This gain is due, in large part, to the activities of our State Officers and Department Directors in promoting their programs in an efficient and professional manner with the support and assistance of Grange leadership throughout the state.

In past years I have reported on individual departments and their activities as well as special groups, such as, the Grange Camper Association. Suffice it to say in this report that all departments have continued at a high level of activity and have shown growth in the involvement of members in their programs.

The entire state is looking forward to hosting the National Grange Convention in 1981 at Spokane. Adequate facilities have been arranged to accommodate a large attendance at the degree work on Saturday, November 14th. We cordially invite all members to plan to attend and encourage the organization of bus tours and the scheduling of vacations to coincide with attendance at the National Convention. We are sure you will be pleased with the accommodations and arrangements.

The Grange continues to be active on legislative matters and other areas of interest to its members. Following is a partial list of the Advisory Committee's and Boards on which we are represented either by the State Master or his appointed representative:

- Member, National Advisory Council on Vocational Education;
- Member, Washington State Advisory Council on Vocational Education;
- Member, Urban, Racial, Rural Disadvantaged Education Committee;
- Member, Balance of State, Private Industry Council, Employment Security Department;
- Member, Executive Advisory Committee, Employment Security Department;
- Member, Board of Directors, Western States Water and Power Consumers Conference;
- Member, Energy Alternatives Advisory Committee, University of Washington;
- Trustee, Keep Washington Green Association;
- Member, Honorary Advisory Committee, Hunger Action Center;

Fraternally submitted,
Jack Silvers, Master
Washington State Grange

WEST VIRGINIA

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Members of the 114th Annual Session of the National Grange:

As newly elected Master of the West Virginia State Grange, Phyllis and I bring you greetings from the Mountain State.

Our Officers and Committee Chairman reached out to learn at the Mid-Atlantic

Leadership Conference in Carlisle, Pa. and returned to teach Pomona Workshops, as a result Community Service, Safety, Sewing and Youth Contests all were on the up swing.

Through a combined effort of many Grangers, enthusiasm and involvement was the best this year at our Annual Granger's

Summer Camp and Youth Conference that it has been for many years. The National Grange Princess, Kristi Wilson was our guest. Through the efforts of the Youth Department the second Annual Week-end Camping for Youth and Young Marrieds proved a success and we feel this is going to broaden our Horizons in the 14 to 35 year age group.

Brother Edgar introduced a new insurance company for West Virginia Grangers to benefit from.

Our Secretary has updated our Grange history in the Capitol Archives, this is very important as we have no State Grange office. This next year, we will become more ac-

tively involved in Legislative roles, with a good, interested Legislative Committee appointed and already at work.

An effort will be made to try and establish new Granges, which we so desperately need, no lead will go unheeded.

Improved Ritualism, good, interesting Lecturer's programs, Community Service and involvement of all ages of the Grange family will be our theme as we travel to the meetings and Grange related functions of our State this next year.

Fraternally,
John O. Hall
West Virginia State Grange

WISCONSIN

Greetings from the Badger State. Our Wisconsin Grangers have been busy in Grange, State, County, and local committees. One Granger serves on the State Department of Agriculture and several are State Senators and Representatives. Eight women were hostesses at the World Dairy Expo. Our Youth camp was a success with the largest enrollment of campers in state history. The Youth held a summer camp-out and a mid-winter conference. They put on the Fifth Degree at the State Session. Our Junior Grange programs have been a great benefit to the Grange, with their Summer Camp and Junior Grange projects. Evidence of their training is showing in the success of our Youth and the enthusiasm they bring into our Subordinate Granges. Our Princess, Paula Hayes, served as our Grange Ambassador, attending many State functions. Donna Goodlaxson was a GISYE Exchange with Becky Tingen of North Carolina. Grange week was celebrated with banquets,

exhibits, education nights and inter-grange sports. We shared a booth at our State Fair with the Wisconsin Women for Agriculture. Our Woman's Activities were honored by having two second place National winners in the National Sewing Contest. Wisconsin was Host State to the Great Lakes Lecturers Conference. We were pleased to have Del and Lucille Cross as National representatives at our State Session. This year we hired Mary Gilbank as a Field Representative to work on membership. Mary worked six weeks full time and signed over 103 new members. Mary now has another full time job but is spending weekends on Grange work, and has signed over 123 new members. It will be up to the Subordinate Granges to follow up and keep these new members interested in Grange.

Fraternally,
Lester Wallace, Master

WYOMING

Worthy National Master, Officers, Delegates and members of the National Grange: Pearl and I are privileged to bring greetings from the Wyoming State Grange.

Our annual State Session was held at Casper, Wyo. in the Ramada Inn, October 16, 17 & 18 with a good attendance. It was an interesting and educational meeting. We

had twenty-four resolutions for discussion. Twelve were forwarded for this National Session, Five are to be presented to the State Legislature and two were returned for future study.

National Executive Committeeman, Francis Guthrie and Harriet represented the National Master at our meeting. They were

well received and added much to our meeting. Francis talked before the delegate body and at the Awards Banquet, giving many highlights to the actions of the National Grange.

Ben Metzler and wife Sue, and Ron Johnson were representatives of the Grange Insurance Association and presented some interesting thoughts about insurance. They also gave several door prizes at intervals during the meeting. The GIA hosted an appreciation breakfast for the agents, State officers and spouses. We are very grateful for their cooperation.

Leo Urbanek of Wheatland, Wyoming represented Grange Mutual Life and Hospital Insurance Company of Pocatello, Idaho.

The DWA luncheon was held Friday at which time, Kathy Metzler, DWA presented the awards for the State and National contests. The Youth DWA, and Lecturer's departments had many projects on display. There were seven entries in the Community Service program with Five completing their reports.

We had a successful gain in membership with 10% statewide and one grange gained 25%.

We held district conferences, with State and Subordinate officers, in January which were well attended and educational and I would attribute these conferences to the increase in membership. Also the grangers are doing a better job with meetings and patrons are more interested in the projects and

contests. We have an Ag Unity Committee, Highway Users Co. plus our regular committees. Our State Youth conferred the Fifth Degree and the work was done in a very impressive manner. The Youth membership of our grange is growing and are very enthusiastic. We have three Junior Granges and prospects of one or two more in the near future.

We are very proud of Kristi Wilson, our National Grange Princess. She has been a good Grange Ambassador, representing the grange well wherever she went. She has raised the vision of the grange to the youth in our State. This year as National Princess has helped her tremendously and she is very grateful for the opportunity she has had to serve the Grange. She took the master's part in the Sixth Degree initiation and did a tremendous job.

We were saddened by the death of nineteen members in the past year, including two past State Masters, Clarence Jones and Walt Samuelson. A very impressive memorial service was conducted by the appointed Chaplain Fern Echelberger. Our former Chaplain resigned due to the death of her husband, Walt Samuelson. Walt certainly left a legacy for the grange as he had been a grange member for over 60 years and organized the Wyoming State Grange and was the first Wyoming State Grange Master.

Faternally submitted,
Charles E. Buell, Master

ALASKA

Greetings from the Alaska State Grange Council to this session of the National Grange.

The Alaska State Grange Council met in June and adopted By-Laws that we hope will be approved by this body and become a part of the Digest. They would be used by States that do not have enough Subordinate Granges to qualify for a State Grange.

Two new Subordinate Granges were organized this year. Salch Grange No. 7, located about 40 miles south of Fairbanks and Buffalo Grange No. 8, located in the Delta Junction area near the new State developed 50,000 acre barley project.

Pioneer Grange No. 1 who sold their Grange Hall last year is using the interest from their money to finance community projects and this year earned the Alaska Grange Community Service Award. They are more active now than when they used their own hall.

Two Rivers Grange No. 3 has had an unusually busy year. In addition to their usual activities they were successful in a drive to get the State to sell agricultural rights to several hundred acres of prime ag. lands in their area to farm use.

The Alaska Grange Council on Science and Technology granted them \$4,800.00 to

be used for a solar greenhouse that will be built onto their Grange Hall and used by the Junior Grange and 4-H Club for growing bedding plants and vegetables. Over 600 applications had been submitted with only 44 approved. One of which went to Two Rivers Grange.

We take this opportunity to express our heart felt thanks to the National Grange and their staff for the excellent support of our

stand in the Alaska lands settlement legislation that is currently under construction.

Lands that future generations may need for agricultural and mineral development should not be tied up forever in National Parks and Wildlife refuges. Multiple use of our lands is a must for the future.

Faternally,
William G. Lewis

At this time the transfer of resolutions to other committees was made by Brother Koster, Chairman of the Conservation and Natural Resources Comm., Sister Guthrie, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Comm., Brother Wallace, Chairman of the Agriculture Comm., and Brother Warner, Chairman of the Grange Law and Good of the Order Comm.

The motion was made and supported to send the list of recommended changes of "Rules and Regulations for Trials" to the Grange Law and Good of the Order Comm.

Sister Betty Hall requested the names of Past Delegates who will be attending the Past Delegates Luncheon on Thursday.

Brother Lester Wallace, Chairman of the Agriculture Comm. presented a partial report of his committee.

The Session recessed at 12 noon for lunch

The Session reconvened at 1:30 and the Worthy Secretary read a Certificate of Recognition from the House of Representatives of the State of Iowa.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

STATE OF IOWA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TO: The National Grange

It having been made known to the House of Representatives, by its Honorable Representatives Hugo A. Schnekloth and Robert T. Anderson, that the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, will be holding its 114th Annual National Convention at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, November 10-17, 1980;

Now therefore, in consideration of the foregoing, the House of Representatives does hereby extend its congratulations.

Witness our hands, this 20th day of February, 1980

Floyd H. Miller
Speaker of the
House of Representatives

David L. Wray
Chief Clerk of the
House of Representatives

The motion was made and supported to release the morning's section of the Agriculture report to the press. (through page 12)

Brother Wallace continued with the Agriculture report.

Brother Jack Silvers, Chairman of the Executive Comm. presented the report of the Executive Comm. and the Financial Report of the National Grange

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1979 - 1980

November 10, 1979

The Host Farm — Lancaster, Pa.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Woodrow Tucker with all members present. Legal Counsel Alton Denslow was also present.

Charges preferred against James Ross, Master of the Ohio State Grange by Mary Ellen Saultz and the endorsers, Louise King and Wayne King, members of Laylin Grange No. 1763, were reviewed.

Mary Ellen Saultz indicated by phone that she was unable to meet with the Executive Committee on this day as requested.

It was *Voted* to advise Mary Ellen Saultz that if she wishes to appear before the Executive Committee, it will be necessary to appear by Sunday afternoon, November 11th, in order to meet Convention deadlines.

It was *Voted* to approve room expense and meal allowance of \$10 per person, per day for the following: Don and Ruth Peck, Verno and Ruth Ester Shorthill, Ruth and

Leroy Hoover and Clair and Mary Jane Wagner, and Mrs. Ella Laing.

National Lecturer Kermit Richardson appeared before the Committee. He discussed the handling of resale items by the Lecturer's Department.

The Committee recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Brother James Ross, Master of the Ohio State Grange appeared before the Committee to discuss charges preferred against him as Master of the Ohio State Grange by Mary Ellen Saultz of Laylin Grange in Ohio.

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for 1979-80 as prepared by National Master John Scott.

The Committee recessed at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene at 7:30 p.m.

Sister Lorena Stigers joined the Committee for further review of the Budget and Financial Statements.

It was *Voted* to submit the following budget to the Budget Committee for the fiscal year 1979-80:

THE NATIONAL GRANGE BUDGET INCOME

<i>Estimated Income</i>	<i>Budget for year 1979</i>	<i>Actual Income for year 1979</i>	<i>Proposed Income for year 1979-1980</i>
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	10,000.00
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	<u>\$605,822.00</u>	<u>\$572,415.24</u>	<u>\$725,500.00</u>
Net Building Income	<u>29,000.00</u>	<u>32,576.00</u>	<u>28,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$634,822.00</u>	<u>\$604,991.24</u>	<u>\$753,500.00</u>

THE NATIONAL GRANGE BUDGET EXPENSES

<i>Estimated Expense</i>	<i>Budget FY 1979</i>	<i>Actual Expense FY 1979</i>	<i>Proposed Budget FY 1980</i>
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	31,000.00
Youth Activities	36,000.00	35,318.00	39,000.00
Junior Grange Activities	12,500.00	8,330.00	9,000.00
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	15,000.00
Bldg. 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	<u>\$644,638.00</u>	<u>\$662,941.00</u>	<u>\$709,700.00</u>
Deficit	9,816.00	57,949.76	—
Debt Repayment	—	—	42,000.00
		Total expense	751,700.00
		National Grange proposed income — 1980	753,500.00
		Contingent fund	1,800.00

As had been the custom in recent years, it was decided to open a Session's checking account to assist in the care and utilization of Session's proceeds. Therefore, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was *Voted*: "That the National Grange open and establish a checking account with that certain banking institution known as the Commonwealth National Bank of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of establishing a depository of the funds of the National Grange during its Annual National Session at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, November, 1979; 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 hereby authorized to sign jointly all checks and drafts drawn against said account."

Also, to provide for the orderly approval and payment of the expenses of the Session, it was *Voted*:

"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 Section 5 of the Constitution, Article VII."

The next meeting of the Committee was set for November 11th at 1:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

November 11, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Woodrow Tucker with all members present.

Mary Ellen Saultz, member of Laylin Grange No. 1763, the complainant in the charges preferred against Ohio State Master, James Ross, and Louise King, also a member of Laylin Grange No. 1763 and an endorser, appeared before the Committee to discuss the charges.

The Committee recessed from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for other meetings and resumed the discussion of charges preferred against Ohio State Master James Ross.

The Committee recessed at 5:00 p.m. to reconvene at 10:15 p.m.

Specifications number one and number four of the charges brought against Ohio State Master James Ross by Mary Ellen Saultz of Laylin Grange No. 1763, were referred to the Trial Committee to be appointed by the Master and Overseer.

The Committee adjourned at 12:45 a.m.

November 12, 1979

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

National Secretary Robert Proctor appeared before the Committee to review the Secretary and Treasurer's reports. He retired to compare records with the National Treasurer to complete the report.

At the request of the Taxation Committee Chairman, George Grobusky, it was *Voted* to retain Counsel for two additional days for the Taxation Committee.

It was *Voted* to authorize the hiring of two traffic control officers to assist visitors in attending the convention safely.

Other details of implementing convention activities were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

November 14, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 p.m. by Chairman Woodrow Tucker with all members present.

It was *Voted* to approve the minutes of November 10, 11, and 12.

In view of the election and change of Officers, it was *Voted*:

"That the National Grange open and establish a checking account with that certain banking institution known as the Commonwealth National Bank of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of establishing a depository of the funds of the National Grange during its Annual Session at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, November, 1979; and that

John W. Scott, Master of the National Grange, Jack Silvers, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the National Grange, and Edward Andersen, Master-Elect of the National Grange be and that any two of the three be authorized to sign jointly all checks and drafts drawn against said account."

Also, to provide for the orderly approval and payment of the expenses of the Session, it was *Voted*:

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

It was *Voted* to approve the Secretary and Treasurer accounts as submitted.

The Executive Committee received the financial report of the National Director of Women's Activities regarding the various contests in that Department.

It was *Voted* to authorize a gratuity for hotel employees not to exceed \$300.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by
Jack Silvers, Secretary

November 18, 1979

The organization meeting of the National Grange Executive Committee was called to order by Worthy Overseer Russell Stauffer at 9:00 p.m. in Room 611 of the Host Farm for the purpose of electing a Chairman and Secretary.

A motion was made and seconded that Jack Silvers serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded that Delwin Cross serve as Secretary of the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Executive Committee of November 14th were read. A motion was made and seconded that these minutes be approved. Motion carried.

By mutual agreement between Ed Andersen, newly-installed Master of the National Grange, and John Scott, outgoing Master of the National Grange, that John Scott will stay at our Session site to finalize the financial obligations of the Session and will spend approximately 10 days back in the National Office so that the transition of National Masters may be as smooth as possible.

A bill for \$1,120 for police traffic direction was presented. By mutual agreement it was decided to return the bill for proper itemization before approval.

A motion was made and seconded that office rental allowance of \$100 per month be approved for the National Secretary in his home since this office will be moved from the National Office in Washington, D.C. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize a 10c per mile moving allowance for the National Secretary to move necessary supplies from the National Office to his home office. Motion carried.

A concerned discussion was held on a number of items to be considered in relation to the transition period and other items of concern in relation to the National Office. These items will be further investigated and discussed at a later meeting.

A motion was made and seconded that we approve the opening of a bank account in the name of the National Grange for both the National Secretary and National Treasurer in their area for the purpose of continuing of the cash flow, with the National Master Ed Andersen as second signer on the signature cards. A motion was made also to

approve the signatures of Lorena Stigers (bookkeeper) and Edward Andersen, National Master, on the Imprest Fund. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

November 19, 1979

A meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Jack Silvers with all members present for the purpose of reviewing the itemized bill for traffic control presented as requested.

A motion was made to approve the following bill:

82 hrs. @	\$10.00 -	\$820.00
24 hrs. @	12.50 -	300.00
Total		\$1,120.00

The motion was seconded and carried.

November 20, 1979

A meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Jack Silvers at 8:00 p.m. with all members present.

By mutual agreement the minutes of the last day's session will be printed and sent to all Executive Committee members for their amendments and approval so time may be saved in getting to work on printing of Journals.

The January meeting of the Executive Committee is set for January 29, 30, and 31, 1980, arrival scheduled for evening of January 28 and departure the afternoon of January 31, 1980.

Tentative dates for the May meeting are April 28, 29 and 30, 1980, arrival the evening of April 27 and departure April 30.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by
Delwin D. Cross, Secretary

January 29, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Jack Silvers with Brothers Cross, Guthrie, Lowry and Worthy Master Andersen answering roll call.

The invocation was offered by Master Andersen.

The minutes of November 19 and 20 were approved by unanimous vote.

A discussion of personnel with Master An-

dersen followed. A report was given on John Scott, retiring National Master, as to his compensation for the time spent at the National office to help with the transition period.

Bill Steel, National Youth Director, has been appointed to oversee the Production and Supply Department.

Diane Liepold has been appointed office manager along with her position as secretary to the National Master.

The office staff will be allowed to work on their present flexible work schedule.

Brother Stauffer, National Overseer, arrived at 9:30 a.m. to join the group for our first official meeting in Washington, D.C. this year.

Discussion was pursued in regard to the Junior Department and the lack of coordination of the department.

The present office equipment was discussed, particularly the "composer" which is several years old and in need of some repair and perhaps replacement in the near future. Some other types of equipment that are less expensive may serve the same purpose.

The heating system of the building has been inspected recently and found to be in good condition. Several service contracts are in force now but lack of normal maintenance is a problem now being pursued to avoid unnecessary breakdown.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the National Master and Legal Counsel review the Rules and Regulations for Trials and report suggestions for appropriate revisions at a later Executive Committee meeting.

A motion was made instructing the National Master to contact Morality in Media, Inc. for further information since we do not feel that we should be a fund collector for their special programs. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Great Falls Grange law suit and the position of the National Grange in this matter.

Sister Lorena Stigers appeared before the Committee at 10:40 a.m. to discuss the financial position of the National Grange. She reported that 26,000 copies of the National Grange Family Cookbook have been sold to date.

A motion was made to use the Century Club money to pay demand notes to Kansas

State Grange of \$12,000, to Valley Grange No. 1360 of Pennsylvania of \$10,000, and partial payment of \$8,000 to the Pennsylvania State Grange. The motion was seconded and carried.

A discussion was held on the Certificate of Deposit with Pettaquamscutt Credit Union and disposition of said funds. It was *Voted* to accept the resignation of Woodrow Tucker as a Trustee of the Pension Trust Fund. It was *Voted* that Edward Andersen, National Grange Master, be appointed a member of the board of Trustees of the Pension Trust Fund.

The National Master and Lorena Stigers, bookkeeper, were instructed to investigate the possibility of removing funds from the Pettaquamscutt Credit Union for payment of lump sum pension benefit payments.

It was *Voted* that John Scott be given the salary of National Master for the two week period of transition following the National Session. In lieu of this salary, Master Andersen will be reimbursed \$1,217.00 moving expense.

It was *Voted* to authorize Lorena Stigers to prepare for the Executive Committee and the delegates a complete financial statement on a quarterly basis rather than monthly basis with department heads to keep records of their status according to their budget with Lorena Stigers providing them monthly costs for telephone, print shop, etc.

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

The meeting reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

It was *Voted* to authorize Edward Andersen, National Master, as signatory for the Century Club funds at Riggs National Bank. It was *Voted* to authorize Edward Andersen as signatory for the Perpetual Building Association Fund.

The meeting of the Executive Committee was recessed for a meeting of the Grange Foundation.

The meeting of the Grange Foundation was called to order by Secretary of the Foundation, Jack Silvers, in the absence of Chairman John Scott, and the minutes of the last meeting were read for information.

A motion was made that Edward Andersen be elected Chairman and Treasurer of the Grange Foundation. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made that Delwin D. Cross

be elected Secretary of the Grange Foundation. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made to accept the Auditor's report and to make this report a part of the minutes. Motion carried. (See following page for Auditor's report.)

A motion was made to authorize the signature of Edward Andersen or Lorena Stigers on the Grange Foundation account to Washington Federal Savings & Loan, Washington, D.C. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made to adjourn at 1:55 p.m. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee reconvened.

Proposed contributions and dues to other organizations were discussed and tabled for later approval.

Bill Steel joined the group for a report on the Youth Department and the Supply Department. A discussion was held on the status of Grange Council while awaiting Mr. Steel.

Bill reported appointments of Kristine Whitford, Rhode Island, and Jerry and Mary Doll, Oregon, to a three year term on the Youth Team. He also reported that the Youth Team Orientation meeting was held January 10-13 with visits to Potomac Grange, 4-H Center workshop on leadership, Capitol Hill, and the White House. One major concern is the lack of Young Couples invitations to State activities.

It was *Voted* to approve the annual appeal for contributions to the Youth Leadership Fund.

Regional Youth Conferences include:

New England — Maine — July 11-13

Southeastern — Tennessee — August 1-3

Western — Oregon — August 8-10

Great Plains — Colorado

Midwestern — ?

Mid-Atlantic — maybe in April

Report of the Supply Department was made by Bill Steel. New Resales additions include:

94 — RBL Record Book — lined \$7.50

88 — RBM Record Book — minutes — available March 10

42 — BS Bumper Sticker — 50 cents

271 YGS — You've Got A Song — Songs in Sign — \$2.00, published by National Association for the Deaf

Gold Sheaf pins, Matron's pins, Sixty Year pins and gold in general were discussed as to possible change from 1/10-10 K gold-filled to gilding base metal being used due to present gold prices being nearly prohibitive.

It was reported that an updated price list will be published around March 1st.

New print shop equipment was discussed with consideration being given to updated equipment with the possibility of outside printing ability to defray a portion of the cost.

It was *Voted* to authorize the National Master to release the records for the period of 1970 to 1975 according to the agreement with the Cornell University Archives for the preservation of these records.

Bob Frederick and Dave Lambert of the Legislative Department met with the Committee at 3:30 p.m. for a report on legislative activities.

Hearings on Crop Insurance will be held in February as to premium and coverage. Probabilities are for passage of Crop Insurance during this session of Congress.

A report was given on the progress in Farm Credit Amendments. The Grange supports restricting the total Farm Credit System from insurance business and objects to P.C.A. and F.L.A. lending monies for marketing and processing business, and has offered amendments to pending bills expressing these objectives.

Some avenues of trading have been opened with the Soviet Union, but nothing of major importance.

Target prices will be raised 7% with stipulation that 1981 cannot be lower than 1980 prices, with \$50,000 limit placed on disaster payments if pending bill passes Congress.

The Grange's recommendations were followed very closely by the U.S.D.A. in regard to the Embargo of Grain to the Soviet Union in consideration of the income of farmers throughout the nation.

There was a report from Secretary Bergland on the Grange presentation at the Farm Structure Hearing expressing his appreciation for their precise and informative presentations.

U.S.D.A. reports that as of October 31, 1979 5.2 million acres of U. S. agriculture lands are owned by foreign groups and individuals.

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	<u>33,461.34</u>

2,4,5,-T cancellations hearings are to be held in Washington, D.C. in February.

Rural Clean Water program was discussed. A.S.C.S. was designated to institute the program.

The results of a national survey on soil and water conservation was discussed.

U.S.D.A. 1981 budget summary was presented to the Committee for discussion. The time requirement of such a budget is from approximately January 1 until the following October 1 for final approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m. the National Grange Staff, Executive Committee, National Officers and Staff of the Future Farmers of America and Secretary of Agriculture, Bob Bergland, met on the 10th Floor for a reception and a time of visiting. Secretary Bergland briefed all

present on his spending 5 hours today with the House Agriculture Committee. Congressman William Wampler of Virginia and Ed Stuckey of Senator Dole's staff also appeared just before we retired to the Goss Conference Room at 6:00 p.m. There we enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared and served by Mary-Lee and Bill Steel, Edie Lambert, Darlene Andersen, Diane Liepold, and Louise Amick. Following the dinner, comments were received from the F.F.A. Officers, the National Master, Congressman Wampler, Jack Silvers and Bob Frederick. Brief comments were made by several others.

Those in attendance representing the Future Farmers of America were: Ted E. Amick, Program Specialist, Woody Cox, Executive Director, National F.F.A. Alumni, Jeff Tennant, Associate Editor, F.F.A. Mag-

azine, Byron Rawls, National F.F.A. Advisor, Sam Stenzel, Executive Director, NVATA, Albert Timmerman, Jr., NVATA, Paul M. Day, NVATA, and the F.F.A. National Officers: Doug Rinker, President, (Virginia), Dee W. James, (Kansas), Jeffrie C. Kirby, (Arkansas), Philip B. Benson, Secretary, (California), Donald L. Trimmer, Jr., (Maryland), Elin T. Duckworth, (Arizona).

January 30, 1980

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Silvers at 8:55 a.m. with all members present. The invocation was given by Jack Silvers.

The report of the National Secretary was reviewed with no report given on Maryland, Vermont and Wisconsin due to their being delinquent in their dues reports.

The Committee discussed the resolution passed at National Session in regard to dues collection from the states with the question of its workability.

Extension service to states was discussed at some length as to how this could be best accomplished. Will the budget support a fulltime employee with money left to function? Who is responsible for membership building — each State or National? Can a person in D.C. build membership in our Grange area from coast to coast?

It was *Voted* that we adopt the Extension Rules for 1980 at the same level as those of 1979.

At 10:30 a.m. Bob Frederick and Dave Lambert rejoined the Committee for the balance of their report. Some further discussion was held on the proposed U.S.D.A. 1981 budget.

The National Grange supports H.R. 2551 Agricultural Land Protection Act which authorizes a study of agricultural land use, loss, etc.

There was a discussion on loans for Rural Alcohol Fuel Production. Several information papers were viewed in regard to alcohol fuel production. 800-525-5555 is a toll free number to be called for information on methanol production. There is also a booklet available, namely "Fuel from Farms," order address: Technical Information Center, U.S. Dept. of Energy, P.O. Box 62, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830. There are a limited number of copies available.

It was *Voted* to approve a news release

prepared by Bob Frederick which voiced our opposition to two provisions in the Farm Credit Amendment, withdrawing our support of the SALT II Treaty, support of a paid acre diversion program, full commitment to production of alcohol, support of a boycott of the Summer Olympics in Moscow, and support for the employee-shippers ownership approach of New Milwaukee Line.

A toll free line for legislative purposes was discussed with the decision that due to cost, this must be tabled for the time being.

Judy Massabny joined the Committee at 11:45 a.m. for her report from the Information Department. The National Sessions for 1982 and 1983 were discussed as to availability of necessary space and hotel provisions.

It was *Voted* to approve Providence, Rhode Island as site for the 1982 National Session. It was *Voted* to approve the El-Tropicana Hotel in San Antonio, Texas as the headquarters for the 1983 National Grange Session.

Cookbook sales were discussed with no special advertising being done and sales being very good at this point.

There was a review of recent activities including the National Master's meetings with important people in Washington, D.C. in an effort to further expose these people to the Grange. Judy hopes in the near future to get further exposure by having the National Master have more interviews.

The Century Club total to date is \$28,692.92.

By mutual agreement we instructed the National Master to send an appropriate letter to Blanche Newsom and Henry Christensen for their Century Club sponsorship.

There was an extended discussion on the program for the 1980 Session in regard to shortening the Session and making it workable.

The Committee recessed for lunch at 12:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Discussion of the 1980 National Session program continued. Future Sessions were discussed as to continued rise in costs for facilities, meals, etc. There are some problems concerning facilities suitable to our convention size and needs for room space.

Brother Kermit Richardson, National Lecturer, met with our Committee at 3:15 p.m. for the report of his Department.

The Community Service Program was discussed. Two entry forms used as in the past, plus final report blank and information sheet will be sent out in the mailing. Awards have been raised at both State and National levels.

Discussion followed on sponsors for the Community Service Program with requirements built in for reporting to sponsors.

It was *Voted* that the National Grange participate with the American Red Cross in the following safety programs namely CPR, First Aid for Foreign Body Obstruction of the Airway, and Water Safety as a part of the Community Service Program.

Lecturers Conferences were discussed with Kermit's report of Conferences attended. Also he reported on the Mid-Atlantic Leaders Conference.

There will be five Leaders Conferences this year. Kermit reported on these conferences, their importance and some ideas for participation.

Grange Voter Participation for 1980 was discussed as to the cost of mailings. A packet of materials is being sent with other mailings to reduce costs.

Grange Week materials are being printed and will be mailed as soon as possible. At the request of the National Lecturer, it was *Voted* to reduce the Lecturer's salary by \$1,500 and transfer this amount to his travel expense budget.

It was *Voted* that the minutes of January 29 be adopted as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

January 31, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Silvers with all members present. The invocation was offered by Del Cross.

The bill from Sandy Adams for legal counsel at the National Session and for I.R.S. research was discussed.

Jenny Grobusky, National Director of Activities, joined the group at 9:20 a.m. for presentation of her department program. She presented the 1980-81 program with question as to some sponsorship for the 80-81 program.

It was *Voted* that travel expense for the National winner only in the Sewing Contest in Classes A, B and C be allowed for the 1979-80 program.

Patty Carncross, Director of Junior Grange Activities, joined the group at 10:45 a.m. to discuss the Junior Grange program. She reported that Farmers & Traders will not sponsor the craft contest for the 1980-81 program. It was *Voted* to authorize Patty to seek a new sponsor for the Craft Contest.

There was a discussion on materials to train Junior leaders. Patty was instructed to present a cost of materials and mailing at a later date.

No identification pins are available for Junior leaders, State Directors, or Past Junior Leaders. Patty was advised to work with Bill Steel to develop a cost of such pins or badges to be presented to the Committee later.

The Legislative Department staff met with the Committee at 10:35 a.m. for further discussion of their Department. Information was presented on oil refineries and government regulations for small refineries.

Dave and Bob discussed at length with the Committee the energy problems and some of the problems of the industry in relation to government regulations and supplies.

The dues problem in Ohio was discussed.

It was *Voted* to approve the following contribution list for 1980:

American Institute of Cooperation	\$200
National Future Farmers of America Foundation	\$100
4-H Foundation	\$100
National Highway Users Federation for Safety and Mobility ...	\$110
National Safety Council	\$115
National Farm-City Committee ...	\$100
National Association of Soil Conservation Districts	\$100
National Watershed Congress	\$100
Farm Film Foundation	\$100

The resolution passed at the National Session regarding the late charge fee to be charged to those states that are late in reporting was discussed at length.

It was *Voted* to authorize the National Master to have a Past National Master's Sash prepared and presented to Past Master John W. Scott.

The collection and reporting of Deaf Funds collected in the Grange States was discussed at length with expressions of dissatis-

faction because the states are not being reorganized at the National level for funds collected and used in state projects.

The Executive Committee recessed at noon.

A meeting of the Grange Foundation was called to order by Chairman, Edward Andersen, at 12:05 p.m. It was *Voted* to place in a Foundation savings account \$20,000 of the Deaf Funds now in the Foundation checking account.

The meeting of the Grange Foundation was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The Executive Committee reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

A discussion was held on the so-called 8th Degree being conferred at the National Sessions.

Grange jewelry being sold during the conferral of the Seventh Degree was discussed with other methods for such sales being suggested.

It was *Voted* to authorize the continuation of the sale of the 60 Year Pin in the Supply Department.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held April 28, 29, and 30, 1980, with arrival on the evening of April 27 and departure on April 30. The August meeting was tentatively set for August 12, 13, and 14, to be held in conjunction with the Western States Leaders Conference to save costs.

It was *Voted* to approve the minutes of January 30 and 31 as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Delwin D. Cross, Secretary

April 28, 1980

The April meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Silvers at 9:00 a.m. with Brothers Lowry, Guthrie, Stauffer, Cross and Master Andersen present. The invocation was offered by Del Cross.

The minutes of the January meeting of the Executive Committee were discussed and approved.

By common consent, it was decided to hear from Doris DuLac on the Great Falls Grange problem.

A personnel report was given by Master

Andersen as to employees in the National Grange office.

Lorena Stigers met with the Committee to discuss the financial statement. Final report of 3,880 candidates received the Seventh Degree at Lancaster, Pennsylvania last November.

A motion was made and supported that the National Master be given to pay our loan obligations to the Pennsylvania State Grange as funds become available. Motion carried.

Through a pink letter vote April 1, the Executive Committee authorized a checking account for Sister Mary Buffington, Director of Women's Activities, and Master Edward Andersen, as signatories, for the National Grange Sewing Contest Accounts.

Through a pink letter vote February 27, the Executive Committee authorized savings accounts for the Grange Foundation, Pension Trust Fund, W.A.C. Fund, National Grange Imprest Fund and Payroll Fund with Master Andersen and Lorena D. Stigers as signatories.

Through a pink letter vote February 27, the Executive Committee rescinded its action of January 30 in regard to the salary of the National Lecturer.

Al Denslow, Legal Counsel, Ted Pappas, Insurance Broker, and John Holland, Pension and Profit Sharing Advisor for Aetna Life Insurance Company, joined the Committee to discuss our pension plan with us. Approximately one hour was spent in serious discussion on our present pension plan and presentation of a proposed new plan that appears to be less complicated with better coverage.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Doris DuLac, wife of the Virginia State Grange Master, met with the Committee to hear the report of Al Denslow in the case of the Great Falls Grange property. At this point, no written decision has been received from the hearing judge as to the dispensation of the personal property held between the Great Falls Grange and Great Falls Grange, Inc.

A lengthy discussion was held on the "Disposal of Grange Property and Assets" resolution passed at the 1978 National Session bringing to light some of the discrepancies to be considered in the administration of the said resolution.

At 2:00 p.m. Frank Hayes, National Secretary, met with the Committee to discuss membership reports from the various State Granges. Membership reports show a substantial increase in several states with continued loss in many. Brother Hayes reports that he has sent out 852 Golden Sheaf Certificates since December 1, 1979. The cost of the certificates and mailing was discussed. The need for more Sixth Degree Certificates was presented to the Committee. The need for other supplies for the National Secretary's office was discussed.

Dave Lambert appeared at 2:50 p.m. to discuss regulatory affairs. We were presented with a revised 1981 Federal Budget which was discussed and reviewed as to budget cuts and increases particularly the U.S.D.A. 1981 budget as presented by the Administration. Discussion was held on the 10% import tax on crude oil imposed by the President and the recommendation that farmers be exempted from this tax.

The Grange has been asked to suggest persons to serve on a 40 member committee namely the Rural Initiative Advisory Committee.

There was a discussion on bills to control coyotes and the need for our support.

The Windfall Profits Tax on crude oil was discussed in relation to money raised by this tax, its use and its phase-out possibilities.

The major energy costs to farmers is in fertilizers.

A resolution on alcohol production for the use as an alternate fuel passed by the Florida State Grange was introduced and discussed. This resolution called for: (1) within three years that all autos and other modes of transportation require the use of 20% alcohol and 80% gas; (2) in six years 1/3 of all autos produced in the U. S. run on pure alcohol; (3) by 1989, all U. S. produced autos run on pure alcohol; (4) gas and alcohol prices be regulated by the U. S. government; (5) farm cooperatives of independent farmers be licensed as producers with exports limited to offset domestic needs; (6) support of legislation giving farmers and individuals the right to produce fuel alcohol for their own individual needs.

It was the consensus of the Committee that we could not support this resolution as written.

Master Andersen informed us as to progress

being made in consideration of the rental of office space in the National Grange Building.

A motion was made and supported that Master Andersen be given authority to engage the services of the Shannon & Luchs Company to renew the leases on office spaces on which leases have expired in 1979 and will expire in 1980. Motion carried.

Master Andersen discussed renovation of some unused office space.

Master Andersen called our attention to the need for replacing outdated fire extinguishers in the National Grange Building.

We were informed of the agreements made with Mary Buffington, newly-appointed Director of Women's Activities, and that other committee members would remain the same.

Discussion was held regarding the Alaska State Grange Council and deputy, as to the organization of two new Granges in Alaska. A motion was made and supported that the Extension Funds for organizing Granges be paid to Alaska State Grange Council. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

April 29, 1980

The second day of the April Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Silvers. Brothers Lowry, Guthrie, Cross, Stauffer and Master Andersen were present. The invocation was offered by Brother Silvers.

Kermit Richardson, National Lecturer, joined the group for presentation of the Lecturer's programs. There was a discussion on a two year program book and Forum Discussion program, and on the continuation of the Community Citizen Award program. Brother Richardson explained the Pomona Outstanding Service Award to non-Grange members. The Lecturer's department expects to publish three booklets of Lecturer's Helps.

There was a discussion on regional conferences and how they will be conducted with the involvement of local Extension service providing part of the program.

First Place State Winners in the Community Service Contest are the only one to be mailed to the National Lecturer for Na-

tional judging. To date, 607 Community Service entries have been received.

Bill Steel, National Youth Director, joined the Committee at 10:10 a.m. for his report on Youth Activities. He reported that Youth Leadership Fund request have been mailed and responses are already arriving.

Regional Youth Conferences for 1980 are as follows:

- Midwestern — June 20-22 — Colfax Interfaith Center, Colfax, Iowa
- Mid-Atlantic — June 24-26 — Juniata College, Pennsylvania
- New England — July 11-13 — University of Maine, Gorham Maine
- South Eastern — August 1-3 — Hiwassee College, Tennessee
- Western — August 8-10 — Portland, Oregon
- Great Plains — August 15-17 — School of Mines, Colorado

A motion was made and supported that we accept the invitation to sponsor a reception for student teachers held in conjunction with the National F.F.A. Convention in Kansas City. Motion carried.

Brother Steel also reported on the supply department and the cost of extension leaflets and hand-out materials.

It was reported that the new Secretary's record books are available.

Hand-outs of the 1980 "Grange Supports and Opposes" are available. This is a good hand-out for legislators.

The new style bumper stickers will be available soon; the delay was due to the loss of our order by the United Parcel Service.

There was a discussion on production allocations and time sheets to provide definite information for department charges.

The cost of Sixth and Seventh Degree Certificates was discussed.

Judy Massabny, Information Director, joined the Committee at 11:35 a.m. to discuss her department. The tentative program for the 1980 National Session was discussed. This Session will be held at the Stouffer's Five Seasons Hotel in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The 1981 National Session will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Spokane, Washington. The 1982 Session will be held at the Biltmore Plaza in Providence, Rhode Island. The 1983 Session is to be held at the El Tropicano Hotel in San Antonio, Texas.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. for lunch.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

The minutes of April 28 were read and approved as corrected.

Sister Mary Buffington, Women's Activities Director, and her husband, Brother Bill Buffington, joined the group at 1:40 p.m. to discuss the Women's Activities programs. Sister Buffington discussed the present programs as to extension into a two year program with the question of sponsors on a two year basis. She reported that several sponsors have not paid their contracted funds in support of the W.A.C. projects.

Sister Buffington expressed her opinion on changes she feels need to be made in present programs and selection of winners in the W.A.C. department.

Sister Judy Massabny rejoined the group at 2:40 p.m. to further discuss upcoming problems with National Session hosting.

A motion was made and seconded that we accept the invitation of Maine State Grange to host the National Grange Session in 1984. Motion carried.

A discussion was held considering a registration fee for National Grange Sessions. This fee would include tickets to the Family Musical, Talent Contest, Coronation and Coronation Ball, plus hand-out literature and promotional information.

A motion was made and supported that a \$5.00 registration fee be charged beginning with 1980 National Session. This fee is to cover a convention badge, tickets for attendance to the Family Musical, Talent Contest, Coronation and Coronation Ball, with necessary complimentary tickets to be provided the host state. This money is to be used to defray National Grange Session expenses, with 50% of this fee to go to the host state and 50% to the National Grange. Motion carried.

Sister Judy reported that cookbook sales are going very well. New promotional materials will be sent out again soon. Expectations of reaching the sale of 50,000 books by early June.

Due to other commitments of the Executive Committee, Judy agreed to finish her report later.

Mr. Charles Dana Bennett, special consultant for the Farm Film Foundation met with the Committee at 4:05 p.m. to discuss the possible role of the Grange in assuming re-

sponsibility of operation of the Farm Film Foundation. This is a non-profit organization that we could administer and provide an educational service with no risk of cost to the Grange.

Mr. Bennett explained at some length the operations of the Farm Film Foundation and how it could be operated by the Grange with advantages to both organizations. Mr. Bennett informed us that our decision in this matter could be given ample time for serious consideration.

A motion was made and supported that the National Master be given authority to further investigate the possibility of the Grange taking over the management of the Farm Film Foundation. Motion carried.

At 5:15 p.m., Sister Judy Massabny again joined the group to explain Encore, Super Travel Group. This would be a service for Grange members with a yearly membership fee and card which would provide discounts for cardholders.

We were briefed on a possible Grange trip to China hosted by the same tour group that hosted the Russia tour. The trip would be available to 25 persons at a total cost of approximately \$3,000 per person embarking from the West Coast. It would be an agricultural tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Following adjournment we were transported by Master Andersen to their home for a very delicious dinner served by his wife, Darlene, assisted by Sister Guthrie and Sister Cross. The experience of traveling from the National Grange office to the Andersen home is a real experience for those of us accustomed to comparably straight roads and not in the habit of traveling in circles to arrive at a designated location. We are informed that it is an 11 mile trip but we all question how this measurement was made. The Committee wishes to thank the Andersen for their hospitality and a relaxing evening after a rather hectic day's work.

April 30, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Silvers with all members present. The invocation was offered by Brother Guthrie. Master Andersen discussed the insurance coverage of the National Grange Building, office contents, rental cov-

erage, liability, regalia, exhibits, transportation, and boiler, with increased protection changed as we deemed necessary.

Bob Frederick, Legislative Director, joined the group at 9:30 a.m. for a report on the Legislative Department.

Bob reported on his meeting with the U.S.D.A. for release of the grain contracts they assumed during the Embargo. The Grange will support increases in the loan rate for feed grains.

A set-aside program for the 1980 crop year was discussed and the consensus was that any type of set-aside either paid or non-paid would be unworkable at this late date.

The insurance section of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 was discussed and the problems all major farm organizations are having getting the correct limitation language put in the proposed amendment. (S-1465).

A motion was made and seconded that we adopt the proposed press release regarding the appointment of an Agricultural Producers Advisory Committee by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and also expressing our views on the Grain Embargo and what should transpire to relieve the impact on the market. Motion carried.

Brother Frederick discussed new regulations on the trucking industry and exemptions on agricultural products.

A motion was made and supported that we authorize National Master to negotiate with insurance brokers for better prices on our present building and property insurance. Motion carried.

A motion was made and supported that we do not sponsor the Encore travel card nor the China Agricultural Tour. Motion carried.

It was moved and supported that no action would be taken at this time on the National Secretary's request for clerical help. Motion carried.

A motion was made and supported that we authorize the reorder of both Sixth and Seventh Degree Certificates in quantities deemed necessary through investigation of past experience. Motion carried.

A motion was made and supported that we approve the minutes of April 29. Motion carried.

A motion was made and supported that the National Master be authorized to investigate updating our present employee

pension plan with planned change to transpire at the anniversary date of July 1, 1980. Motion carried.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon with arrival date on the evening of August 11 and departure August 14 in the P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Faternally submitted,
Delwin D. Cross, Secretary

June 11, 1980

A special meeting of the National Grange Executive Committee was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Chairman Jack Silvers with Brothers Guthrie, Stauffer, Cross, Master Andersen, Legislative Director, Bob Frederick, and Legal Counsel, Al Denslow, present.

The invocation was offered by Master Andersen.

The Legislative report was presented by Bob Frederick. Discussion was held on results of the volcanic eruption of Mt. St. Helens as to damage to crops in the area. Beef Promotion Research was discussed. A survey will be conducted as to the need and views of cattle producers on a Beferendum. The Grange has supported a Beferendum for several years. The Grange has been asked to contribute to the cost of the survey.

Ted Pappas, representative of the McLaughlin Company, and Lorena Stigers, National Grange Bookkeeper, joined the group at 9:05 a.m. to discuss our pension plan.

Pension plans were discussed as presented by Aetna, Nylic, Hartford, Mony and Occidental companies.

After lengthy discussion on the presentation of the programs presented to the groups, a motion was made to transfer the Grange Pension program to the Transamerica Life Insurance Company (Occidental) with disability benefits to be provided under the pension plan. This disability benefit plan is to be provided by a company of our choice. Motion seconded and carried.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that waiting periods and other minor changes would be delayed until a later date

when review would be proper as to changes needed at that time.

Ted Pappas also discussed fiduciary liability insurance that would cover National and State Grange Officers and Trustees of the Pension Plan.

At 11:20 a.m. Lorena Stigers discussed a breakdown of miscellaneous income for which no account is responsible.

A motion was made to increase the petty cash fund to \$200 to cover small check cashing and other miscellaneous expenses. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was recessed at 12:00 Noon for lunch.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. Discussion was held pursuant to paying the Priest Annalist for issuing the Seventh Degree Certificates.

Dana Bennett, Farm Film Foundation Special Consultant, joined the group to discuss the possibility of the transfer of the Farm Film Foundation to the National Grange. There are several ways of transfer that will satisfy the I.R.S. as a tax free foundation.

After serious discussion as to the transfer of the Farm Film Foundation, a motion was made to authorize the National Master to proceed with acquisition of the Farm Film Foundation. Motion was seconded and carried.

The National Master's report was introduced at 2:45 p.m. A discussion was held on Leader's Conferences and the August Executive Committee meeting to be held in Portland, Oregon.

Cookbook sales now total between 45 and 46,000 books and we are fast approaching the pay off of the original contract.

A proposal for revision of the *Rules and Regulations for Trials* (Supplement to the National Grange Digest) was discussed. A motion was made authorizing the National Master and Legal Counsel Al Denslow to prepare the revisions and suggested changes for the *Rules and Regulations for Trials* as reported by the 1978 Trial Committee and reviewed by Legal Counsel as to application.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Delwin D. Cross, Secretary

August 12, 1980

The regular meeting of the National Grange Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Jack Silvers at 7:00 p.m., August 12, 1980, in Whitman Hall, Campus of Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon. Members present were Brothers Silvers, Lowry, Guthrie, Master Andersen, and Cross.

Sister Patty Carncross met with the Committee to discuss the Junior program and the proposed budget. A motion was made and seconded that the three new merit badges be approved as presented by the National Junior Director, Patty Carncross.

A discussion was held on the proposed National Grange budget income for 1981.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

August 13, 1980

The meeting of the National Grange Executive Committee was called to order at 8:50 a.m. by Chairman Silvers with Brothers Stauffer, Guthrie, Lowry and Cross present. Master Andersen was absent due to an interview with reporters at this particular hour.

Brother, Frank Hayes, National Secretary, joined the group to discuss the reports of the office of Secretary and the proposed budget. Discussion was held on the membership report as to gain and loss and misleading reports from some states. There was discussion on the work load of the National Secretary.

Sister Mary Buffington, National Women's Activities Chairman, joined the group at 9:45 a.m. to discuss the Women's Activities program and her part of the proposed budget for 1981. Mary discussed the rule changes for the sewing contest and also date changes. Simplicity will be the major sponsor of the Sewing Contest. Coats & Clark will again sponsor the Needlework Contest.

There was discussion on the communications from the Women's Activities department on a quarterly basis.

Sister Buffington reported on the meeting of her advisory committee in May. The possibility of the Advisory Committee being at the National Session was discussed.

Discussion was held on the Women's Activities department's proposed budget.

Worthy National Master Andersen joined the group at 10:15 a.m.

Sister Buffington was excused at 10:30 a.m. so that they could make flight connections.

After a short break, Brother Kermit Richardson, National Lecturer, joined the committee to discuss the Lecturer's program and his part in the 1981 budget.

Brother Richardson discussed the conferences held since our last report on his program. The Community Service Contest was discussed.

The Committee recessed at 12:00 Noon for lunch.

We reconvened at 1:15 p.m. At this time, Brother Bill Steel, Youth Director, joined the group to discuss the Youth Program and proposed 1981 budget.

Discussions covered the Youth Department, Supply Department and Resales.

The Farm Film Foundation has been partially transferred to the National Grange building, with more moving to be accomplished very soon.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize Bill Steel to continue the development of the Deaf Educational packet to be distributed to all elementary schools. Motion carried.

Bill was excused at 2:50 p.m. and Bob Frederick, National Grange Legislative Director, joined the group to discuss the Legislative department and their portion of the 1981 proposed budget.

Bob Frederick gave us a complete run-down on bills of rural interest and their present status in the House and Senate.

Bob was excused at 4:30 p.m.

The Committee resumed discussion of the proposed budget for 1981.

The meeting recessed for dinner at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Discussions continued on the proposed budget for 1981.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

August 14, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Silvers with all members present. The minutes of April 30 were read and approved. The minutes of June 11 were read and approved after minor corrections.

Further discussion was held as to the proposed budget for 1981.

Master Andersen presented a letter from

Herb Plambeck in regard to a Grange building being constructed at the Living History Farms at Des Moines, Iowa. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that at this time it would not be advisable for the National Grange to embark on such programs in any state.

We reviewed the proposed changes in the Rules and Regulations for Trials.

The Executive Committee recessed at 10:10 a.m.

At 10:15 a.m., a meeting of the Grange Foundation was called to order by Chairman Edward Andersen.

A motion was made that we accept the offer of the Farm Film Foundation, Inc. that the Grange Foundation assume the assets, liabilities and equipment of the Farm Film Foundation, Inc. effective August 1, 1980. Motion seconded and carried.

A motion was made that this Foundation be given the title of 'Grange-Farm Film Foundation.' Motion seconded and carried.

A motion was made to appoint William Steel as Executive Director of the Grange-

Farm Film Foundation to serve under the supervision of the Chairman of the Grange Foundation. Motion seconded and carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting of the Grange Foundation. Motion seconded and carried.

The Executive Committee reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

There was a discussion on the sale of Grange property and assets as related to a problem in the State of Washington.

A motion was made that the National Grange support Washington State Grange in their effort to enforce the Digest requirements on the sale and disposition of Grange property. Motion seconded and carried.

A motion was made to authorize the National Master to obtain a consultant to evaluate the updating of our office equipment. Seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Fraternally submitted,
Delwin D. Cross, Secretary

THE NATIONAL GRANGE OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1980

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, 1980, and the related statements of income and expenses and net worth for the year then ended. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such test 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, 1980 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
October 29, 1980

**THE NATIONAL GRANGE
BALANCE SHEET
AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1980**

	<i>Grange Operating Account</i>	<i>Grange Building Fund</i>	<i>Deduct Offsetting Accounts</i>	<i>Total National Grange</i>
ASSETS				
Cash on hand and on deposit	\$169,777			\$ 169,777
Accounts receivable	17,547			17,547
Prepaid expenses and supplies	18,011			18,011
Inventory — Resales	108,353			108,353
Inventory — Cookbooks	101,268			101,268
Due from Grange building fund	163,726		\$163,726	
Building — At cost		\$1,174,014		1,174,014
Furnishings — At cost		46,040		46,040
Accumulated depreciation		(515,644)		(515,644)
Land — At 1960 appraised value		192,238		192,238
Total assets	<u>\$578,682</u>	<u>\$ 896,648</u>		<u>\$1,311,604</u>
LIABILITIES				
Loans payable	\$ 30,423			\$ 30,423
Accounts payable	20,037			20,037
Deferred income	725			725
Due to Grange operating account		\$ 163,726	163,726	
Special funds	38,855			38,855
Special fund — Cookbook	105,351			105,351
Total liabilities	<u>\$195,391</u>	<u>\$ 163,726</u>		<u>\$ 195,391</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		277,336		277,336
Accumulated depreciation		(515,644)		(515,644)
Operating account	<u>\$383,291</u>			383,291
Total net worth	<u>\$383,291</u>	<u>\$ 732,922</u>		<u>\$1,116,213</u>
Total liabilities and net worth	<u>\$578,682</u>	<u>\$ 896,648</u>		<u>\$1,311,604</u>

THE NATIONAL GRANGE
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME, EXPENSES AND NET WORTH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1980

Income

Operating account — Page 5	\$ 816,705
National Grange building — Page 7	213,160
National Grange cookbook — Page 8	270,940
	<u>\$1,300,805</u>

Expenses

Operating account — Page 6	\$ 689,654
National Grange building — Page 7	203,409
National Grange cookbook — Page 8	165,589
	<u>1,058,652</u>

Excess of income over expenses for
the year ended September 30, 1980

\$ 242,153

Net worth October 1, 1979

\$ 974,891

Deduct depreciation

(23,480)

Add Century Club fund

28,000

979,411

\$1,221,564

Special fund — Cookbook

\$ 105,351

Net worth September 30, 1980

\$1,116,213

\$1,221,564

THE NATIONAL GRANGE
STATEMENT OF INCOME, EXPENSES & NET WORTH — OPERATING ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1980

Income

Dues and fees

Subordinate Grange dues	\$694,223		
Junior Grange dues	5,178		
Subordinate Grange charter fees	90		
Junior Grange charter fees	75		
Pomona Grange charter fees	5		
Sixth degree fees	6,054		
Seventh degree fees	\$41,180		
Less: Refunds	<u>2,040</u>	<u>39,140</u>	\$744,765
Resales orders			69,009
Interest received			1,770
Grange newsletter subscriptions			171
Miscellaneous income			<u>990</u>
			<u>\$816,705</u>

Expenses

General and administrative	\$ 98,948		
Lecturer	43,373		
Secretary	26,080		
Executive committee	9,796		
Women's activities	29,780		
Youth activities	30,966		
Junior Granges	12,204		
High Priest	4,947		
Extension	15,780		
Legislation	93,684		
Information	38,225		
Regulatory affairs	35,554		
Annual session	84,815		
Supply and service	46,525		
Resaleables	64,653		
Grange promotion	8,123		
Community service program	8,563		
Retirement plan	9,321		
Contributions	625		
Building management	18,985		
Furniture and equipment	368		
Interest expense	7,254		
Miscellaneous expense	<u>1,085</u>		<u>689,654</u>

Excess of income over expenses

\$127,051

Net worth operating account — October 1, 1979

\$228,240

Addition Century Club fund

28,000256,240

Net worth operating account — September 30, 1980

\$383,291

THE NATIONAL GRANGE

SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES - OPERATING ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1980

	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Salaries and Payroll Taxes</u>	<u>Office Supplies and Expenses</u>	<u>Paper and Printing</u>	<u>Postage Telephone Telegraph</u>	<u>Fees and Honorariums</u>	<u>Per Diem and Travel</u>	<u>Leadership Corporation</u>	<u>Insurance</u>	<u>Total</u>
General and administrative										
Legal fees	\$4,967									
Accounting fees	3,900									
Miscellaneous	<u>5,073</u>	\$ 13,940	\$ 64,245	\$ 2,126	\$ 1,549	\$ 5,310	\$ 1,367	\$ 1,728	\$ 8,683	\$ 98,948
Lecturer	379	28,667	1,657	4,857	3,576		1,630	1,533	1,074	43,373
Secretary		11,423	8,458	558	1,985		1,666	1,482	508	26,080
Executive committee				189	72		9,535			9,796
Women's activities	21	19,836	1,510	2,953	1,565		1,080	1,953	862	29,780
Youth activities	63	20,620	286	1,875	1,272		3,664	2,354	832	30,966
Junior Granges	956	256	1,405	4,383	728	\$ 2,000	1,229	1,247		12,204
High Priest		200	556	568	346	2,000	1,245		32	4,947
Extension										
Organization work	\$2,520									
Miscellaneous	<u>301</u>	2,821	890	6	10,450	798	750		65	15,780
Legislation										
Dues and subscriptions	\$3,496									
Miscellaneous	<u>286</u>	3,782	55,363	184	10,646	8,817	4,688	5,828	1,835	93,684
Information		1,321	29,107	205	2,446	3,864	164		1,118	38,225
Regulatory affairs		1,655	31,760	85	686	400	344		624	35,554
Annual session										
Awards	\$4,198									
Seventh degree	1,365									
Miscellaneous	<u>1,158</u>	6,721	1,333	8,124	14,983	4,313	49,341			84,815
Supply and service		1,321	33,878	7,792	67	159			3,308	46,525
Resaleables										
Cost of resales		41,619	15,217	878	1,937	4,160			842	64,653
Grange promotion				59	13	53	6,520	1,478		8,123
Community service program										
awards		7,350	159	61	609	208	176			8,563
Retirement plan		9,321								9,321
Contributions		625								625
Building management			18,985							18,985
Furniture and equipment		368								368
Interest expense		7,254								7,254
Miscellaneous expense		<u>1,085</u>								<u>1,085</u>
	<u>\$100,602</u>	<u>\$331,939</u>	<u>\$ 33,392</u>	<u>\$ 58,769</u>	<u>\$ 37,626</u>	<u>\$ 8,688</u>	<u>\$ 84,539</u>	<u>\$ 13,610</u>	<u>\$ 20,489</u>	<u>\$689,654</u>

THE NATIONAL GRANGE
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE — NATIONAL GRANGE BUILDING
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1980

Income		
Rentals		\$213,160
Expenses		
Wages and payroll taxes	\$34,287	
Real estate taxes	40,079	
Electricity, gas and water	41,894	
Building supplies	5,719	
Service contracts		
Janitorial	\$30,548	
Elevator	4,840	
Trash removal	1,645	
Inspections	<u>2,290</u>	39,323
Repairs and maintenance		28,215
Insurance		7,835
Fees		<u>6,057</u>
		<u>203,409</u>
Excess of income over expenses for the year ended September 30, 1980		\$ 9,751
Accumulated net income from building operations from June 1, 1960 to September 30, 1979		<u>267,585</u>
Accumulated net income from building operations through September 30, 1980		<u><u>\$277,336</u></u>

THE NATIONAL GRANGE
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES — COOKBOOK
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1980

Income		
Sales		\$270,940
Expenses		
Wages and payroll taxes	\$ 11,695	
Postage and delivery	26,308	
Telephone	282	
Supplies	1,624	
Travel	190	
Paper and printing	226,383	
Legal fees	<u>375</u>	
	<u>\$266,857</u>	
Inventory — Cost of cookbooks on hand, September 30, 1980	<u>101,268</u>	<u>165,589</u>
Excess of income over expenses		<u><u>\$105,351</u></u>

**THE NATIONAL GRANGE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 1980**

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 value for real estate tax purposes is \$1,708,000 for land and building.
5. Transactions regarding the transfer of September 1980 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, 1980.

B. The cash on hand and on deposit represents the following:

Riggs National Bank, Washington, D.C.	
Imprest account	\$126,267
Payroll account	2,666
Savings account	20,702
Century Club	1,293
Northampton National Bank, Northampton, Mass.	
Treasurer's account	491
First National Bank of Rochester, Rochester, N.H.	
Secretary's account	1,228
Guaranty Bank and Trust Co., Fairfax, Va.	
Women's activities committee	991
Granite Savings Bank and Trust Co., Barre, Vt.	
Lecturer's imprest fund	3,168
National Bank and Trust Company of Kennett Square, Kennett Square, Penn.	
Women's activities	8,346
Perpetual Federal Savings and Loan, Washington, D.C.	
Junior Grange Taber Forest Memorial Trust Fund	906
Washington Federal Savings and Loan Association, Washington, D.C.	
Deposit account	3,139
Petty cash	580
	<u>\$169,777</u>

C. Computation of funds advanced by the operating fund to the Grange building fund follows:

Balance October 1, 1979	\$173,477
Deduct:	
Building operating income — See page 7	9,751
Balance September 30, 1980	<u>\$163,726</u>

D. Loans payable represents the following bearing an interest rate of 10.5% per annum:

Pennsylvania State Grange due April 12, 1982	<u>\$ 30,423</u>
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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</i> <i>Oct. 1, 1979</i>	<i>Additions</i> <i>(Deductions)</i>	<i>Balances</i> <i>Sept. 30, 1980</i>
Junior Grange Taber Forest			
Memorial Trust Fund	\$ 989		
Interest added		\$ 51	
Expenses		(90)	\$ 950
North Dakota Fund	98		98
Women's activities fund	936		
Interest added		55	991
National Grange program			
for the deaf	39,517		
Receipts		417	
Expenses		(6,528)	33,406
Century Club	21,190		
Receipts		8,103	
Transfer to operating account		(28,000)	1,293
Women's activities			
Sewing contest			
Receipts		21,082	
Expenses		(18,965)	2,117
	<u>\$62,730</u>	<u>(\$23,875)</u>	<u>\$38,855</u>

**GRANGE FOUNDATION
STATE OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1980**

Balances on deposit October 1, 1979				\$33,461
Receipts				
Youth Leadership Fund				
Contributions		\$14,260		
Program for the deaf				
Contributions	\$9,363		13,272	
Songbooks	<u>3,909</u>		<u>2,240</u>	<u>29,772</u>
Interest received				<u>\$63,233</u>
Disbursements				
Youth Leadership Fund				
Young couple	\$2,276			
Youth team	986			
Travel scholarships	531			
Convention	7,248			
Prince and princess	4,750			
Grange interstate youth	400			
Washington conference	178			
Speaking contest	370			
Miscellaneous	103			
Expense advance	<u>(168)</u>	\$16,674		
Program for the Deaf				
Scholarships	\$3,060			
Songbooks	1,400			
Hearing dog	632			
Sing a song	<u>285</u>	<u>5,377</u>	<u>22,051</u>	
Balances on deposit September 30, 1980				
Riggs National Bank,				
Washington, D.C.		\$25,524		
Washington Federal Savings and Loan				
Association, Washington, D.C.		<u>15,658</u>	<u>\$41,182</u>	

Brother Ross Carter, Chairman of the Citizenship and Public Affairs Comm. presented a partial report of his committee.

The Grange closed in regular form in the 4th Degree at 4:15 P.M.

SECOND DAY

Tuesday Morning

November 11, 1980

The second day's Session of the one hundred and fourteenth annual Session of the National Grange opened in regular form in the 4th Degree at 9 A.M. with Worthy Master Edward Andersen in the chair. The roll call of officers found all present. The roll call of States found all represented.

The minutes of the first day's session were read and approved.

The Worthy Master and Brother Cross made several announcements.

Sister Margaret Richardson called attention to the banners displayed on the wall behind the Lecturer.

The Worthy High Priest announced that the rehearsal for the 7th Degree cast will be at 9:30 P.M. on Thursday.

The motion was made and supported to reconsider the Welfare Resolution on page

8 of the Citizenship and Public Affairs Committee for amendment. The resolution was adopted as amended.

Brother Lester Wallace, Chairman of the Agriculture comm. moved to release the adopted portion of the Agriculture comm. report to the press. The motion was seconded, and it was voted to release pages 13 through 29.

Brother Ross Carter, Chairman of the Citizenship and Public Affairs Comm. transferred several resolutions from his Comm. to other Committees.

Brother Frank Warner, Chairman of the Grange Law and Good of the Order Comm. presented a partial report of his committee.

The Worthy Secretary B. Franklin Hayes presented his report which was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates of the National Grange:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you my first report as your National Secretary.

The following is the report of organizations and reorganizations of Granges from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1980.

<i>State</i>	<i>Subordinate Organization</i>	<i>Pomona Organization</i>	<i>Junior Organization</i>	<i>Junior Reorganization</i>
Alaska	2			
California		1	1	
Colorado	1			
Idaho			2	
Indiana			1	
Maine	1		1	1
Maryland				1
Massachusetts			2	1
New York	1		1	3
Ohio			1	2
Oregon			2	
Vermont	2		1	
Virginia	1			
Washington			2	5
Total	8	1	14	13

The following is the Auditor's Report of the Secretary's accounts.

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

January 10, 1980

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

We have examined the secretary's account of Robert Proctor of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry for the period October 1, 1979 to November 18, 1979 and submit herewith a statement of cash receipts and disbursements.

In our opinion the attached statement presents fairly the cash receipts and disbursements of the secretary's account of Robert Proctor of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry for the period October 1, 1979 to November 18, 1979.

G. P. GRAHAM & COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

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4600 North Fairfax Drive
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October 31, 1980

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

We have examined the secretary's accounts of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry for the fiscal year October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1980 and submit herewith a statement of cash receipts and disbursements and related schedule of fees and dues received.

In our opinion the attached statement presents fairly the cash receipts and disbursements of the secretary's accounts of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry for the fiscal year October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1980.

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, 1980**

Cash on deposit		\$	300.00
Receipts			
Charter Fees	\$	170.00	
Junior Dues		5,177.55	
Subordinate Dues		694,223.35	
Sixth Degree Fees		6,053.50	
Seventh Degree Fees		41,180.00	
Interest — Savings Account		927.77	
Miscellaneous		122.25	747,854.42
			<u>\$748,154.42</u>
Disbursements			
National Treasurer			\$746,926.65
Cash on Deposit September 30, 1980			1,227.77
Savings Account		927.77	
Checking Account		300.00	1,227.77
			<u>1,227.77</u>

**THE NATIONAL GRANGE OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY
NATIONAL SECRETARY'S OFFICES
SCHEDULE OF FEES AND DUES RECEIVED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1980**

	<i>Junior Dues</i>	<i>Subordinate Dues</i>	<i>Sixth Degree Fees</i>
Alaska	\$ 7.50	\$ 284.75	
Arizona		38.40	
Arkansas		845.75	\$ 7.50
California	124.80	80,151.90	324.00
Colorado	90.20	16,778.05	37.50
Connecticut	122.90	29,516.40	241.50
Delaware	41.20	2,265.75	39.00
Florida	23.50	2,169.80	4.50
Idaho	25.50	17,837.20	81.00
Illinois	82.90	5,627.90	37.50
Indiana	20.50	2,915.20	30.00
Iowa	31.10	2,225.20	42.00
Kansas	40.80	7,576.50	25.50
Maine	198.00	28,161.90	279.00
Maryland	49.60	2,175.20	93.00
Massachusetts	206.50	23,565.75	168.00
Michigan	32.00	6,336.60	34.50
Minnesota		986.50	436.50
Missouri	6.80	2,119.10	
Montana	12.80	2,448.25	34.00
Nebraska	2.60	1,694.60	19.50
Nevada		76.80	
New Hampshire	113.20	16,595.15	109.50
New Jersey	109.90	7,960.10	16.50
New York	1,111.40	52,581.40	387.00
North Carolina	32.25	19,415.55	45.00
Ohio	919.90	84,770.00	.50
Oklahoma		1,529.35	6.00
Oregon	280.60	52,099.25	492.00
Potomac Grange No. 1		180.50	
Pennsylvania	783.00	72,734.45	2,311.50
Rhode Island	108.00	4,656.70	42.00
South Carolina	19.00	8,041.35	
South Dakota	4.00	220.90	
Tennessee	35.90	873.15	4.50
Texas	19.70	2,343.50	15.00
Vermont	241.10	9,516.90	81.00
Virginia	38.30	1,106.95	22.50
Washington	177.00	120,761.70	508.50
West Virginia	19.10	1,274.80	25.50
Wisconsin	36.40	827.90	
Wyoming	9.60	936.25	6.00
	<u>\$5,177.55</u>	<u>\$694,223.35</u>	<u>\$6,053.50</u>

RECOGNITIONS

The Golden Sheaf and Seal program continues to be a steady project. We issued Certificate Number 54577 the last of September. Exactly 2000 Certificates were issued this past year.

The Silver Star Certificates are not issued from my office, but come from the Grange Headquarters in Washington, D.C., to the State Secretaries.

Sixth Degree Certificates are issued from my office, and are sent to State Grange Secretaries upon receipt of the candidate list and the fee of \$1.50 per candidate.

CERTIFICATES AND SEALS ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE

	<i>October, 1979 to Sept. 30, 1980</i>	<i>More or Less than 1979</i>	<i>Total Issued to date</i>
50 yr. or Golden Sheaf	2,000	291 more	54,577
*55 yr. Seal	700		
*60 yr. Seal	622		
*65 yr. Seal	289		
*70 yr. Seal	119		
*75 yr. Certificate	48	13 more	
*80 yr. Letter	2	6 less	
6th Degree	<u>3,332</u>	276 more	598,336
TOTAL	7,112		

* Issued since November 18, 1979

RESOLUTION FOR RATIFICATION

Payment of Dues

Resolved, Chapter IV, Article VIII Section 4, Page 24, "Dues" in the 1976 National Grange Digest be amended so that following the words "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".

Results

Arkansas	Yes	New Hampshire	No
California	No	New Jersey	Yes
Colorado	No	New York	No
Connecticut	No	North Carolina	No
Delaware	Yes	Ohio	No
Florida	Yes	Oklahoma	No
Idaho	Yes	Oregon	No
Illinois	No	Pennsylvania	No
Indiana	Yes	Rhode Island	Yes
Iowa	No	South Carolina	No
Kansas	Yes	Tennessee	Yes
Maine	No	Texas	Yes
Maryland	Yes	Vermont	No
Massachusetts	No	Virginia	No
Michigan	No	Washington	No
Minnesota	Yes	West Virginia	Yes
Missouri	No	Wisconsin	Yes
Montana	No	Wyoming	No
Nebraska	No		

TOTAL: Yes-14 No-23 Not Adopted

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, 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 State Granges may lower the fee for Junior Grangers graduating into a Subordinate Grange."

Arkansas	Yes	New Hampshire	Yes
California	No	New Jersey	Yes
Colorado	No	New York	Yes
Connecticut	yes	North Carolina	Yes
Delaware	No	Ohio	Yes
Florida	Yes	Oklahoma	No
Idaho	Yes	Oregon	Yes
Illinois	Yes	Pennsylvania	Yes
Indiana	No	Rhode Island	Yes
Iowa	Yes	South Carolina	No
Kansas	No	Tennessee	Yes
Maine	Yes	Texas	No
Maryland	Yes	Vermont	Yes
Massachusetts	Yes	Virginia	Yes
Michigan	Yes	Washington	Yes
Minnesota	Yes	West Virginia	Yes
Missouri	No	Wisconsin	Yes
Montana	Yes	Wyoming	No
Nebraska	Yes		

RATIFICATION RESULTS

Yes - 27

No - 10

Fraternally submitted,
B. FRANKLIN HAYES

The Worthy Treasurer Vernon P. West presented his report which was accepted and order printed in the Journal.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER

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

I am happy to submit my annual report, which includes the total receipts from the National Secretary, for dues and fees from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1980. All checks drawn were upon authorization of the National Master.

Balance of cash on hand as of October 1, 1979 None

Receipts from the National Secretary
from October 1, 1979 to September 30, 1980 \$721,837.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Checks sent to the National Grange Imprest Fund \$721,345.55
Balance on hand — September 30, 1980 \$491.45

Fraternally submitted,
Vernon P. West, *Treasurer*

Brother James Ross, Secretary of the Agriculture Comm. presented a partial report of that committee in absence of the Chairman Brother Wallace who came in and took over a short time later.

Brother Frank Warner, Chairman of the Grange Law and Good of the Order Comm. presented a partial report of his committee.

Recess at 12 noon for lunch

The Grange reconvened at 1:30, and the Worthy Master made several announcements concerning tickets for banquets.

Brother Warner continued his partial report on Grange Law and Good of the Order Comm.

At this time there was much discussion concerning the metric system resolutions, and they were finally referred to the Citizenship and Public Affairs Committee for further consideration.

It was voted to release the Agriculture report adopted during the morning session.

Brother Edwin Koster, Chairman of the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, presented a partial report of his comm.

Brother Marvin Purdy, Chairman of the Transportation Committee presented a partial report of his comm.

Brother Lester Wallace, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, presented a partial report of his comm.

Sister Harriet Guthrie, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, presented a partial report of her comm.

Brother Ross Carter, Chairman of the Citizenship and Public Affairs Comm. presented a partial report of his Comm.

Brother Rodman Myers reported on his attending the Pennsylvania State Grange Session where he presented a Past Master's Sash to Brother John Scott, Past Master of the National Grange. Brother Scott sent best wishes for a successful session.

Sister Doris DuLac, Chairman of the Education and Health Committee, presented a partial report of her comm.

At this time announcements were made of committee meetings to be held following the banquet.

The Grange closed in full form in the fourth degree at 5:35 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. the National Grange Mutual Insurance Company hosted a Harvest Banquet for officers, delegates, and invited guests.

NATIONAL GRANGE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Keene, New Hampshire

Report to the National Grange

November 11, 1980

Worthy National Master, National Officers, Delegates, Brother and Sister Patrons:

This evening, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to the memory of a man well known in Grange circles throughout the land. Fred B. Dole had many great accomplishments in the service roles he performed for his community, the Grange, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the National Grange Mutual Insurance Company. We salute his long career, which included his being a member of our Board of Directors and Vice President of Grange Relations. The genial personality and sensible instincts of this fine gentleman will be greatly missed. Fred Dole was, and will continue to be, an inspiration and continuing influence in our work with the Grange Fraternity.

1979 was a year in which social and economic factors had a severe impact on National Grange Mutual's ability to make a profit from the sale of insurance. Our insurance operations lost \$6.9 million. The unsatisfactory results were created primarily by the automobile lines of business which constitutes 74% of the business we write.

Although the number of losses declined during the year, the average size of each loss increased substantially. This is a reflection of both the economic and social inflation experienced in the settlement of losses and claims. Our results continue to be impacted severely by the amount of automobile business we must accept from the Automobile Insurance plans and the Automobile Insurance Facilities. These Plans were created to

provide coverage for a driver who wasn't acceptable voluntarily by an insurance company. This has had a particularly adverse effect on a regional company such as National Grange Mutual, as many of the states in which we operate have a very large unprofitable mandatory automobile market.

The need for more adequate rates is particularly important as a company experiences adverse results. Inflation in 1979 was the highest recorded in the last 33 years — 13.3%. This increased our operating and claims settlement costs faster than our premiums could grow.

Once rates fall behind inflation, as they have in recent years, companies are forced into a catch-up position and, thus, must file for larger increases, which some regulators reject in the face of consumer dissatisfaction. An insurance company's product, unlike that of most other businesses, is priced on data from past experience which, in inflationary times, results in inadequate pricing.

A recent study by the Alliance of American Insurers showed that it would cost \$25,458 in parts and labor to replace a wrecked 1980 U.S. compact automobile, that could be purchased new for \$6,018. Obviously none of us would ever pay four times the original cost to completely rebuild a demolished automobile. But, that in fact is what your insurance company is required to do, because that is the way we must pay for repairing your damaged automobile — piece by piece! These findings dramatically illustrate how the high costs of repairing automobile damage is reflected in your costs of Collision, Comprehensive and Property Damage Liability insurance.

Property losses exceeded \$2 billion annually. Of this amount, arson contributed a significant proportion. The hidden costs of arson multiply these figures many times; jobs are lost; the tax base is eroded; more public money is needed for firefighters and police protection. The economic costs of arson pale in comparison to the high toll in human misery. Over 1,000 lives are lost due to incendiary fires each year. No one knows how many serious injuries are caused nor how many families are burned out of their homes, but these figures run into the thousands each year.

Our life insurance affiliate, Maine Fidelity Life Insurance Company, generated over \$212 million in life insurance sales in 1979,

bringing the total insurance in force to more than \$526 million. Premiums exceeded \$3.6 million, an increase of nearly 80%. Currently licensed to do business in 30 states, MFL continues to expand and grow in their service to the public.

As we look forward into the 1980's, the NGM Group recognizes that there are bound to be problems but it also recognizes the great potential for many opportunities. We believe that the steps we are taking will effectively respond to the multiple needs generated by the changing environment in which we live. What are these steps? Or, really, what is *new* at NGM?

We began the installation of a consolidated information system. This is a system which centralizes our record retrieval and more effectively utilizes our computer resources. What differences will we notice when CIS is in place and working?

The first, most noticeable difference will be the appearance of computer terminals at many of our desks and work stations. A computer terminal is simply a typewriter keyboard with a television screen (called a Cathode-Ray Tube-CRT) attached. It is the device by which we communicate with the computer.

The second most important difference is the way in which many of our associates will be performing their daily tasks, by using these terminals and the computer.

For example, let's say that an underwriter receives a telephone call from you or your agent with a question concerning your policy. Instead of requesting the underwriting file and possibly having to return the telephone call later in the day, the underwriter could turn to the computer terminal, type in your policy number and automatically the declarations page of the policy would appear as a picture on the CRT screen — all within a matter of seconds. This provides faster and better service for policyholders.

We embarked on a formal Work Management Program. This will effectively enable our employees to work smarter, to increase productivity.

We are continuing to refine and improve our formal corporate planning process, which is assisting us to more effectively manage and control all aspects of our business.

A new member was recently elected to the Board of Directors. He is Mr. Norman E. Brackett, a Vice President of Management

Services for Hanneford Brothers of South Portland, Maine, and a graduate of Bates College, with a M.B.A. in finance from Boston University. Mr. Brackett is a member of the National Association of Accountants and a corporator of the Maine Savings Bank.

Since its founding in 1923, National Grange Mutual has over the years built a tradition of continuing cooperation with the Grange Fraternity. NGM's cooperative activities with the State Granges in its area of operation have seen many programs designed to further the good of the order.

Some of you may recall "Pride In State," "Hail To America," "Hello Neighbor," and "Action" programs. In 1978, we decided to move into a series of programs, dealing with a subject important, not only to Grange members, but important to NGM as a writer of property and casualty insurance. That subject was safety.

In 1978, we introduced *Project: Safety*. This was a contest for Subordinate Granges in our operating territory who performed notable safety projects. Cash awards were made to the State Grange and to the three winning Subordinate Granges in each state. In 1979, this was followed by *Working Together . . . for Safety* and, in 1980, we are sponsoring *Working Together . . . Toward a Safer Community*.

Two benefits of these contests are increased local visibility for the Grange and the reduction of death and injuries due to accidents and the reduction of property losses from all causes. The competition is designed to stimulate subordinate Granges to propose programs of education, participation and demonstration, that will help prevent losses in the home, place of work and the community.

The new contest, *Working Together . . . Toward a Safer Community*, requires that: the safety projects selected by each Subordinate Grange must benefit the community, and summary reports must be filed with the State Grange Master, no later than August 1, 1981.

Cash prizes of \$150, \$75 and \$25, respectively, and plaques will be presented to three winning Granges in each state. Certificates will also be awarded to all other participating Granges recognizing their efforts in promoting safety.

The State Granges have already received an initial award, which can be duplicated at

the close of the contest, based upon the percentage of participation by Subordinate Granges in the state.

Under *Project: Safety*, we found that in at least two states, the program was credited with membership gains because townspeople were so impressed by the efforts of the Grange in doing something positive for the community, that they wanted to become involved.

In *Project: Safety and Working Together . . . for Safety*, Grangers were instrumental in promoting all sorts of programs, running from first aid, fire safety, the funding of fire trucks and manning of emergency squads, to lobbying for and affecting the elimination of a dangerous highway intersection. Over 500 safety projects were reported in both contest, which involved thousands of people, Granger and non-Granger alike.

NGM provides the exclusive Grange Shield Programs at a combined premium savings of over \$300,000 to these Granges who choose to purchase coverage from NGM. More than 20,000 Grange officers are bonded under our Grange Officer Bond Burglary Shield which protects them and their Granges against loss from destruction or disappearance of money and securities. Our Grange Liability Regalia Shield, designed for Granges, covers 2,000 Subordinate and Pomona Grange meeting places in the regions that NGM serves.

Responding to requests from lecturers for insurance reference material, NGM initiated a White Paper Program, to provide a series of insurance related topics, furnishing information about the industry and its products. Two papers, "A Personal Plan" and "Your Most Valuable Possession — Your Home" are listed as program reference material, in the current National Lecturer's Bulletin. This service is available free to all lecturers or any Granger requesting the information.

As we move into the decade of the 80's, NGM is pleased to continue its tradition of cooperation with the Order, not only in the Shield programs and the contests I have described, but in other areas as well:

In reporting at State and National Grange Sessions on the progress of the Company and the products we provide.

By supporting State Grange publications through our advertising programs.

By providing personal and business in-

insurance service for Patrons, through a sales force of independent professional agents, many of whom serve the Fraternity in multiple ways like State Masters George Grobusky, and Vernon West and National Lecturer Kermit Richardson, all of whom are with us this evening.

Thank you for allowing us to maintain this close liaison between the Fraternity and the NGM Group, for the mutual benefit of all.

Respectfully submitted,
Constantine R. Egounis
Assistant Secretary
Grange Liaison Officer

THIRD DAY
Wednesday Morning
November 12, 1980

The third day's Session of the one hundred and fourteenth annual Session of the National Grange opened in regular form in the 4th Degree at 9 A.M. with Worthy Master Edward Andersen in the chair. The roll call of officers found all present. The roll call of States found all represented.

The minutes of the second day's session were read and approved.

The Worthy Master informed the delegates and officers that the three chairs being used by the graces are loaned to us by Jonesmill Grange of Iowa who celebrated their one hundredth birthday in 1972.

It was voted to release partial reports of the following committees to the press: Foreign Affairs Committee, pages 2 and 3; Citizenship and Public Affairs Committee, one page; Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, 2 to 12; Transportation, pages 2 to 6.

It was voted to reconsider resolutions on "Medical Use of Marijuana," "Legalization of Marijuana" in the Education and Health Committee, after much discussion it was voted to return the two resolutions to the committee.

Delegates, Officers, Insurance Company Representatives and Staff were invited to the exhibit rooms for a reception and advance showing of the departmental exhibits at 10:30 p.m. This opportunity to view the exhibits was enjoyed and appreciated by those attending.

It was voted to release the remainder of the report of the Education and Health Committee to the press.

Worthy Lecturer Kermit W. Richardson presented the Community Service Contest Report and announced the winners of the 1979-1980 Contest. The winners were:

1st Place:

Montgomery Grange No. 442 \$1000
P.O. Box 331
Round Mountain, California 96084

2nd Place:

Stillwater Grange No. 107 \$500
43 Ponderosa Drive
Kalispell, Montana 59901

3rd Place:

Millers Mill Grange No. 581 \$300
R.D. 1
West Winfield, New York 13491

4th Place:

Marvel Grange No. 479 \$200
10315 County Road 100
Hesperus, Colorado 81236

REPORT OF 1980 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

Worthy Master, Officers of the National Grange, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters, at this 114th Annual Session of the National Grange:

It is indeed a privilege to report to you on the 1980 Community Service Award Program. This past year there were a total of 1008 entries in the Community Service

Award Program. Reports received from States indicate that approximately 65% of those Granges that entered filed final reports. I am also pleased to report to you that every Grange qualified for consideration in the Awards.

The National Judging occurred on October 8 and 9 in Washington, D.C. with the following three judges:

Coleman Harris, Executive Director, Future Farmers of America

Roy Battles, Executive Secretary, Agricultural Relations Council

Jim Miller, Assistant Legislative Director, The National Grange

The reports from the State were excellent and required a great deal of study and consideration by the Judges before the winners were chosen.

There were a total of 345 points available, with the winner receiving 301 points; it is also important to note that there were only 54 points separating the First and Fourth Place winners.

One of the primary comments of the judges was a need for Granges to reach out more into the community with the Community Service Projects, to definitely establish community need, and involve other people and other organizations. This concern will be reflected in the Community Service Program material which will be mailed in December to Subordinate Secretaries.

Some of the major projects were as follows:

- First Aid Training
- Recycling Projects
- Projects for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Work Within State Hospitals and Other Medical Facilities
- Community Projects of Learning and Entertainment
- Improvement and Education in Highway Safety
- Water Safety Projects
- Health Clinics
- Annual Pet Vaccination Projects

and many others, both of a short- and long-term nature. The detailed reports which we have received from the State I am sure will be of assistance to us in securing outside sponsors.

This next year we will be cooperating with the National Red Cross in three particular projects: CPR, Water Safety, and First Aid for Foreign Body Obstruction of the Airway. We have been assured by the Red Cross of their full and complete cooperation in these programs.

I do appreciate very much State Masters appointing Chairmen. If at this time we do not have your State Chairman, I do hope that you will give us that information.

There will be quite a bit of revision for the new program both in content and at the same time we will specifically list the rules for the 1980-81 Program.

I would like to personally thank each one of you for your support of the 1980 Community Service Award Program.

Fraternally yours,
Kermit W. Richardson
National Lecturer

Brother Koster, Master of the California State Grange stated that this was the first time that his state has qualified in the Community Service Contest, and expressed his great pleasure at having the first place national winner in his state.

It was announced that today was the birthday of C. Jerome Davis, High Priest of Demeter, Brother Robert Smith, Master of Nebraska State Grange, and Wilma Purdy, First Lady of Oklahoma State Grange and everybody sang "Happy Birthday" to them.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Brother Richardson, Brother Steel, Sister Buffington, and Sister Crancross for allowing us to have an early viewing of the exhibits.

Brother Vernon West commented on the Community Citizen Award and Public Service Award Program, and the Worthy National Lecturer commented further on the program.

The delegates proceeded to vote to elect one member of the Executive Committee for the constitutional term of four years, and Brother Jack Silvers of Washington was re-elected to the Executive Committee of the National Grange. Brother Silvers thanked the delegates for their vote of confidence.

Brother Lester Wallace, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, presented the re-

mainder of the Committee Report. It was voted to accept the entire Agriculture Committee Report, and it was ordered printed in the Journal.

The Worthy Master reported that the mother of Brother William Lewis had passed away, and Brother Lewis had returned to his home in Alaska.

The Worthy Master also announced that

Brother and Sister Cross had returned home because of an accident to a family member.

Brother D. Vincent Andrews, Chairman of the Labor and Judiciary Committee, presented a partial report of that committee.

The Grange recessed for lunch at 11:50 A.M.

Lunch for Delegates, Officers and invited guests.

THE REPORT OF THE FARMERS AND TRADERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Friends:

It is appropriate that an organization that was founded by the Grange should present a report of its activities to this annual session. We are pleased to be invited to do so.

No one need be reminded that the period since our last report has been a trying one. Energy is a constant concern, inflation continues to take its toll, we are told we are in a period of recession. Life insurance companies have experienced a continuing increase in the cost of doing business and have had to deal with heavier than usual demands for loans and cash value on policies. In spite of these and other management challenges, F & T Life recorded another good year in sales and policyholder service. At the end of 1979, F & T Life had \$596,901,867 of life insurance in force, a 325% increase over the amount in force just 20 years ago. Our admitted assets were up 250% over 1959 and stood at an all time high of 123,062,269.

The new home office services have been added to provide better service to our agents and policyholders alike. Recognizing the need to provide stenographic services with greater efficiency, the company established a Word Processing Program. Simply stated, word processing is the integration of people, equipment and procedures to produce higher quality, lower cost business communications. Through the use of automatic typewriters using magnetic cards with memory capability, it is possible to record the letter, form or report being typed. The system has great versatility. It can even write checks paying company bills, as well as dividends, policy loans and claim payments to policyholders.

Another addition is our mini-computer.

During 1979, a Wang Laboratory computer was installed in the home office and is being used extensively by the company's Actuarial Department in the administration of clients pension and profit sharing plans. It is also used to perform dividend and reserve calculations, various types of administrative record keeping, and is an aid in developing new cost competitive products.

At F & T Life, we're keeping up with the times and even a bit ahead of it.

As a part of this report, we want to add a few words of caution and advice regarding replacing life insurance policies. Recently, all life companies have experienced a rash of policy terminations and replacements. We suggest that while there are instances where policy replacement may be justified, generally speaking, the life insurance policy you already own is usually your best buy.

This does not mean you should not buy additional protection to meet increased needs and responsibilities. It does mean, however, that very seldom is it to your best interest to replace a policy that's in force with a new one. Here are a few facts to consider:

1. Your present policy will usually have a lower premium than is required on a new policy of the same type, if for no other reason than you have grown older in the meantime.
2. Even if both your in force policy and the proposed replacement policy provide dividends, it will probably be years before the dividends paid you under the new policy will equal those under your present policy.
3. If you replace a cash value policy with a new policy of the same type, the cash value under the new policy may be rela-

tively small or non-existent for several years. Seldom, if ever, will the new policy's cash value be as large as that provided by your original policy at any given age.

4. You may be required to wait one or two years before the replacement policy passes through the contestable period set forth by the issuing company in the policy.

For these and other reasons, you should give careful consideration to replacing a valuable asset-cash value life insurance. Take time to investigate, seek counsel. Protect and safeguard the values of the in force life insurance policies you own.

Turning to support programs, since its inception in 1914, F & T Life has provided a variety of programs from which both the company and the Grange have benefited. We will be pleased to offer these traditional programs again in 1981, including advertising support in State Grange papers and the compensation program. It is our hope that such support will serve to help strengthen and

expand the programs and membership of our great order.

Thank you for the privilege of providing this annual report. The Officers, Directors, and all connected with F & T Life extend their best wishes for another outstanding year of service through the Grange.

Fraternally submitted,
Roderick C. Sager
President & Chief Executive Officer

Reconvened at 1:45 for the afternoon Session.

Brother Frank Warner, Chairman of the Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee, presented a partial report of that committee.

Brother William Pearl, Past Master of the Connecticut State Grange, and Vice President of Patrons Mutual Insurance Company of Connecticut, presented the report of his Company on behalf of Robert K. Mitchell, President, who was unable to be with us.

REPORT OF PATRONS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Worthy Master, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters:

May and I are sorry that May's health does not permit us to make the trip to Cedar Rapids. The Patrons Mutual Insurance Company has had a good ten months in 1980. Indications are that premiums will be nearly four million for 1980. 1969 was the first year Patrons wrote a million in premiums. This is a four hundred percent growth in just over ten years. Looking forward to the turn of the century, our Patrons Company could be writing 50 million in premiums.

Our Centennial program will be in 1987. We are looking forward to celebrating this 100th Anniversary. Our goals: Premium — 10 million, Surplus — 3 million.

The first nine months premiums for 1980 were \$2,825,692. This represented a 19% gain over 1979.

Our homeowner policies are now computer written, an important step forward for the company and the agents. Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Company writes a special farm-owners policy which has com-

plete farm homeowner coverage on homes, barns, cattle, machinery and liability.

A Growth and Marketing Committee has been appointed for promoting additional coverages such as General Liability, Business Owners Umbrella, Replacement Cost for Homeowners Contents, and also Earthquake Coverage is being considered because of the shock we had recently in Connecticut.

Patrons Mutual Insurance Company writes homeowner policies at a profit to the customer and allows a 10% no loss credit on renewals. It also provides Grange members without charge, up to \$5,000 Flood and Underground Water Damage. Patrons has not increased the rates in spite of high repair costs due to inflation. Members of the Grange are better risks and have fewer losses. We must realize that repair costs for dwellings have been inflated 2½ times since 1967.

Patrons Mutual Insurance Company is truly a Grange Company. All Directors are Grange members and include the Master and four Past Masters of the Connecticut State Grange and the Master and Past Master of the Massachusetts State Grange. Pa-

trons contribute \$5,000 to Grange programs in Connecticut and Massachusetts. This includes our Patrons Insurance Breakfast in Connecticut and Massachusetts and the Matrons and Patrons Dinner to honor the efforts of our Matrons and Patrons of the Junior Granges. The Patrons Mutual Insurance Company Building is at 769 Hebron Avenue in Glastonbury, Connecticut. It is also the home of the Connecticut State Grange and the Grange services office which includes the Grange Credit Union, with assets of \$500,000 and nearly 1,000 members, and the Grange Blue Cross and Blue Shield which handles over \$1,500,000 in premiums a year.

National Master Edward Andersen was the guest of the Connecticut State Grange and May and I had the privilege of taking him to the Patrons Office, where he was entertained by our Executive Vice President, Alden Ives.

We share with you this report for 1980 and our vision for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert K. Mitchell, President
Patrons Mutual Insurance Company
Glastonbury, Connecticut

It was voted to release the final report of the Agriculture Committee.

Brother Marvin Purdy, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, presented the final report of his committee. It was voted to accept the entire Transportation Committee Report, and it was ordered printed in the Journal.

Sister Doris DuLac, Chairman of the Education and Health Committee, presented a partial report of her committee.

Brother Forest Farris, Chairman of the Taxation and Fiscal Policy Committee presented a partial report of his Committee.

Sister Dorothy Shireman, Chairman of the Grange Activities Committee, presented a partial report of her Committee.

Brother C. Jerome Davis, High Priest of Demeter, reminded the cast again of the rehearsal for the Seventh Degree, Thursday evening at 9:30

The Grange recessed at 5:05 P.M.

Banquet for Delegates, Officers and invited guests.

REPORT OF NATIONAL GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY

For those of you who may not know me, let me introduce myself. My name is Lowell Roth, Plan Manager for the Grange Sponsored Auto Insurance Program, underwritten by National General Insurance Co., your host for tonight's dinner.

This Sponsored Auto Insurance program began in February 1979 with 5 states participating. I am pleased to say that in less than 2 years the number of states participating has grown to 19. The 19 states sponsoring this program for their members are:

Alaska	Wayne County, NC
Florida	Ohio
Illinois	Oklahoma
Indiana	Pennsylvania
Iowa	Tennessee
Kansas	Texas
Maine	Virginia
Maryland	W. Virginia
Michigan	Wisconsin
Missouri	

As most of you know, the auto program is one where Grange members (and you must be a member to qualify) may insure their autos, pick-up trucks, and recreational vehicles — all on one policy.

The benefits of this program are numerous:

- * Attractive rates — a valuable benefit for members providing them with opportunity to realize a savings
- * Comprehensive coverages — including unlimited towing and road service and special recreational vehicle coverages
- * Personalized efficient service — achieved by the use of toll-free telephone service from anywhere in the United States. Members are encouraged to call regarding service, rate quotations, etc.
- * Speedy Claim Service — Claims are processed by knowledgeable and experienced

claims personnel with the follow-up on all claims service.

- * No age discrimination — There is no discrimination to the senior citizen. The basis of acceptability is driving record alone. Age is not a negative factor.
- * Small Company — Small enough to provide personal, friendly service. If disagreements arise, members are encouraged to discuss their problem with senior management.
- * Experienced Rating — where state laws permit rates are determined by the experience record of the group.
- * Membership benefit — Surveys have shown benefits such as this auto program are helpful in attracting new members and in retaining old members.
- * Promotional allowance — a promotional allowance is paid to the sponsoring State Grange to help defray their expenses of promoting the program.

Through the first three quarters of this year, there were 700 members participating in this program which resulted in a promotional allowance of \$8,577.00 being returned to the sponsoring states.

The 19 participating states have a collective membership of approximately 65,000, so as you can see in less than 2 years, we have progressed — but we still have a long way to go.

This program has a great potential — like a sleeping giant — let me explain.

In this age of inflation, finances are of concern to all of us. Just the other day, I read where one State Grange newsletter was being suspended due to budget limitations.

Ladies & Gentlemen, this auto program can be a big help to you. For example, consider what has been accomplished by one of our other groups.

The NRLCA has a national membership of 60,000 (a little less than the 65,000 members in the 19 Grange States).

Last year, the NRLCA plan had 27% membership participation. You might ask how was this accomplished?

- 1) We do an annual mailing to their membership soliciting their inquiries as we also do with the Grange.

- 2) Promotional ads appear monthly in their publications.

- 3) And last, but probably the single most important factor is their local promotional efforts.

They talk up the insurance program at local meetings and even appoint an insurance rep to promote to other members.

Local promotion is the most productive of all methods.

There is one State Master present here this evening who has done an exceptional job of promoting this auto program in his state.

Although his state membership is small, he and his Grange have succeeded in achieving 25% member participation in less than 2 years. I have asked Marvin Purdy of Oklahoma if he will share with all of us some of his successful ways.

Again, I would like to thank each of you for being our guest this evening. I will be here Thursday and Friday — please call on me to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

Lowell Roth, Plan Manager
National General Ins. Co.

Reconvened at 7:00 P.M. for the evening Session, and Sister Shireman continued with the Grange Activities Committee report.

Brother Edwin Koster, Chairman of the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, presented the remainder of his Committee report. It was voted to accept the entire report, and ordered printed in the Journal.

Brother Francis Guthrie, Master of the Colorado State Grange, asked for personal privilege to introduce his delegation from Colorado.

Brother Vernon West, Chairman of the Audit and Budget Committee, presented a partial report of his committee.

Sister Harriet Guthrie, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, presented a partial report of her Committee.

The following State Masters asked for personal privilege to introduce the delegation attending the Session from their respective states: Robert Smith, Nebraska; David Wedding, Missouri; Vernon West, Massachusetts; John Maple, New Jersey; Lloyd Massey,

North Carolina; James Ross, Ohio; James Shores, Maine; Forest Farris, Montana; W. C. Harris, Oregon; Harold Bergeron, Vermont; Russell Stauffer, Illinois; Philip Shattuck, New Hampshire; Edwin Koster, California; Edward Moody, Kansas; Frank Warner, Connecticut; Morris Halladay, New York; Francis Silveira, Rhode Island;

John Hall, West Virginia; Charles Wismer, Pennsylvania; Adel Brendemuhl, Minnesota; and Ross Carter, Texas.

Several committee chairmen requested their members to attend meetings this evening.

The Grange closed in full form in the 4th Degree at 9:00 P.M.

FOURTH DAY

Thursday Morning

November 13, 1980

7:00 A.M. Youth breakfast for youth of the Grange, National officers, delegates and invited guests.

The fourth day's Session of the one hundred and fourteenth annual Session of the National Grange opened in regular form in the 4th Degree at 9 A.M. with Worthy Master Edward Andersen in the chair. The roll call of officers found all present. The roll call of States found all represented except Maryland.

The minutes of the third day's session were read and approved.

At this time the Worthy Master announced that the session was ready to receive invitations for the National Session in 1985.

An invitation was extended by Brother Koster to meet in the State of California, and by Brother Harris to meet in the State of Oregon in 1985.

On a roll call of States it was voted to hold the 119th Annual Session in 1985 in the State of Oregon.

The Worthy Master requested that the following Masters be conducted to the right of his station: Brother Guthrie, Colorado; Brother Tate, Idaho; Brother Myers, Maryland; Brother Purdy, Oklahoma; Brother Silvers, Washington; Brother Buell, Wyoming; and Brother Choate, Potomac No. 1 and they were presented with an award for having a net gain in membership during the past year.

Sister Dorothy Shireman Chairman of the Grange Activities Comm. gave the final report of her committee, and it was voted to accept the report and ordered printed in the Journal.

The Worthy Secretary read an anonymous

resolution concerning the equality of men and women in the Grange.

Brother Frank Warner, Chairman of Grange Law and Good of the Order presented a partial report of his committee.

Sister Cross asked for special privilege to thank her two daughters, Imogene and Mickey, for their valuable assistance in preparing for this Session.

It was voted to release the report of the conservation committee to the press.

Brother Ross Carter, Chairman of the Citizenship and Public Affairs committee, presented a partial report of his committee.

Brother Delwin Cross requested State Masters who had candidates for the fifth and sixth degrees to report the number of candidates to him.

The Grange recessed at 12:00 noon.

Past Delegates luncheon.

Reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

It was voted to release the following committee reports to the press: Education and Health; Citizenship and Public Affairs, page 11; Taxation and Fiscal Policy, pages 2-7; Labor and Judiciary, Foreign Affairs.

Sister Betty Hall, the Worthy Flora, introduced the following Past Delegates to the Assembly. Lewis and Mildred Kline, Kansas; Rexford and Hazel Smith, Massachusetts; Frank and Dorothea Sutton, West Virginia; William and Mary Pearl, Connecticut; J. Alfred Lawson, Rhode Island; Kingsley and Betty Beecher, Connecticut; Stanton and Clara Garr, Missouri; Ed and Ruth Hadley, Iowa; Loren and Gladys Murphy, Iowa; Dale and Opal Paris, Iowa; Donald and Ruth Peck, Connecticut; William and Alice Pearson, Minnesota; James and Agnes Ingwersen, Kansas; Harold Pace, Iowa; Ed-

ward and Darlene Andersen, Nebraska; Kermit and Margaret Richardson, Vermont; B. Franklin and Virginia Hayes, New Hampshire; Edgar and Betty Hall, West Virginia; Daryl and Elizabeth Lowry, Vermont; C. Jerome and Ethel Davis, Indiana; J. Luther and Fae Snyder, Pennsylvania and Richard and Patty Carncross, Michigan.

The Worthy Secretary read two telegrams that had been sent by the National Master, and a letter from Past National Master John Scott and Dorothy.

TELEGRAM

TO: Thomas O'Neil, Speaker, U. S. House of Representatives, Wash., D.C.

Tom Foley, Chairman, Agriculture Committee, U.S. House of Reps., Wash., D.C.

The National Grange assembled in their 114th Annual Meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, urgently request that H.R. 7548, Farm Credit Act Amendments, be considered by the House of Representatives during this Session of the 96th Congress. No other legislation is so important to U. S. Agriculture. It should not be delayed until the 97th Congress.

Respectfully,
A. Edward Andersen, Master
The National Grange

TELEGRAM

TO: President Jimmy Carter, The White House, Washington, D.C.

The National Grange assembled in their 114th Annual Meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on November 13, 1980, joins with the Alaska Grange Council in urgently requesting that you sign the Alaska Lands Bill. The legislation is a reasonable compromise between environmentalists and resource development and deserves your support and the support of the American people.

Respectfully,
A. Edward Andersen, Master
The National Grange
5213 Terrace Road
Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055
Nov. 10, 1980

Worthy Officers and Delegates to the Nation Grange:

Dorothy and I will not be able to be with you at this 114th Annual Session. I am enjoying my work at the Pa. Dept. of Agriculture but it restricts our travel at this time. We will miss for the first time since 1962 seeing our friends and co-workers of the last seventeen years.

We extend our sincere best wishes for a very fruitful session, a safe trip home and a happy holiday season.

Fraternally,
John and Dorothy Scott

Brother Ross Carter continued his report on Citizenship and Public Affairs. It was voted to reconsider the resolution on "Government Regulations," and it was voted to delete the last resolve of that resolution.

Brother Vincent Andrews, Chairman of the Labor and Judiciary Committee presented a partial report of that committee.

Brother Ross Carter presented the final section of his report. It was voted to accept the final report and ordered printed in the Journal.

Brother Edwin Koster assigned four resolution members to the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee report. It was voted to accept his recommendations.

Brother Vernon West, Chairman of the Audit and Budget Committee, gave a report of the National Grange Building Operating Budget.

Sister Doris DuLac, Chairman of the Health and Education Committee, presented the final section of her committee report. The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Brother Vincent Andrews, Chairman of the Labor and Judiciary Committee, presented the final section of his report. The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

C. Jerome Davis, High Priest of Demeter, announced that arrangements had been made to transport the cast for the Seventh Degree to the Coliseum for a rehearsal.

The Grange closed in full form in the Fourth Degree at 4:30 P.M.

Thursday Evening
November 13, 1980

The Women's Activities Banquet

**THEME OF THE YEAR: GRANGE WOMEN ARE SHAPING TOMORROW'S
LEGACY TODAY BY BEING INVOLVED**

The welcome was given by Marilyn Keenan, Director of Women's Activities, Iowa State Grange, who then introduced Mary Buffington, Director of Women's Activities of the National Grange.

The Cranberry cherry relish used as part of the banquet was the Best of Show winner in the National Cranberry Recipe Contest sponsored by Ocean Spray. Recipe by Helen Lacina, Grinnell, Iowa, a member of Chester Royal Grange.

Virginia Cimino, Vice President of Fairfield Processing Corp., showed the winning stuffed toys and announced the winners in all classes. These were savings bonds and ribbons. Simplicity Pattern Company awarded prizes in all categories for the best stuffed toy using a Simplicity Pattern. These also were savings bonds.

Ilse Sloan, Design Department, Coats & Clark, Inc. presented awards in the Needlework Contest. These were presented to the Grange National Winners in all three groups and were for \$500.00 each.

Entertainment for the evening was presented by Gerald Klaus of Ever-Ready Grange No. 2193 of Colseburg, Iowa.

Christine Masclee, Director of Consumer Affairs, Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc. presented the Grange Prize award to Helene Lacina of Grinnell, Iowa for her Cranberry Cherry relish.

National Grange Cookbook awards were presented by Judy Massabny of the National Grange and Mary Jane Blount of Favorite Recipes Press.

Meryl Hopper, Home Economist, White Sewing Machine Company presented the Sewing Machine Craft and Home Decorating Contest awards.

Golden Quill Awards were presented by Robert Frederick, Legislative Director of the National Grange.

National Grange Sewing Contest Awards were made by Simplicity Pattern Company, Singer Company, Dritz/Scoville Co. and Blumenthal & Company. These awards were Savings Bonds, Scholarships and sewing ma-

chines. The Grand National Winner was presented \$1,000.00 by the National Master.

The Women's Activities Committee of the Iowa State Grange decorated the tables.

1980 Sewing Contest Winners

Class A

- 1 — Sherryl Hodgkins, Maine
- 2 — Mrs. Edawrd (Diane) Russell, Maryland (Delaware State Grange)
- 3 — Teresa M. Olanyk, Massachusetts
- HM — Mrs. Robt. (Evelyn) Ulrich, Wash.
- HM — Mrs. Rita Clarkson, Missouri

Class B

- 1 — Rebecca Lyford, Illinois
- 2 — Wendy Swiggum, Wisconsin
- 3 — Johanna Eaton, Maine
- HM — Pamela Mignerey, Pennsylvania
- HM — Delaina Reedy, Oklahoma

Class C

- 1 — Leslie N. Rivard, Michigan
- 2 — Nancy Erickson, Wisconsin
- 3 — Charlotte Shuler, South Carolina
- HM — Mrs. Joan Gallagher, Oregon
- HM — Marjorie Lindbeck, California
- HM — Lynn P. Haunstein, Pennsylvania

Class D

- 1 — Sandy Thelen, Michigan
- 2 — Wendy Watson, Washington
- 3 — Kris Eckard, Maryland
- HM — Ami Colini, Ohio

Three year continuous increase:

Illinois —

Mrs. Larry (Emalee) Colver
13060 Denny Road
Capron, IL 61012

Michigan —

Marie Thelen
4351 West Parks Road
St. Johns, MI 48879

Washington —

Mary Richmond

Star Route Box 1103
Pasco, WA 99301

Made goal:

AR — Gladys Richards
CA — Joy Beatie
DE — Bea Gooden
IL — Emalee Colver
IN — Mary Cain
MD — Louisa Hott
MI — Marie Thelen
SC — Elizabeth Nettles
VA — Norene Cox
WA — Mary Richmond
WV — Barbara Hukell

\$50 Savings Bonds — Highest No. of Entries

Under 30 Granges —
AR — Gladys Richards

50 to 100 —

IL — Emalee Colver

101 to 200

CT — Betty Jane Gardiner
15 Meadowlark Rd.
West Simsbury, CT 06092

201 to 325 —

CA — Joy Beatie

Over 325 —

WA — Mary Richmond

Grand National Sewing Award —

Leslie Rivard, Michigan, Class C

Grand National Sewing and Home Decorating Contest Award —

Norma Jean King, Tennessee, Class A

1980 State Director of the Year —

Marie Thelen, Michigan

FIFTH DAY

Friday Morning

November 14, 1980

The Youth Officers Marched in and filled their respective stations and the fifth day of one hundred fourteenth annual session of the National Grange opened in the 4th degree with Brother Gene Edelin of Iowa in the Master's chair.

The roll call of Officers found the following Youth Officers in the chairs:

Master — Gene Edelin, IA
Overseer — Marge Bossler, IL
Lecturer — Peggy Carda, NB
Steward — Randy West, KS
Asst. Steward — Weldon Engel, TX
L.A.S — Nedra Kelly, WS
Chaplain — Patricia Mulliner, MN
Treasurer — Larry Shufeldt, OK
Secretary — Liz Ramsey, OH
Gatekeeper — David Jones, TE
Ceres — Dee Ann Henderson, MO
Pomona — Lynda Damar, MI
Flora — Annette Valentine, ID
Exec. Comm. — Kathy Metzler, WY

Debbie Stringer, AK
Stan Barringer, NY

Pianist — Patricia Secrest, IA

The roll call of National Officers found all present. The roll call of delegates found all States represented.

Brother William Steel, Director of Youth Activities, and Sister Mary Lee Steel were escorted to the Masters Station.

Brother Bob Bergland, Secretary of Agriculture was escorted to the Masters Station accompanied by Brother Lester Wallace, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee. Brother Wallace introduced the Honorable Secretary of Agriculture to the members of the Grange. Brother Bergland brought greetings from the Department of Agriculture and gave pleasing remarks.

Worthy Youth Master Edelin introduced the Youth Director William Steel, who in turn introduced the State Youth Directors present. He then introduced the National Princess and National Prince, Kristi Wilson and Linc Merrill, and presented plaques to both. He then introduced the National Young Couple and also presented them with a plaque. Mary Gilbank, a member of the Youth Team was also presented a plaque. Sister Gilbank is retiring from the Youth Team this year.

Brother Steel also introduced the remainder of the Youth Team, Wanda and Dick

Gilmore from Pennsylvania, Kris Whitford from Rhode Island, Jerry and Mary Doll from Oregon, and his wife, Mary Lee.

Brother Steel announced that he was retiring as Youth Director at the end of the

Session, and thanked the members for everything they had done for him in the past twelve years that he has served as Youth Director.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

To The

114th Annual Session of the National Grange

How does one evaluate the success of a program designed to develop a "legacy for future generations"? Is it in the number of participants in today's activity, or in the quality and interest of the participant? Is it in the number of workshops conducted and visits made, or in the potential learning value of each encounter? Is it in dollars spent (or not spent) for a program, or lives enriched because of a learning experience?

The National Grange Youth Department has had a year of mixed successes. Over-all, we have witnessed individual growth on the part of many youth and young marrieds because of the opportunities presented in camps, conferences, and conventions. To us, individual growth is the major objective of the youth program.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

The National Grange Youth Department conducted a full schedule of seven regional conferences this past year. We are most appreciative of the work of each hosting state and each State Grange Youth Director who was responsible for having representation at the conferences. Approximately 500 young members from 28 states attended the conferences. The state of Maine should be especially recognized here for having met their own challenge by having 100 of their own members present at the New England Youth Conference. Congratulations, Russell and Dorothy Brown, State Youth Directors, for your success.

Our workshops were informative and interesting. Each was presented by a member of the National Grange Youth Team, or a State Grange Youth Director.

"Membership Building" was one of our key topics at each conference. What does the Grange have to offer young people? What IS the Grange? How do we "sell" it to our

friends and neighbors? The influences of ritualism, programs, local leadership, and membership incentives caused much evaluation and discussion — both pro and con. Our legacy — a better equipped and informed group of young members ready to "sell" the Grange to others.

The "Art of Communicating" workshop was designed to get us thinking; "Do we say what we mean and mean what we say?" All of us make simple mistakes in speaking and writing. The objective was to show how we can avoid some of them before they cause us embarrassment. Our legacy — more thoughtful speakers and writers.

"Getting Organized" drew considerable comment as a topic for use by committee heads back home. The workshop taught the use of brainstorming as a technique for getting ideas, and then emphasized the use of a "flow chart" to keep track of responsibilities assigned to the several committee members. Our legacy — better prepared future committee chairmen.

We also had workshops on the "art of clowning" (make-up and role playing as a way to entertain and dramatize issues or conditions), reports and reporting (some "how to's), personality make-up (why some people are like they are, and how we should react to them), and the use of the Open Meeting as an introduction to the Grange for prospective members.

The greatest value of the Regional Youth Conferences comes in the sharing of ideas between attendees. We highly recommend their continuation and encourage more participation on the part of all states.

GISYE PROGRAM

We were successful in matching eight pairs of Grange Inter-State Youth Exchanges for the summer of 1980. Their re-

ports reflect great personal growth on the part of each participant, each family, and each Grange involved in the exchange.

Our legacy — a better understanding of the Grange, its members and their customs because the following young persons exchanged:

Bill Routier, Iowa, with Scott Wiles, Maryland

Steve Crego, New York, with Mike Wayne, Ohio

Dayton Mix, Pennsylvania, with Scott Lue-
thy, Colorado

Randy Dickerson, Virginia, with Brian Ma-
honey, Ohio

Lisa Vanasse, Rhode Island, with Toni Blei-
ninger, Ohio

Donna Goodlaxson, Wisconsin, with Becky
Tingen, North Carolina

Susan Haynes, Vermont, with Nancy Mc-
Clenaghan, Ohio

Kara Arnold, Colorado, with Dana Perez,
Texas

Our host state of Iowa ranks second in the number of exchanges since the program began nearly 25 years ago.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The topic for the 1980 contest was: "Grange Activities of 1980 — Our Legacy for Future Generations." Our speakers stressed the importance of community involvement, social service, legislative action, and a genuine concern for the welfare of people as our great legacy potentials.

Winners in various regional competitions were:

Ann Miller, Wisconsin

Mary Quist, Illinois

Larry LaCorte, West Virginia

Christine Agnitte, Massachusetts

Betsy Geissler, California

Jaima Killion, Colorado

Patti Davies, Colorado

MeeCee Baker, Pennsylvania

Beth Yardley, New Hampshire

Heide Brooke, California

Participation was not as great as it should have been; thus we need more support to develop the speaking abilities of your young members if this legacy is to be fully achieved.

SIGN-A-SONG CONTEST

Without a doubt one of the greatest legacies which the Grange can take credit for developing in the 1970s is the application of Sign Language to music so that many deaf persons might "hear" many of the songs which are legacies of former generations.

Signed singing and signed interpretation of popular music are becoming ever so much more a part of our everyday world.

In addition to encouraging members to learn to sign, this contest has taken the Grange into the world of the deaf for judges. A two-way street is opening in many areas as a result.

The Sign-A-Song winners in regional competition were:

Gene Edelen, Iowa

Fawn Ziegler, Massachusetts

Dana Perez, Texas

Kara Arnold, Colorado

MeeCee Baker, Pennsylvania

Texas Grange Youth

Wisconsin Grange Youth

We're delighted to see signed singing entries in the National Grange Lecturer's Talent Contest. A more important personal development legacy would be hard to find.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES AWARD PROGRAM

Our greatest disappointment of the year was participation in the YRA program. Only 11 states sent applications for National consideration. Of course, 10 were Brothers and 16 were Sisters.

Only four were in the 23-30 age group — the group from which we pick participants for the Washington Experience. A lack of funding also added its weight to cause a decision to cancel plans for the 1980 conference.

The National Safety Council cut several key personnel causing concern for the success of the Youth Congress Session. After consulting with several other national youth organizations we decided to not send representatives this year. We hope that NSC will get the situation under control and that we can once again participate in the national safety movement.

Beck Geis of Nebraska represented the Grange at the National Institute on Cooperative Education held at Penn State University.

We are recommending that 1980 applicants be held over for award consideration in 1981.

YOUTH TEAM

The National Grange Youth Team held their Orientation in Washington, D.C. in January. A considerable amount of time was spent in program evaluation and workshop planning. Each Team member accepted an assignment for 1980 Annual Session preparation. During the year Andy Clary of South Carolina found it necessary to resign because employment conflicts with travel assignments.

All Team members have conducted workshop assignments at camps or conferences during the year. Letters from State Masters and Youth Directors attest to their successes. We wish we could have done more. Two obstacles stand in our way. First is money — we need more contributions to the Grange Foundation Youth Leadership fund from which travel money comes. Second is the lack of invitations. We had very few Young Couple conferences this year. These young people are ready to help with programs. Please give them a chance.

The 1980 National Grange Youth Team:

Kristi Wilson, WY, National Princess
Lincoln Merrill, Jr., ME, National Prince

Arden and Patricia Fitch, OH, National Young Couple

Richard and Wanda Gallimore, PA

Mary Gilbank, WI

Kristine Whitford, RI

Jerry and Mary Doll, OR

Each of these young people can represent the Grange with dignity and enthusiasm. I am very proud to have been associated with them.

ANNUAL SESSION

At this year's Annual Session we have representatives of 23 states in the National Princess contest, 16 in the National Prince

contest, and 10 in the National Young Couple of the Year contest. These represent 27 states. With the addition of the Youth Officer representatives we have 32 states represented.

The Iowa State Grange Youth Department, in cooperation with several neighboring states, have completed their plans well, and we expect to have a successful program of Youth Activities.

IN CONCLUSION

All the youth of the Grange and especially the members of the National Grange Youth Team, extend a big THANK YOU to the many members who have made it possible for us to have a legacy of Grange activity today. We owe so much to the many people who so unselfishly gave and continue to give of their time and talent to assist us. You are GRANGE YOUTH BOOSTERS all.

Thank you's go especially to State Grange Masters and Youth Directors who give an extra amount of time. Without your concern we could not be ready to accept our roles of leadership in the days ahead.

Together we can develop Grange activities to leave a tremendous on-going legacy for future generations.

To the members of the National Grange Youth Team, I say, "Thank you for making my job so enjoyable. You're certainly a great group."

To the fellow members of the "National Team," I say, "Thanks for letting me share some great times, and be in on some legacy developments."

To my wife, Mary-Lee I say, "Thanks, Dear, for trying to understand me." Both of us owe so much to the Grange and its leaders. It has been an unbelievable experience to have been the Director of Youth Activities for the National Grange for nearly twelve years. We are most grateful for the opportunity. We are looking forward to the challenges which lie ahead. Thank you, one and all.

Fraternally submitted,
William A. Steel

Worthy Master Andersen presented Brother Steel with a gift for his untiring efforts for the Grange youth.

The Youth Officers retired with a very impressive "Count-Down and Blast-Off."

Worthy Lecturer Richardson announced the Family Musical Talent Contest will be held this afternoon, and the Talent Finals will be held this evening at the Coliseum.

The Grange was declared at recess, and the officers of the Bloomington Junior Grange No. 22 marched in and opened the Junior Grange in full form.

Sister Patty Carncross, Director of Junior Activities and Brother Edward Andersen were escorted to the Master's Station.

Sister Shirley Harris, Junior Director from Iowa was presented to the Master's Station.

The officers of Bloomington Junior Grange then exemplified the Junior Degree.

Brother Andersen then congratulated the Junior Grange. Sister Carncross was introduced and also congratulated Bloomington Junior Grange on their Degree work. She then introduced the State Director, Shirley

Harris, who, in turn, presented Sister Carncross with a gift from the Junior Granges of Iowa.

Sister Harris then introduced the Leader of the Bloomington Junior Grange, Ruth Ann Goodrum, who introduced the officers and candidates as follows:

Master, Doug McConnaha; Overseer, Brent Goodrum; Lecturer, Joan Esmoil; Steward, G. G. Jordon Esmoil; Asst. Steward, Joe Goodrum; L.A.S., Becky McConnaha; Chaplain, Valerie Walker; Treasurer, Kelly Atkins; Secretary, John Bierman; Gatekeeper, Mark Esmoil; Ceres, Jennifer Bierman; Pomona, Stacey Bierman; Flora, Valerie Atkins; Ex. Comm., Shelly Esmoil, Doug Beatty, Brenda Beatty; Marching Candidates, Matthew Esmoil, Kathleen Esmoil, and Pianist, Areta Schmidt.

Sister Carncross gave her report at this time, and announced contests and projects of the Junior Dept.

JUNIOR GRANGE REPORT

A number of the Granges have been organized this year, unfortunately, a number have been lost. The average number of members in a Junior Grange has also been declining. This is a very sad trend. The Grange has proudly pointed to the fact that we are a family organization. In some localities we are not a family organization; we have become an adult group that is slowly aging itself out of existence. All Granges are constantly plagued by the problems of membership turnover; however, most of our Granges ignore one of our best membership building tools — the Junior Grange.

In the Declaration of Purposes we state that our objective is "to develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood among ourselves." What better way to foster this lofty objective among ourselves than to bring up our children in it. All the children of Rural America would benefit from the Junior Grange experience. These children are the future of our heartland; they are the future of the way of life we have sought to preserve. It is a heritage that may die without our assistance. It is up to us as Patrons of Husbandry to exercise our "support and influence" in developing the Junior Grange organization and Junior Grange members.

The efforts we make — *now, today* — on behalf of Junior Grange will have a lasting affect on the subordinate Grange of the future.

I urge State Masters and their spouse to put greater emphasis on Junior Grange membership and the organization of Junior Granges. You are the leaders of your state. The programs and areas of concern YOU emphasize give direction to your Granges; the people back home do follow your lead. It is time to give the Junior Grange a bigger share of your time and energy.

In 1988 the Junior Grange will be celebrating it's centennial. I challenge each of your states to have 30% Junior Granges to Subordinates by that time. If we accomplish this goal the Junior Grange will be alive and well, and so will our entire Grange.

The time I have spent serving the National Grange as Junior Director has been very meaningful to me. One of the reasons I have enjoyed it so much is that I truly enjoy children. I like them so well that I had a couple of my own. The only trouble with that is the girls take up considerable more time than I had anticipated. It is with regret that I am resigning as Junior Director at the

end of this session. I no longer have the time it takes to do the job well. I wish to thank our Worthy Master and the executive committee for their support during my tenure. I also wish to thank the officers and department heads for the cooperation and fellowship we have shared when working and traveling together. I wish to thank Richard and my parents for babysitting countless hours which has allowed me to fulfill my obligations. And I would especially like to thank my husband, Richard, for his patience and advice.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Junior Granges throughout the nation have again done excellent work this year. The achievement awards submitted for judging were of outstanding quality with any projects worthy of note. This award reflects a total Grange program with emphasis in six areas of Grange work: FAMILY LIVING, COMMUNITY SERVICE, ACTIVITIES, RITUALISM, LEADERSHIP and PLANNING. I would urge all Junior Granges to strive toward the high standards set by this award.

NATIONAL MASTER AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Improvement is the motto of the Junior Grange. This motto is certainly reflected in the Community Service Award entries. The comment made by the judges was that the projects were as noteworthy as many other adult service organizations projects.

PUBLICITY

"Grange Recognition" is a goal all levels of programming work to build. The Junior Grange Publicity Contest is teaching Junior Grange members how to get public recognition and what makes a news worthy event. The Junior Department would like to thank Sister Judy Massabny and the national public relations department for their continued support of this recognition award.

SMALL WORLD — INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

Fun, Fellowship and Learning are the by-words of the Junior Grange *Small World*

Project. Junior Grangers have learned a great deal about the 1980 CARE country, Peru. Many interesting and informative programs were held throughout the nation resulting in fun and contributions to worthwhile projects. Junior Granges are awaiting another successful year with the CARE country, HAITI. As a first year project it has been moderately successful and we look forward to greater participation in 1981.

DOGS FOR THE DEAF

Dogs for the Deaf has been overwhelmingly successful, in both activity and contributions. In this International Year of the Handicapped, it is to the credit of the Grange that we have so many willing hearts and hands ready to help those less fortunate than we. The majority of the contributions came from Junior Grange projects, although many Subordinate and State Granges contributed money, and private donations were made.

This Dog project was given to the Junior Grange on a trial basis. Nobody knew if the Junior Grange could raise \$2,700.00. Well, Brothers and Sisters, not only did they raise \$2,700.00, they raised over \$5,200.00, a very successful project. I respectfully petition the Deaf Activities Committee to continue to allow the Junior Grange to continue Dogs for the Deaf as their project.

I have highlighted some of the projects and contests that were particularly noteworthy. Many, many other activities have also taken place this year. Results of the contests are in the Contest Report which follows.

Junior Grange of the Nation

Stanford Jr. Grange No. 414 — New York

Director of the Year

Sandy Westover — Penn. State Director

1st Place — Community Service

Stanford Jr. Grange No. 414 — New York

Leader of the Year

Oliver J. Orton — Stanford No. 414

Fraternally submitted,

Patty Carncross

Director of Junior Grange Activities

JUNIOR AWARDS — 1980**Fabric Scrap Art 10-14**

- (1) April Caliendo — CT
- (2) John Crandon — NY
- (3) Theresa Bahrens — CO
- (4) Jean Carll — NJ

Fabric Scrap Art 5-9

- (1) Cheril Caliendo — CT
- (2) Lauro Olinger — OH
- (3) Jennifer Beck — NY
- (4) Curtis Nicolai — IN

Holiday Happiness 5-9

- (1) Brenda Roderick — WA
- (2) Craig Swainstan — MI
- (3) Lenny Larson — CA
- (4) Dennis Triskle — NY

Holiday Happiness 10-14

- (1) Kelly Ryan — NY
- (2) Chris Ohlson — WA
- (3) Jean Carll — NJ
- (4) Lonny Serre — MA

Creative Writing

- 5-6 Judy Shoup — PA
 7-8 Ann Lane — CO
 9-10 Nyla R. Ward — MD
 11-12 Terry Tanguay — NJ
 13-14 Douglas Smith — FL

Director Award — over 20 — Jr. Grange

PA — Sandy Westover
 MA — Alma Rolla & Ruth Chapman
 WA — Henry & Margaret Manda

Director Award — over 20 — Jr. Grange

IL — Mary Beth Heberer
 CO — Arlene Christensen
 TN — Marian Moore

PUBLICITY

Thurmant — MD

- 1) JG Leader — Alan & Ethel Brauer
Shermata — PA
- 2) JG Leader — Erla Haas
Stanford — NY
- 3) JG Leader — Olicer J. Orton
HM — Cummington — MA
Janet R. Martin
HM — Mt. Allison — CO
Diane Lane
HM — Floraville Community — IL
Marie Koerber

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 1) Stanford — NY
- 2) Thurmont — MD
- 3) Floraville Community — IL
HM Newaukum — WA
HM Vergennes — VT

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- Stanford — NY
 JG Leader — Oliver J. Orton
 Virginville — PA
 JG Leader — Jane Hill
 Floraville — IL
 JG Leader — Marie Koerber
 HM Capital — DE
 JG Leader — Mrs. Lula Carrow
 HM Mt. Allison — CO
 JG Leader — Diane Lane

Brother Richard Carncross gave pleasing remarks concerning the past three years that he and Patty had been involved in the Junior Department.

Sister Carncross introduced Sister Ingwer-son, Past National Director also all State Directors, and Junior Royalty present, and presented gifts to each. She also announced the contest winners and presented awards.

Yesterday being Sister Carncross's birth-ady, the members sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

Worthy National Master Edward Ander-son presented Sister Carncross with a gift be-cause Sister Patty is retiring at the close of

this session. The gift was in appreciation of her dedicated service as Junior Director for the past three years.

The National Master introduced Sister Mary Beth Heberer of Illinois as the new National Grange Director of Junior Activities.

The Juniors marched out and the Grange resumed work in the 4th Degree.

It was voted to release the Education and Health Citizenship and Public Affairs, and the Labor and Judiciary Committee Reports to the press.

The Grange recessed at 11:10 A.M.

RURAL AMERICA LUNCHEON

The National Grange delegates, officers and guests assembled at the Stouffer's Five Seasons Hotel for the Rural America Luncheon. The Agricultural Sessions Committee served as hosts and occupied the head table with other dignitaries.

Committee Chairman, Lester Wallace acted as Master of Ceremonies. Chaplain, Morris Halladay gave the invocation.

Following the luncheon, Chairman Wallace welcomed all and made introductions.

The featured speaker for the luncheon was the Secretary of Agriculture, Bob Bergland. His address was well received by all attending.

A presentation was made by the First Lady of the National Grange, Darlene Andersen and the National Master, Edward Andersen made appropriate remarks to those gathered.

JUNIOR GRANGE LUNCHEON

Junior Leaders, Junior Prince and Princess, delegates and Patrons met at 12:30 P.M. in the Roosevelt Hotel for the Annual Junior Luncheon with 175 persons present, a capacity crowd.

National Master Edward Andersen and

wife Darlene spoke briefly to the assembly. Entertainment was provided by the Young Musicians, who demonstrated folk dances primarily from Czechoslovakia and other parts of Central Europe.

Patty Carncross, Director of Junior Grange Activities for the National Grange introduced several dignitaries present including Oliver J. Orton, Junior Grange Leader of the Nation and Agnes Ingwerson, former National Junior Director from Kansas. Presentations were made to the Iowa State Junior Committee and the National Junior Committee for their help during the session.

Reconvened at 3:10 P.M.

The Worthy National Master read the following telegram from Senator Jesse Helms:

"Thank you for your telegram with the National Grange's resolution supporting a one-year extension of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, which is clearly an option open to Congress.

A final decision on whether this is the most feasible course will be based on what is best for the overall Agriculture economy. You can be assured no changes will be offered in the existing programs without seeking guidance from responsible farm organizations such as the National Grange."

Brother Vernon West, Chairman of the Audit and Budget Committee, presented a partial report of his committee.

Brother Forest Farris, Chairman of the Taxation and Fiscal Policy Comm. presented the final portion of his Committee Report. It was voted to accept the report and ordered printed in the Journal.

Brother Frank Warner, Chairman of Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee, presented a partial report of his committee.

Several announcements were made concerning the Seventh Degree Conferral, and the Memorial Service to be held on Sunday.

The Grange closed at 4:45 P.M. in full form.

FAMILY MUSICAL CONTEST FINALS

Vocal

1st — VERMONT — The Murray Family,
Lyndonville, VT, C. Sanford Murray —
Father, Donna Murray — Mother, Ste-

phen Murray — Son, Green Mountain
Grange No. 1

2nd — WASHINGTON — The Crumpler
Family — Colbert, Wash., Brad Crumpler

- Father, Sylvia Crumpler — Mother, Christopher & Andrea Crumpler — son and daughter, Half Moon Grange No. 907
- 3rd — PENNSYLVANIA — The Cousins from Schnecksville, PA, Althea Grim, Ann Kern, Lois Shaffer, Joyce Shankweiler, Schnecksville Grange No. 1684
- 3rd — IOWA — The Klaus Family Singers — Colesburg, Iowa, Gerald Klaus — Father, Karen Klaus — Mother, Lee, Drew, Troy, Kyla Klaus — children, Ever Ready Grange No. 2193

Other Contestants

- DELAWARE — The Wilson Family — Georgetown, Del., Midland Grange No. 27
- ILLINOIS — The Buck Family — Washburn, Ill., Richland Grange No. 1840
- NEW YORK — The Happy Wanderers —

- South New Berlin and East Springfield, N. Y., Butternut Grange, No. 1533 and Springfield Grange No. 1523
- OHIO — The Wolber Family — Ada, Ohio, Liberty Grange No. 2526

Instrumental

- 1st — PENNSYLVANIA — The Reifsnyder Family — Gaines, PA, Robert Reifsnyder — Father, Billie Jean Reifsnyder — Mother, Dwight L. Reifsnyder — son, Dawn L. Reifsnyder — daughter, Marshfield Grange No. 1113, Played English Hand Bells
- 2nd — OHIO — The Steel Family — Dover, Ohio, Lucille Steel — Mother — Piano, Sally Steel — daughter — Trombone, Melanie Steel — daughter — Baritone, Brandywine Grange No. 1391

FIFTH DAY

Friday Evening

TALENT CONTEST FINALS

Vocal

- 1st — WASHINGTON — Stephen C. Jackman — Espanola, Wash., West Deep Creek Grange No. 880
- 2nd — MAINE — Ginger Dyer — Gray, Maine, Sabbath Day Lake Grange No. 365
- 3rd — CALIFORNIA — Francine Killion — Poway, California, Rubidoux Grange No. 611
- 4th — ILLIONIS — Karen Purcell — Washington, Illinois, Hopewell Grange No. 1747

Instrumental

- 1st — PENNSYLVANIA — Billie Jean Reifsnyder, Gaines, PA, Marshfield Grange No. 1113
- 2nd — INDIANA — Claude Husted —

Hamilton, Indiana, Hamilton Grange No. 2109

- 3rd — NEW JERSEY — Carolynne Arch — Flemington, N. J., Locktown Grange, No. 88

Variety

- 1st — COLORADO — Reading — Raiman Newby — Longmont, Colorado, Liberty Hall Grange, No. 459
- 2nd — MASSACHUSETTS — Irish Step Dance — Mary Jane Moffitt — Medway, Massachusetts, Dover Grange No. 117
- 3rd — NORTH CAROLINA — Ventriloquist — Renate, Jade Hill — Asheboro, N. C., Seagrove Grange No. 816
- 4th — MICHIGAN — Monologue — Honore Kerbet — Constantine, Michigan, Constantine Grange No. 236

SIXTH DAY

Saturday Morning

November 15, 1980

The Fifth Degree, Degree of Pomona and the Sixth Degree, Degree of Flora were conferred at 9:00 and 10:00 A.M. in the Wisconsin and Nebraska Rooms of the Stouffer's Five Season Hotel, by the Officers and Members of the Iowa State Grange.

The Seventh Degree, Degree of Ceres of

the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, was conferred upon a total of 519 candidates in the Coliseum at Cedar Rapids. The following cast under the direction of the High Priest of Demeter, C. Jerome Davis presented the Degree.

CAST FOR THE DEGREE OF CERES

HIGH PRIEST

C. Jerome Davis (Indiana)

PRIEST ARCHON

Lloyd M. Massey (North Carolina)

PRIEST ANNALIST

J. Luther Snyder (Pennsylvania)

PRIEST TREASURER

Vernon West (Massachusetts)

PRIEST INTERPRETER

Rexford R. Smith (Massachusetts)

PRIEST ARCHIVIST

R. G. Carter (Texas)

PRIEST HEIROPHANT

Morris J. Halladay (New York)

PRIEST ORATOR

J. Alfred Lawson (Rhode Island)

PRIEST FIRST MYSTAGOGUE

Arthur J. DuLac (Virginia)

PRIEST SECOND MYSTAGOGUE

James Ross (Ohio)

PRIEST CONDUCTOR

John U. Maple (New Jersey)

PRIEST MESSENGER

Edgar L. Hall (West Virginia)

PRIEST HERALD

Russell Stauffer (Illinois)

PRIEST GUARDIAN

D. Vincent Andrews (Florida)

PRIEST ANNOUNCER

Michael J. LaForest (Tennessee)

PRIESTESS CERES

Patty Wedding (Missouri)

PRIESTESS POMONA

Dorothy Shores (Maine)

PRIESTESS FLORA

Betty K. Hall (West Virginia)

TRUMPET GIRLS

Barbara Fontinel (IA)

Rhonda Routier (IA)

Connie Michael (IA)

Donna Swanson (IA)

Carol Nelson (IA)

Nancy Schiedner (IA)

Wendy Hollabaugh (PA)

Nadine Nelson (IA)

Helpers: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Nelson

CERES ATTENDANTS

Kitty Halladay (NY)

Lida Harris (OR)

COURT LADIES

Margaret Smith (Neb.)

Phyllis Hall (W. Va.)

Grace Moody (Ks.)

Madeline Shattuck (N. H.)

Ethel Peters (Ark.)

Dorothy Shireman (Ind.)

Adel Brendemuhl (Minn.)

Margaret Farris (Mont.)

Catherine Hoffman (Del.)

Beulah Winter (Mich.)

Connie West (Mass.)

Virginia Hayes (N. H.)

MARCHING CANDIDATES

Kim Allen (Maine)

Kristi Schif (Ks.)

Blye Dollahite (Tex.)

Jody Routier (Iowa)

Steve Harris (Iowa)

James Dollahite (Tex.)

STAGE & COSTUME HELP from Iowa	Prompter Donald Peck (Connecticut)
Mr. & Mrs. Gail Latchen, Ch.	
Mr. & Mrs. Leland Hadley, Co-Ch.	Slide Illustration (Sacred Oracle) Vernon P. West (Massachusetts)
Sandi Harris	
Phyllis Smith	Soloist Roy Moore (Iowa)
Hallie Ryan	Organist Betty Sites (Illinois)
MAKE-UP	Pianist Jean Schnell (Iowa)
Mary Ross	Directors, Wardrobe & Make-Up Verno and Ruth Esther Shorthill (Kansas)
Betty Hall	
Patty Carncross	
Wilma Purdy	
Helen Routier	
Rex Smith	

CONVOCATION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF DEMETER

The Convocation of the Assembly of Demeter was held in the Coliseum at 3:30 PM immediately following the conferral of the Seventh Degree.

The Assembly was opened in full form by Brother C. Jerome Davis, High Priest of Demeter. The minutes of the previous assembly were read and adopted.

The High Priest of Demeter read from the Sacred Record the Secret Work of the first four degrees.

The National Grange Master, Edward Andersen, addressed the Assembly. He commended the members of the Seventh Degree Team for a good job and expressed thanks to all who attended.

The meeting closed in full form and the officers filed out of the auditorium.

Saturday Evening

November 15, 1980

CORONATION PAGEANT

The Coronation Pageant was held in the Coliseum at 8:00 PM.

The National Youth Director William Steel officiated.

Welcome Bill and Mary-Lee Steel, Youth Director

Presentation of Colors, National Anthem National Grange Youth Team Members

BEGINNING OF 13 Presenting PA, NJ, CT, MA, MD, NH, VA, NY & NC

Tableau — A Beginning with 11 — The Kelley Parlor, Georgetown, Washington DC

WE BID YOU HERE WELCOME

- EXPANSION TO THE MISSISSIPPI Presenting VT, OH, IN, IL
 Scene — The railroad I've Been Working on the Railroad
- HARD TIMES OF THE 1820's and 30's Presenting ME, MO, MI
 Tableau — For a Higher and Better Manhood and Womanhood
 Introducing representatives of NRECA, NJHA, FFA
- MOVIN' WEST Presenting TX, IA, WI
 Scene — America's First Youth Movement — The Juvenile Grange
- GOLD RUSH ... TO THE CIVIL WAR Presenting CA, OR, KS, NE
 Tableau — GISYE, YRA Grange Youth Programs
 Introducing GROW CLUB Members I Got That Grange Youth Spirit
- POST WAR PERIOD Presenting CO, MT, WY
 Scene — Planning for Tomorrow
- Presenting the 1980 National Grange Royalty ... Princess, Kristi Wilson
 Prince, Lincoln Merrill, Jr.
 Young Couple, Arden and Patricia Fitch
- HERE WE ARE, ALL TOGETHER 1980 State Representatives
 Blest Be The Tie That Binds from LIFT UP YOUR HANDS, Volume 2
 Naming of the 1981 National Grange Royalty
 Closing of the Pageant It Only Takes a Spark

It only takes a spark to get a Grange a going,
 And soon all those around can warm up in the glowing,
 That's how it is with Gra-nge, Once you've experienced it
 You spread the world to everyone, You want to pass it on!
 I'll shout it from the mountain top — GO GRANGE
 I want my world to know, the love of Grange
 Has come to me, I want to pass it on!

- CORONATION BALL SD & MO Rooms of the Convention Center
 Music by the Leo Cortimiglia Band All Welcome to attend
- 1981 ROYALTY — PRINCE: David Wiles, Maryland
 Runner-up — Edward Rhodes, New Hampshire
 PRINCESS: Lois Casebeer, Ohio
 Runner-up — Lou Ann Snyder, Pennsylvania
 YOUNG COUPLE: Kenneth and Sharon Schlegel — Pennsylvania
 Runner-up — Harry and Linda Perez, Texas

SEVENTH DAY

Sunday Morning

November 16, 1980

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Annual Memorial service was conducted by the Worthy Chaplain Morris J. Halladay at 10 AM. Tribute was paid to Junior, Subordinate, Pomona, Sixth Degree Members, Seventh Degree Members and Past Delegates who have passed away during the year.

IN MEMORY OF

JOHN T. JOHNSON	John & Phyllis Hall
Past Master, West Virginia State Grange	
Past Gatekeeper, National Grange	
MRS. EMILY (SAMUEL T.) BRIGHTMAN	Vernon & Connie West
Wife of Past Master, Massachusetts State Grange	
HARRY B. CALDWELL	Lloyd & Eunice Massey
Past Master, North Carolina State Grange	
Past Master and Chairman, National Grange Executive Committee	
F. ARDINE RICHARDSON	James & Dorothy Shores
Past Master, Maine State Grange	
Past Chaplain, National Grange	
WALTER B. ARNOLD	Art & Doris DuLac
Past Master, Virginia State Grange	
RALPH W. SMITH	Del & Lucille Cross
Past Master, Iowa State Grange	
NORMAN E. GILLESPIE	Frank & Dorothy Silveira
Past Master, Rhode Island State Grange	
SAMUEL WALTER SAMUELSON	Charles & Pearl Buell
Past Master, Wyoming State Grange	
CLARENCE P. JONES	Charles & Pearl Buell
Past Master, Wyoming State Grange	

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

RESPONSIVE READING: God's Greatness and Goodness — Psalm 145

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: The Klaus Family

MEDITATION

*HYMN: This Is My Father's World

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

MUSICAL NUMBER: The Klaus Family

MEMORIAL THOUGHTS AND EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE AND RESPECT FOR THOSE JUNIOR, SUBORDINATE, POMONA, STATE AND NATIONAL GRANGE MEMBERS WHO HAVE DEPARTED OUR PRESENCE THIS PAST YEAR. SPECIAL TRIBUTE IS PAID TO DEPARTED DELEGATES OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE.

THROUGH MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD, HOMAGE IS PAID.

In Memoriam

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE: The Klaus Family

Following the memorial service the business session of the Assembly of Demeter was called to order by the High Priest C. Jerome Davis.

At the conclusion of the business session Brother Jack Silvers of Washington was installed a member of the Executive Committee of the National Grange for the term of four years by Worthy High Priest Brother Davis.

Brother Davis was assisted by:

Installing Master — Edward Andersen

Installing Chaplain — Morris Halladay

Installing Marshall — Ethel Davis

Installing Pianist — Doris Trout

Emblem Bearer — Virginia Hayes

Regalia Bearer — Fae Snyder

Brother Silvers expressed his privilege of serving the National Grange once again in this office. Brother Davis also thanked those helping with the installation.

SEVENTH DAY

Sunday Afternoon

The Seventh day of the 114th Annual Session of the National Grange Opened in regular form at 2:10 PM by the Worthy Master Edward Andersen. Roll Call of officers found all present. Roll call of States found all represented except West Virginia. The minutes of the sixth day Session were read and approved.

The Worthy Master introduced the following staff members who have worked with him the past year in Washington:

Bob Frederick
Diane Lieopold
Judy Massabny
Lorena Stigers
Jim Miller
Susan McDowell
Bill Steel

It was voted to return to the Resolution on Assembly of Demeter in the Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee report. A new Resolution was presented and adopted.

The report of the Grange Law and Good of the Order Committee was adopted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Brother Vernon West, Chairman of the Audit and Budget Comm. presented the final portion of his committee report which was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal.

Brother Davis thanked the Delegates for putting an item in the budget to help replace or repair any of the equipment used in the conferral of the Seventh Degree.

The Worthy Master communicated the Annual Words to the State Masters and National Officers.

The Worthy Master commented on the courtesies extended and the fine session that we have had this year.

Brother Richardson announced that he would like to meet with the leaders of the Mid-Atlantic and the South Western Conferences.

Brother Robert Smith of Nebraska read from the morning paper and gave the football scores of Nebraska and other colleges.

It was voted to allow the Executive Committee to approve the last day's minutes, and all officers and standing committee reports that were not read during the Session.

Brother West spoke concerning the largest group of Delegates that came into this body four years ago and that some may not be back with us next year.

It was moved to give the National Master and the State of Iowa a standing vote of appreciation for this successful session.

Brother Delwin Cross thanked all from Iowa and surrounding States for the help given to make this session the successful one that is was.

All Officers, Delegates and members formed a friendship circle and sang the closing song "God Be With You." The Worthy Master closed the 114th Session of the National Grange at 4:45 PM.

Fraternally submitted,
B. Franklin Hayes
National Secretary

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LECTURER

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Brothers and Sisters at this 114th Annual Session of the National Grange:

I consider it a real opportunity to report to you on the activities within the Lecturer's Department during the past year. We have endeavored within the Department to meet the challenge of 1) improving Lecturers' program, 2) raising the visibility of the Grange, and 3) developing the leadership capabilities of Grange Lecturers.

My report will be in two parts: First reporting to you on the activities and responsibilities that I have as your National Lecturer, and second, indicating some of the concerns that I have for the future.

PROGRAMS AND CONTESTS

The programs within the Lecturer's Department are specifically designed for the use of Grange members. They are designed for individual and group participation and expression. We constantly strive for an emphasis on participation rather than an emphasis on awards. Recognition is important, but our primary goal must be participation.

On Tuesday evening we will have a "first" — a reception for Delegates and Officers prior to the opening of the Exhibit Hall on Wednesday morning. You will see within the Lecturer's Department nearly 650 individual items displayed, both Juniors and Adults. I am sure you will be as impressed

as I am with the quality of work and the participation.

Again this year Brother Adrian DeVries will be interviewing the Judges. This taped interview plus slides of the four Best of Show Exhibits will be provided to each State Lecturer as a learning medium.

This year marks the first joint sponsorship of the Banner Contest by Lecturers, Youth, and Juniors. I am sure with this joint sponsorship that there will be increased participation.

LEADERS' CONFERENCES

As the coordinator of the National Leaders Conferences, we have completed five conferences and will hold the sixth one, completing the cycle; the second week in December at Windsor, Connecticut. This Conference will be for the New England States and will complete this year's tour. In each one of the Conferences we have had outside resource people from the Extension Service for workshops in "Program Planning" and "Communication Skills." In addition to these two vital concerns in leadership development, we have had one particular panel which I feel has been important. This has been entitled "What Can National Grange Do For My State?". Individual State Masters have expressed their feelings as to the role and relationship of State and National Grange. I am sure that

this dialogue is important, and I do hope that it can be continued.

In addition to the outside resource people, the Departments have explained their program, and there has been specific emphasis on what each Department can do for membership growth and retention.

The Leader Conferences are vital as a means of training and communication, and I do hope that they will be continued on an annual basis.

LECTURERS' CONFERENCE

During the past year I have attended six regional Lecturers' Conferences and have talked to approximately 1500 Grange members at these Conferences. I again repeat, as I have mentioned in the past, that the individual contact in these Conferences is absolutely essential. I do hope that I may in the next year do more of these individual conferences where I can talk with Lecturers and explain the program and respond to their individual concerns. The materials that we supply and the Lecturer's Bulletin are important, but one-on-one contact in a Lecturers' Conference cannot be duplicated in any other way.

MATERIALS

We have continued to publish on a quarterly basis the Lecturer's Bulletin. There is an individual Bulletin for Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers. We also publicize free materials in the Bulletin. I again would like to state that the materials that we provide are intended only as ideas and supplements to a well-balanced program; no Lecturer should rely solely on the material from my Office in completing a program.

During the next year we will be publishing three new program books: 1) Dates, Themes, Ideas and Suggestions; 2) Americanism Program material; and 3) Ritualism Program material.

AWARDS

I have been very pleased with the reports that I have from Lecturers in regard to the individual reports. Again this year we included in the Bulletin the report form to be

filed with the State Lecturers. I feel that this method works very well, and the response has been gratifying. Later on in the Session I will announce the Winners in the Skit Writing Contest and the State Lecturers' Award of Merit.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

I would particularly like to call your attention to four very special programs within the Lecturer's Department.

The first is the Community Citizen Award, which has received wide acceptance by Lecturers and which has done an excellent job of raising the visibility of the grange by extending it into the community.

The second is the Pomona Grange Award for Public Service which has just begun and which I think can be as successful as the Grange Award for a Community Citizen.

The third is the Grange Issues Forum; we have again revised the listings with current topics and will be providing a sample of the resource material to each State Lecturer. I again would like to challenge each State Master to pick that Issue which is important to their State and work with their Lecturers. This is a wonderful opportunity to educate members to the issues of the day and to transmit that informed knowledge into legislative action. If my Office can be of assistance to you in assembling the material for your State Issue, we certainly would be pleased to do so.

The other special project is the celebration of Grange Week. This is the last full week of April and in 1981 will be celebrated from April 19th to 25th. I would urge you to ask your Governor to issue a Proclamation for this important event. Again this year in January we will be mailing to each Subordinate and Pomona Lecturer special material in connection with Grange Week.

CONCLUSION AND CONCERNS

If there is one single thread that weaves its way through the Grange fabric of success or failure, it would be that thread of leadership. It is my opinion that in those cases where there is the responsive Grange leadership the Grange prospers and grows. This is evident on all levels of our Organization. The example of leadership comes from the

top and is emulated by others within the Organization.

I would ask that we develop a concerted effort of leadership development and training. This must be conscious effort on a continuing basis, and I feel must in part be spearheaded by the National Grange.

My next concern would be membership growth and retention. Certainly we all recognize the fact that this starts at the Subordinate level. Even though this is a fact, it does not lessen the responsibility of the Pomona, State, and National Grange; each one of these units has the responsibility of training and assisting in this vital area which is absolutely essential to the survival of our Organization.

I also feel that we must call particular attention to the responsibilities of the Pomona leaders. As National Lecturer I feel I must emphasize the importance of the Pomona Lecturer and call upon them for specific responsibilities of educating, training and assisting the Subordinate Lecturers. I think in this way we will strengthen the Grange as a whole.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the 8,000 Junior, Subordinate, Pomona, and State Lecturers across this country. I would like to express my appreciation to Brother Ed Andersen, our National Master, and to the First Lady of National Grange, Sister Darlene. To each of you who

have expressed concerns, support, understanding, and a genuine appreciation of the role of the Lecturer, I thank you. To my family, my thanks for permitting me to serve in this important role, and especially to Beth, our daughter, who is my Secretary, my thanks. To Margaret, my sincere appreciation for her understanding and love. For this I shall always be grateful.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not

Seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi

God bless you.

Fraternally yours,
Kermit W. Richardson
National Lecturer

1980 NATIONAL GRANGE ART CONTESTS

BEST OF SHOW

Adult — COLORADO — Hildrette Boltz,
1840 E-Bellevue Avenue, Littleton, CO
80121, Grandview No. 151 Grange, Pastel
Category

Junior — NEW YORK — Tracey Digian-
domenico, 2 Via Del Zotto, Scotia, New
York 12301, Glenridge Grange No. 370,
Drawing Category

OILS — Adult

1st — TENNESSEE — Jane Gibson, Rte. 2,
Box 190, Seymour, TN 37865, Dupont
Grange No. 1264

2nd — CONNECTICUT — H. Gil-Rob-

erts, P.O. Box 162, S. Lyme, CT 06375,
Old Lyme No. 162

3rd — MASSACHUSETTS — Geneva Bail-
lieul, 21 Berkshire Avenue, Southwick,
MA, Southwick No. 46

OILS — Junior, Age 5 to 9

1st — ILLINOIS — Gina Wise, R.R. No. 2,
Box 10, Durand, IL 61024, New England
Jr. No. 42

OILS — Junior Age 10 to 14

1st — SOUTH CAROLINA — Tamra
Moore, Rt. 2, Effingham, S. C. 29541, Ce-
dar Creek No. 33

- 2nd — ILLINOIS — Jerry Wise, R.R. No. 2, Durand, Illionis, New England Jr. No. 42
 3rd — WASHINGTON — Virginia L. Perry, 6215 N. Cedar, Spokane, Washington 99208, Central Grange No. 831

ACRYLICS — Adult

- 1st — MAINE — Philip Day, Grove, Maine 04638, Cothance Grange No. 510
 2nd — RHODE ISLAND — Vivien Lang, Victory Highway, Exeter, Rhode Island, Exeter Grange No. 12
 3rd — CALIFORNIA — Virginia Davis, 15236 Calle Verdad, Saugus, California 91350, Yucca Grange No. 736

ACRYLICS — Junior Age 5 to 9

- 1st — COLORADO — Roger Simms, Rt. 1, 30067 E. 131st Avenue, Commerce City, Colorado 80022, Green Valley Jr. Grange No. 34
 2nd — DELAWARE — Eddie Ergenzinger, R.D. No. 2, Box 306, Dover, Delaware 19901, Capital Jr. Grange No. 11
 3rd — NEW YORK — Cindy Maloy, 1285 Naker Street, Schenectady, New York 12309, Glenridge Grange No. 370

ACRYLICS — Junior Age 10 to 14

- 1st — ILLINOIS — Aaron Fidder, 723 E. 4th Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, Gloria Jr. Grange No. 10
 2nd — OHIO — John Huston, 8895 Gladys N. W., Massilon, Ohio, Perry Grange No. 859
 3rd — NEW YORK — Beth Briaddy 4 Edward Street, Ballston Lake, N. Y. 12109, Glenridge Grange No. 370

WATER COLORS — Adult

- 1st — CALIFORNIA — S. E. (Dick) Rafter, 8421 Abbots Hill Road, San Diego, California, Encinitas Grange No. 634
 2nd — PENNSYLVANIA — Elizabeth Windhorst, R.D. 2, Portersville, Pennsylvania 16051, Pleasant Hill Grange 1505
 3rd — OHIO — David Fitch, 606 Chestnut Street, Ashland, Ohio 44805, Olivesburg Grange No. 2641

WATER COLORS — Junior Age 5 to 9

- 1st — NEW YORK — Cindy Maloy, 1265

Baker Avenue, Schenectady, N. Y. 12309, Glenridge Grange No. 370

- 2nd — PENNSYLVANIA — Daniel Hartman, R.D. 2, Mertztown, PA 19539, Kutztown Grange No. 439
 3rd — OHIO — Melissa Olinger, 10485 Stratton Road, Salem, Ohio 44460, Goshen Grange No. 43

WATER COLORS — Junior Age 10 to 14

- 1st — PENNSYLVANIA — Gloria Fogel, R.D. No. 1, Ashville, PA, Pleasant Hill Grange No. 529
 2nd — ILLINOIS — Kristie Giegel, 1038 N. 6th Street, Mascoutah, Illinois 62258, Emerald Mound Jr. Grange No. 66
 3rd — OHIO — Scott Lauer, R.D. No. 1, Stonecreek, Ohio 43940, Jefferson Grange No. 642

DRAWINGS — Adult

- 1st — DELAWARE — Albert LaMarche, 608 W. Oak Drive, Dover, Delaware 19901, Capital Grange No. 18
 2nd — NORTH CAROLINA — Margaret Carter-Minton, Rt. No. 1, Lenoir, NC 28645, Ferguson Grange No. 809
 3rd — CALIFORNIA — Harold DeTunca, 9572 Lake Natoma Drive, Orangevale, California 95662, Orangevale Grange No. 354

DRAWINGS — Junior Age 5 to 9

- 1st — INDIANA — Cathy Ping, 18218 Clark Road, Lowell, Indiana 46356, Lake Village Jr. Grange No. 37
 2nd — MAINE — Sarah J. Cousins, Surry, Maine 04684, Lamoinc Jr. Grange No. 329
 3rd — PENNSYLVANIA — David Shankweiler, R.D. No. 6, Newcastle, PA 16101, East New Castle Grange No. 224

DRAWINGS — Junior 10 to 14

- 1st — MICHIGAN — Brian Welch, 705 Marbury, S. E., Grand Rapids, MI 49506, Kent Co. Jr. Grange No. 322
 2nd — IOWA — Dana Cline, RR 2, Tama, Iowa 52339, Chester Royal Jr. Grange No. 20
 3rd — DELAWARE — Janet Bobola, R.D. 2, Dover, Delaware 19901, Capital Jr. Grange No. 11

PATELS — Adult

- 1st — PENNSYLVANIA — Ida Shaner, Box 12, Pipersville, PA 18947, Plumsteadville Grange No. 1738
 2nd — SOUTH CAROLINA — Jean Moore, Rt. 2, Effingham, S. C., Cedar Creek No. 33
 3rd — ILLINOIS — Leola Cain, 408 N. Mineral — Byron, Illinois 61010, Byron No. 1810

PASTELS — Junior Age 5 to 9

- 1st — NEW YORK — Jodi Tawnley, 21 Midline Road, Ballston Lake, NY 12019, Glenridge Jr. Grange No. 370
 2nd — IOWA — Lucia Fontinel, RR 2, Tama, Iowa 52339, Chester Royal Jr. Grange No. 20
 3rd — OHIO — Laura Olinger, 10485 Stratton Road, Salem, Ohio 44460, Goshen No. 43

PASTELS Junior Age 10 to 14

- 1st — PENNSYLVANIA — Gina Bittner, Box 343, R.D. No. 1, Germansville, PA 18053, Central No. 519
 2nd — OHIO — Linda Locker, 8000 Crisco Road, Sidney, Ohio 45365, Compromise Grange No.
 3rd — NEBRASKA — Pam Peterson, Rt. 2, Box 28, Berwyn, NE 68819, Weissert Jr. Grange No. 23

POSTERS — Adult

- 1st PENNSYLVANIA — Bernice I. Best, R.D. No. 1, Box 3110, Leechburg, PA 15656, Mt. Joy No. 537
 2nd — ILLINOIS — Mary Fasse, 17902 Meadow Lane, Union, Illinois 60180, Ridgefield No. 1928
 3rd — MARYLAND — Nancy Wolfe, Mad-dox P. O., Chaptico, MD 20621, Brandywine No. 348

POSTERS — Junior Age 5 to 9

- 1st — DELAWARE — Eddie Erganzinger, Rt. 2, Box 306, Dover, Delaware 19901, Capital Jr. No. 11
 2nd — VIRGINIA — Colleen Conley, 14331 Rosebud Road, Chesterfield, Virginia, Beach Jr. No. 24
 3rd — OHIO — Kim Barhorst, 8770 St., Rt. 66, Ft. Laramie, Ohio 45845, Compromise No. 395

POSTERS — Junior Age 10 to 14

- 1st — OHIO — Brad Hall, Box 353, Lucasville, Ohio 45648, Log Cabin Jr. No. 1068
 2nd — NEW JERSEY — Howard Hayes, 143 S. Main St., Elmer, N. J. 08318, Elmer Grange No. 67
 3rd — DELAWARE — Lisa Cristiano, Rt. 5, Box 727-A, Dover, Delaware 19901, Capitol Jr. No. 11

BANNERS — Junior Age 5 to 9

- 1st — OHIO — Kim Barhorst, 8870 SR 66, Ft. Laramie, Ohio 45845, Compromise No. 397
 2nd — PENNSYLVANIA — David Shankweiler, RD No. 6, Box 338A, New Castle PA 16101, East New Castle No. 224
 3rd — WASHINGTON — Lisa Davenny, 599 State Hiway 603, Chehalis, Washington 98532, Newaukam No. 335

BANNERS — Junior Age 10 to 14

- 1st — NEW YORK — Renee Tamburrino, Ohland Road, Stanfordville, NY 12581, Stanford Jr. No. 414
 2nd — NEW JERSEY — T. Tanguary, 275 W. 4th Street, Howell, NJ 07731, Farmington No. 55
 3rd — RHODE ISLAND — Kevin J. Stedman, 52 Lawton Avenue, Misquamicut, RI 02891, Ashway Jr. Grange No. 7

BANNERS — Youth Age 14 to 22

- 1st — VERMONT — Terri Lynn Mason, RR No. 1, Bennington, Vermont, Ethan Allen Pomona No. 27
 2nd — RHODE ISLAND — Sue Rush, Box 2 C, Green, RI, Moosup Valley No. 26
 3rd — DELAWARE — Norma Collins, RD 5, Box 187-O, Georgetown, DE Henlapien No. 20

BANNERS — Adult

- 1st — OHIO — Martha E. Knowlton, 185 W. Columbus St., Pinkerton, Ohio 43147, Violet 1949
 2nd — MICHIGAN — Honnore Kerbet, 564 White Pigeon St., Constantine, MI 49042, Constantine No. 236
 3rd — WASHINGTON — Judith P. Moilanen, 5335 Schmitt Rd., Port Angeles, WA, Crescent No. 1123

1980 NATIONAL GRANGE PHOTO AND SLIDE CONTEST WINNERS

BEST OF SHOW

Adult — CALIFORNIA — Ralph Horio,
4440 Chaboya Road, San Jose, California
95148 (Monochromatic)

Junior — NEW YORK — Christy Eddy,
R.F.D., Carthage, N. Y. 13619, Champion
Jr. Grange No. 366 (Theme Photo)

No. 1, Box 204A, Lebanon, NJ, Ringors
Grange 20

2nd — MARYLAND — Juliann Braver, Rt.
1, Box 126A, Thurmont, MD 21778,
Thurmont Grange 409

3rd — IOWA — John Bierman, R.R. 1,
Moscow, IA 52760, Bloomington Jr.
Grange No. 22

COLOR SLIDES

SCENES

Adult

1st — VERMONT — M. Wilsey, Box 25,
Ascutney Vt., Conn. River Grange No.
518

2nd — MAINE — Errol C. Briggs, Deer Hill
Road, Harrison, Maine 04040, Lakeside
Grange No. 63

3rd — PENNSYLVANIA — Carl Rudy,
RFD 6, Sewickley, PA 15143, Mt. Nebo
Grange No. 1872

Junior

1st — OHIO — Russell Fish, 7631 Vande-
mask Rd., Lodi, Ohio 44254, Chatham
Grange No. 2487

2nd — NEW JERSEY — Betty Benedik, RD
1, Box 204A, Lebanon, NJ 08833, Ringors
Grange No. 20

3rd — PENNSYLVANIA — Rhonda Hart-
man, RD No. 2, Mertztown, PA 15939

ANIMALS

Adult

1st — OHIO — Keith Weborg, RD No. 1,
New Matamoras, Ohio 45767, Jolly
Grange No. 2656

2nd — MONTANA — Winton Weydemey-
er, Fortune, Montana, Tobacco Valley
119

3rd — WASHINGTON — June Maricle,
2666 E. Smith Rd., Bellingham, WA
98225, Goshem Grange No. 856

Junior

1st — NEW JERSEY — Betty Benedik, RD

PEOPLE

Adult

1st — CALIFORNIA — Robert Bleach,
16331 E. McFadden, Tustin, CA 92680,
Apple Valley Grange No. 593

2nd — WASHINGTON — Susan Linde-
man, 202 N. Military Rd., Winlock, WA,
St. Urban Grange No. 648

3rd — WISCONSIN — Helen Wildermuth,
R.R. 1, Clinton, WI 53525, Turtle Grange

Junior

1st — PENNSYLVANIA — Rhonda Hart-
man, RD No. 2, Mertztown, PA 15939
Kutztown, Jr. Grange 439

2nd — MARYLAND — Juliann Braver,
Rt. Box 126A, Thurmont, MD 21778,
Thurmont Grange 409

3rd — IOWA — Jennifer Bierman, R.R. 1,
Moscow, IA, Bloomington Jr. Grange 22

CLOSE-UPS

Adult

1st — ILLINOIS — Carol Neff, R.R. No. 2,
New Athens, IL 62264

2nd — NEW YORK — Arnold Ruger, Rt.
208, Box 476, New Paltz, NY 12561, Pitts-
hill Grange No. 923

3rd — MONTANA — Winton Weydemey-
er, Fortune, Montana, Tobacco Valley
No. 119

Junior

1st — OHIO — Russell Fish, 7631 Vande-
mark Rd., Lodi, Ohio 44254, Chatham
Grange No. 2487

2nd — PENNSYLVANIA — Daniel Hart-
man, R.R. 2, Mertztown, PA 15929, Kutz-
town Grange No. 439

COLOR PHOTO SCENES

Adult

- 1st — NEW JERSEY — Mrs. June Filipski, Box 232, Pittstown, NJ, Hickory Grange No. 133
- 2nd — OHIO — Clyde Pinson, Kitts Hill, Ohio 45645, Windsor Grange No. 2585
- 3rd — VERMONT — J. Cossingham, Norwich, VT 05055, University No. 335

Junior

- 1st — PENNSYLVANIA — Susan Kleckner, 112 Trexler Rd., Schnecksville, PA 18078, Schnecksville Grange No. 108
- 2nd — NEW JERSEY — Michael Millhime, RFD No. 2, Box 438, Ringoes, NJ 08551, Ringoes Jr. Grange No. 20
- 3rd — OHIO — Jeanne Olinger, 10485 Stratton Rd., Salem, OH 44460, Goshen Junior Grange No. 43

ANIMALS

Adult

- 1st — PENNSYLVANIA — Harvey Howell, Box 221, Petersburg, PA 16669, Shavers Creek No. 363
- 2nd — IDAHO — Robert Thomas, Box 849, Coeum d'Alene, ID 83814, Mica Flats, Grange No. 436
- 3rd — NEW HAMPSHIRE — Everett Huchins, Rte., No. 2, Ashland, NH, New Hampton Grange No. 123

Junior

- 1st — MAINE — Joelle M. Miller, 160 Goodwin Road, Eliot, ME, Riverside Jr. 195
- 2nd — CALIFORNIA — Lance Larson, 17778 Excelsior, Laton, CA 93248, Riverdale Jr. 195
- 3rd — MICHIGAN — Brian Welsh, 705 Marbury S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49506, Kent Co. Jr. Grange No. 322

PEOPLE

Adult

- 1st — PENNSYLVANIA — John R. Latimore, Jr., 548 McCombs Road, Venetia, PA, Peters Twp. Grange No. 2025

- 2nd — WISCONSIN — Rickie Lee Sagen, R.R. 3, Janesville, WI 53545, LaPrairie Grange 79

- 3rd — MASSACHUSETTS — Eleanor Kimberley, Star Rt. 155, Box 46, Monterey, MA 01245, Monterey Grange No. 291

Junior

- 1st — DELAWARE — Eddy Ergenzinger, R.D. 2, Box 206, Dover, DE 19901, Capital Hill Jr. Grange No. 322
- 2nd — SOUTH CAROLINA — Dena Pettet, R.D. 4, Caffney, SC 29340, Macedonia Jr. Grange 28
- 3rd — PENNSYLVANIA — April Miller, 1109 Shaffer Rd., New Castle, PA 16101, East New Castle Grange No. 224

CLOSE-UPS

Adult

- 1st — WASHINGTON — Ron Hanson, 1234 Deer Park Rd., Port Angeles, WA 98362, Fairview Grange No. 619
- 2nd — PENNSYLVANIA — Elizabeth L. Boccardo, 378 Lower Dolington Rd., Middletown Grange No. 684
- 3rd — KANSAS — Allan Shorthill, 3408 E. Clark St., Wichita, KS 67218, Indian Creek Grange No. 1431

Junior

- 1st — OHIO — Russell Fish, 7631 Vandermark Rd., Lodi, Ohio, Chatham Grange No. 2487
- 2nd — NEW YORK — Tim Eddy, Black River, N. Y. 13612, Champion Grange No. 366
- 3rd — ILLINOIS — Kathy Meyer, 1028 22nd Street, Rockford, IL 61108, Union Jr. Grange No. 61

BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO SCENES

Adult

- 1st — MONTANA — Winton Weydemeyer, Box 77, Fortune, Montana, Tobacco Valley No. 119
- 2nd — PENNSYLVANIA — Mary Margaret Pecht, RD 1, Box 176, Lewiston, PA 17044, Fort Granville Grange No. 1902
- 3rd — IDAHO — Robert Thomas, Box 849,

Coeur d'Alene, ID, Mica Flats No. 436
Grange

River, NY 13612, Champion Jr. Grange
No. 366

Junior

- 1st — NEW HAMPSHIRE — Samuel Boyle, Woodstock, NH 03262, White Mt. Jr. Grange No. 104
2nd — OHIO — Bobby Wilson, 304 W. Park Street, Lebanon, OH 45036, Lebanon Jr. Grange No. 70
3rd — NEW JERSEY — Betty Benedik, RD No. 1, Box 204A, Lebanon, NJ 08833, Ringoes Grange No. 20

ANIMALS

Adult

- 1st — TENNESSEE — Mike La Forest, 604 Ensley Dr., Knoxville, TN 37920, Volunteer Grange No. 1250
2nd — OREGON — Dowella Brush, 33004 Garden Lane, Tangert, OR 97389, Fairmount Grange No. 252
3rd — NORTH CAROLINA — Lynn Underwood, Rt. 1, Ferguson, N. C. 28624, Ferguson Grange No. 804

Junior

- 1st — NEW JERSEY — Betty Benedik, RD No. 1, Box 204A, Lebanon, N. J. 08833, Ringoes Grange No. 20
2nd — PENNSYLVANIA — Denise Dorman, 116 Oakwood Lane, Schnecksville, PA 18078, Schnecksville Grange 508

PEOPLE

Adult

- 1st — TENNESSEE — Marshall Moore, Rt. No. 16, Knoxville, TN 37920, Volunteer Grange No. 1250
2nd — VIRGINIA — Richard Matthews, P.O. Box 805, Orange, VA 22960
3rd — MAINE — Errol C. Briggs, Deer Hill Road, Harrison, Maine 04040

Junior

- 1st — PENNSYLVANIA — Eric Dorman, 116 Oakwood Lane, Schnecksville, PA 18078, Schnecksville Grange No. 508
2nd — NEW YORK — Tim Eddy, Black

CLOSE-UPS

Adult

- 1st — NEW YORK — Frank Avery, Vestal, NY 13850, Hawleyton Grange No. 1575
2nd — MONTANA — Winton Weydemeyer, Box 77, Fortune, Montana, Tobacco Valley Grange No. 119
3rd — OREGON — Vada Clinton, P.O. Box 86, Myrtle Point, OR 97458, Myrtle Grange No. 289

Junior

- 1st — NEW YORK — Christy Eddy, RD No. 2, Carthage, NY 13619, Champion Jr. Grange No. 366

THEME PHOTO CONTEST

Adult

- 1st — CONNECTICUT — Sharyn Wetmore, 921 Shepard Avenue, Hamden, CT 06514, Hamden Grange No. 99
2nd — NEW JERSEY — Mrs. Jane Filipiski, Box 232, Pittstown, NJ 08867, Hickory Grange No. 133
3rd — NEW YORK — Lillian Dunbar, RD No. 1, Schlaghticoke, NY 12154, Bemis Heights Grange No. 1525

Junior

- 1st — VIRGINIA — Jeannine Alexander, 12001 River Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832, Beach Jr. Grange No. 24
2nd — NEW JERSEY — Beth Wells, RD No. 2, Box 31, Farmingdale, NJ 07727, Farmingdale Junior Grange No. 55

1980 NATIONAL GRANGE TOTAL ENTRIES — LECTURER'S CONTESTS

				5-9	10-14
Oils	Adults	30	Junior	2	6
Acrylics	Adults	23	Junior	5	5
Water Color	Adults	23	Junior	3	6
Drawings	Adults	23	Junior	8	14
Pastels	Adults	15	Junior	4	6
Posters	Adults	18	Junior	12	9

COLOR PHOTO

Scene	Adults	34	Junior	16
Animals	Adults	35	Junior	17
People	Adults	34	Junior	14
Close-ups	Adults	32	Junior	8

BLACK & WHITE

Scene	Adults	24	Junior	5
Animals	Adults	23	Junior	2
People	Adults	27	Junior	2
Close-ups	Adults	17	Junior	1

SLIDES

Scene	Adults	33	Junior	4
Animals	Adults	30	Junior	4
People	Adults	31	Junior	3
Close-ups	Adults	31	Junior	2

THEME PHOTO

Adults	30	Junior	3
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BANNERS

Adult	Youth	Junior	10-14
23	13	9	9

FAMILY MUSICAL

Vocal entries	8	Instrumental entries	2
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TALENT CONTEST

Vocal	15 entries	Instrumental	3 entries
Variety Acts	5 entries		

LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT**1980 — WINNERS****State Lecturer's Award of Merit**

- 1st — Idaho, Mrs. Ed (Jeannette) Schwaegler
 2nd (Tie) — Ohio, Clara Speaight
 — Pennsylvania, Mrs. William (Mary)
 Buffington
 3rd — North Carolina, Mrs. Fred (Virginia)
 Davis
 4th — New Jersey, Mrs. Edwin (Millicent)
 Conklin
 5th — Iowa, Mrs. Wesley (Wanda) Saak
 6th — Massachusetts, Mrs. Gordon (Ellen)
 Hitchings

Skit Writing Contest

- 1st — Virginia — "The Country Store"
 Norene G. Cox, Cox's Chapel Grange No.
 954, Mouth of Wilson, VA 24363
 2nd — New Jersey — "A Peek Into History"
 Lorraine M. Turner, Mannington Grange
 No. 25, RFD No. 3, Salem, New Jersey
 08079
 3rd — California — "The Pearly Gates"
 Virginia Davis, Yucca Grange No. 736,
 15236 Calle Verdad, Saugas, California
 91350

REPORT OF WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Worthy National Master, National Officers and Delegates, and Patrons:

On April 1, 1980, I assumed the position of National Grange Director of Women's Activities. To put it mildly, I was greatly surprised when this opportunity was presented to me. I'm honored and will certainly try to maintain the high achievement level of my predecessors.

I thank Sister Jenny Grobusky for her cooperation and support. Her well-maintained files, as well as our personal communications, have been a great help.

The Worthy National Master, Executive Committee, and entire staff in our National Headquarters have been a great help and I appreciate their willingness to work with us.

The many notes, phone calls, and personal messages from Women's Activities chairmen and directors throughout the nation have made me once again realize how wonderful Grange people are. I thank everyone for their best wishes and support.

CONFERENCES

The value of our regional conferences is high for many reasons. The workshops on such things as communication and communicating help leaders work among their people. The Grange benefits.

Getting to meet the state leaders, hearing their successes and problems, sharing ideas, really getting to know people with

whom we work, all strengthen our Order. Nothing takes the place of this personal meeting; therefore the Grange again benefits.

I thoroughly appreciated the opportunity to meet state leaders in the four areas after I assumed this position. (In addition I attended Mid-Atlantic States as Pennsylvania State Lecturer.) I look forward to traveling to the New England Conference before this calendar year is over.

The view of our State Directors toward their responsibilities is evident as we meet and discuss our work. We get to know better what direction our State Directors want our programs and projects to head.

My personal feeling, and I think that of our State Directors, is that these conferences strengthen the Grange by giving us all direction.

COMMUNICATION

We've entitled our monthly communication to State Directors (with copies to National Master, State Masters, and the other department heads) *Women's Activities Update*. The purpose is to keep these people informed and reminded of what's happening and what they should be doing. This continues the newsletter previously sent by Sister Grobusky.

We've begun a quarterly newsletter to all Subordinate and Pomona chairmen in an attempt to strengthen our department's activities and participation. This is entitled "Memo from Mary." The comments received thus far on this letter are favorable, and we hope to keep this newsletter as a part of our regular work — budget permitting.

To each director and chairman, this department expresses thanks for your efforts. Your workload is tremendous, but the satisfaction you get from your work is equally as great.

Reports can be bothersome but they serve several purposes: (1) They tell us what programs and projects Grangers are interested in; (2) they tell us the successes we have in our programs; and (3) they force us to take a good close look at what *we* as leaders are achieving.

No person should hold the position of leadership in the Women's Activities department unless she is truly interested in our work *and* willing to work. The job is

too important and time-consuming. If the leader isn't doing her job, the work simply cannot and will not get done.

All Masters, from the highest to the lowest degree of our Order, have an obligation to select people who are willing to *try hard*. We cannot always succeed, but we can always try.

My National Advisory Committee has been a great help during the transition period in revising various phases of our work. I sincerely thank Sisters Hazel Hickson, Peg Maple, and Marie Thelen for their work.

A goal I've set for this department this new Grange year is to improve contacts between State and National Granges, that I can report hearing from every State Director in time for next year's session in Washington.

CARE

The total contributed this past year is included on our enclosed chart, which shows totals state by state. Figures reported on the chart are a combination of State Director's reports and the report from CARE.

The two-year program that ended this year aided the irrigation systems in Peru.

People are concerned today — after all the warnings in the news media — about how much of the money contributed to CARE actually reaches the people of the poorer nations. Herewith is a statement sent in one of my Women's Activities Updates to State Directors and State Masters that this will be a part of the permanent records of our Order:

CARE gets monetary contributions and goods and services contributions. For every 96c worth of development aid it provides overseas, 1c is spent on management and 3c on fund-raising costs. For every dollar donated by the public, \$9.73 worth of aid is delivered to the underdeveloped nations.

Our project for the next two years is construction of nutrition and education centers in Haiti. These centers form a complex with the local schools. Each has land for gardens and an adequate water supply. The centers will train and educate entire families in nutrition, health care, and gardening. Our goal is \$21,000 to build one complete center.

CARE has informed us that due to the costs involved, they are discontinuing certificates for contributions of less than \$25. We can agree with this since it gives contributors better use of our monies.

VOSH

Twenty-nine states plus our "mixed localities" reported projects that resulted in contributions to Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity. (See Addendum A.)

We contacted Dr. Russ Dorland and asked for the most current list of ophthalmologists participating in the collection of glasses. This list has been sent to State Directors already, as we are continuing our support of this project.

The efforts of our Grangers help people living in underdeveloped areas to receive much needed eye glasses.

CLOTHING APPEAL

We are a community-oriented organization, yet we do reach out to peoples throughout the world. The clothing appeal is a project that works at home and abroad.

Due to the number of thrift/used clothing shops cropping up in our communities, church and charitable organizations have more difficulty these days collecting clothing to use for people in need. This is why it is important that we share our usable items.

Members are urged to support local clothing drives and/or send things to the appeal for Church World Service. Most states reported participating in this in 1979-80 and we hope they will continue to do so as we include this in our program for the next two years.

FUND RAISING PROJECTS

Family Cookbook from Country Kitchens

Sister Judy Massabny is to be congratulated for her work with this marvelous cookbook. Sales are going well and the results of our sales contest, announced at the Women's Activities Banquet, will be included as a part of this report.

Favorite Recipes Press has done a fine job with this book and the Women's Activities committees across our nation have taken advantage of a quality product to earn monies for their Granges.

We hope you'll continue to sell this fine cookbook throughout the coming year.

Lincoln House

Through the efforts of our Grange sales people, we have realized \$1,558.42, 5% of the profit of sales, a profit increase of more than 40% over last year.

In addition hundreds of dollars were earned by our people for their own Granges through the sale of these fine quality products.

Thank you, congratulations, and keep up the good work.

Macrame Cord

All the cord was distributed under Sister Grobusky's direction. It went to State Directors that were interested in this. The material was donated by ACS Industries, RI. All shipping charges are now paid off and the money received from now on is profit to participating Granges.

Monies earned by these various 27 states and Potomac Grange in this project have added a total of \$1,930.46 (as of November 6, 1980) to Grange Women's Activities funds and treasuries in our subordinates, our states, and National Women's Activities departments.

We anticipate additional money from this project this coming year and will use profits on the National level to complete a project originally planned by Sister Grobusky, if possible.

NATIONAL HEALTH PROJECT

Ten years ago Sister Alta Peck began the work that all Grangers can view with pride — Grange involvement with programs to aid the hearing impaired/deaf. To paraphrase a familiar saying, "We've come a long way, but we still have a long way to go."

Over the years some states have developed a program within their own states to aid the deaf in addition to continuing support to the National Deaf Fund, while other states choose one or the other type funds to support. Whichever way your state works, we strongly urge continued support to aid the hearing impaired/deaf.

Grange work in this field has expanded to the extent that there is now a well-established

lished Grange Foundation Fund for the Deaf. Each state is asked to establish a separate committee to collect funds and carry on projects to aid the deaf. We solicit full support for this health project in the future. We compliment states where other health projects are aided throughout the year. But, *please*, don't let our deaf work take a "back seat" to these or be overshadowed by any other health projects.

The deaf need support from the hearing world and we are well-established as this support. Let's not fail them!

Our Addendum A shows reported contributions to State and National Deaf Funds. We understand some states did not report funds contributed for work within their states, but you can see Women's Activities committees support this national health project.

GOLDEN QUILL

Often new programs and projects have a slow start in Grange. Our people want to see what others do before they join in. This is the way our Golden Quill program went.

Now that we have examples and reports on this project, I'm expecting more participation. This is worthwhile and is something one woman begins.

This is a project women can do from their home, in their free time, at their convenience. Let's see some action in this project next year.

This year's recipients of the desk set will be listed at the end of this report following the judging.

CONTEST

Already I've heard statements about "too many contests" from some people. When they're asked to discuss all of them, people come to realize their own states conduct far more than we do nationally. In addition there is a misunderstanding about contests.

Grange leaders are expected to promote *all* contests, but no one is expected to enter *all* contests unless he is inclined to do so. The purpose of a variety of contests is to have something somewhere for everyone.

As leaders we have an obligation to promote so people have a choice and have something that uses their talents and fires their

interests. Keep this in mind as you view future contests in Grange.

Quilt Blocks

A one-time project, we plan to make use of the blocks judged at the 1980 National Session. We do make a change from the 1979-80 handbook however. The original plan was to donate one completed quilt to our national headquarters. Two remaining quilts were to be used as money-making projects. Do you realize there is no single way to chance off such an item that would legally give all Grangers in every state an opportunity to win a quilt? We've been checking on this and seem unable to determine any legal options.

Therefore we will look into making only one additional quilt, to be donated to the Oliver Hudson Kelley homestead and not try to raffle the third quilt.

We thank everyone who entered a block. Sister Carol Leak of Texas will make the selected blocks into the quilt for our headquarters.

OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY

This special contest was only a one year project commemorating the 50th anniversary of the company.

We thank the many Grangers in 33 states (reported in State Directors' reports) who sent in recipes and congratulate the winners Grange had in the final competition. Grand prize winner was Mrs. Helen Lacina from Grinnell, Iowa. Her recipe for Cranberry Cherry Relish was served at this year's National Grange Women's Activities Banquet. See report addendum for Grange winners.

SEWING MACHINE CRAFT AND HOME DECORATING CONTEST

After the purchase of our homes, our biggest investment is in decorating and re-decorating them. Some projects are large, while others are the craft-type personal touches we add to our rooms. Both these decorating projects were a part of this contest.

White/Elna Sewing Machine Company, Seralon Thread, Burlington/Klopman Fabrics, and Simplicity Pattern Company are good sponsors. The prizes they offered were good. Our total entries were not good. I was

in fact quite disappointed in the number of entries. We realize there was a problem in some areas locating thread and in some areas getting a machine to use if one wished to qualify for the Grand Prize trip to Switzerland, but we also feel too many people waited until the last minute to get the information about where products were available.

A list of winners is included at the conclusion of this report. (Addendum B).

STUFFED TOYS

A wonderful community service, fun contest! And we know not all Granges take credit for the total toys made — sometimes they count only the ones made from the required pattern and/or very original ones.

For 1980-81 the contest will be co-sponsored by Fairfield Processing Corporation, makers of Poly-fil, and a new co-sponsor, *Decorating and Craft Magazine*. There is no required pattern, so entrants may use any pattern they wish.

Poly-fil is the required stuffing.

Decorating and Craft joins us this year. They make no requirements. We do get a pleasant bonus in that they offer us a very good subscription rate to the magazine. The publication is an excellent magazine — high quality, interesting articles, instructions. Details, are on the toy contests forms.

Making toys to be given to children's hospitals and homes is a project we can so easily do. Make small toys you can take along to sew or stuff while you watch TV or attend meetings. Hold sewing days in your Granges. The cost is so little, the joy of doing for children is so great, the possibility of winning prizes is "the icing on the cake."

NEEDLEWORK

Coats & Clark Inc. again sponsored our annual Needlework Contest. They are the sole sponsors with the Grange for the 1980-81 Needlework Contest.

We are pleased with the quality of entries. The quantity of entries was good, but we know we can increase the number of persons entering.

Needlework is a favorite pastime. Just look around at meetings, etc. and observe

the people working on knitting, crocheting, crewel, etc.

Leaders must promote, members must ask; the interest is here, let's get in touch with people and increase entries this year. Increasing entries is our way of expressing appreciation to Coats & Clark for their many prizes.

SEWING

The largest nationally sponsored sewing contest in the nation is the title given our Grange Sewing Contest. We want to keep it that way.

Now the only required sponsor product is the Simplicity pattern. Incentive sponsors for the past year and the new year are Dritz Sewing Notions, and B. Blumenthat & Co. (LeMode-LeChic buttons). By incentive sponsor we mean people can win extra prizes for using these products — and the prizes are worthwhile. The Singer Company again offers excellent models of sewing machines to the winners of our contest. Singer was one of the original sponsors of the National Grange Sewing Contest.

One major change in this year's contest is the time of the contest. Starting date moves back to December 1, 1980, and the contest concludes April 15, 1981.

We must increase the participation in our Sewing Contest if we wish to have the sponsorship of these top-notch companies. Without good sponsors and good prizes we cannot have a worthwhile contest.

The letters of appreciation received from some of our winners convinces me we can surpass this year's totals if our chairmen and State Directors promote the sewing contest correctly.

Winners and judges of the 1980 Sewing Contest are part of Addendum B.

STATE DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

The selection of Outstanding State Director for this year comes from states listed in the 1980 edition of the National Grange Program Book, page 28, as being a part of District 4.

The notebooks/reports were judged by persons not involved with this department and the name of the outstanding director,

announced at the annual Women's Activities Banquet, will be made a part of this report in the National Journal of Proceedings.

Selection procedure changes for 1981 will make all State Directors eligible for this highest honor available to State Directors.

WA AWARDS

The Subordinate and Pomona awards are based upon the notebooks/reports sent to me after the state judgments. Congratulations to the chairmen whose names appear as part of Addendum B.

The State Directors are accorded awards based upon the number of subordinates within their states, and the winners are listed in Addendum B.

RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

This is the year (1980) for the new certificates to be issued. Sr. Marjorio Cressman of Pennsylvania designed the new one for us. They will be mailed to State Directors before the end of this year for distribution.

The number of chairmen earning this honor is decreased this year. One of the reasons given is that chairmen did not hold educational workshops any time during the year. This is unfortunate, but we look for improvement next year.

CHANGES FOR 80-81

We have made some changes for the coming year. Some of these are noted in this report. More are explained in the National Grange Program Book which has already been distributed. What changes we've made have come about after careful consideration of the suggestions made by my National Advisory Committee and various State Directors who have been in contact with me.

Two major things we're asking of all chairmen this year and next will achieve to a degree something I feel is necessary in this department. We want the Women's Activities Committee to be known for something other than our contests. Therefore, we're asking all chairmen to report regularly at every meeting, including topics of local interest and concern as well as our contest in-

formation. Secondly we're asking each chairman to try at least one new project each year. The selection of this new venture is up to the chairman or her State Director. We anticipate caution at first toward this individual idea, but great success and satisfaction when each chairman gives the concept thought and a chance.

IN CONCLUSION

I take this opportunity to introduce to you (verbally) my secretary, Betsy Huber. Betsy grew up in Grange, comes from a Grange oriented family. She is extremely knowledgeable in all phases of Grange and especially Women's Activities work. Betsy is a first rate secretary too. She's held many offices in Grange including Master of her subordinate and is currently the secretary of our Pomona. Her husband Henry is my Pomona Master and a member of the Pennsylvania State Grange Finance Committee. They are the proud parents of three fine, active Junior Grangers — Ellen Marie, Peter and Andy.

All Grangers must recognize that within the Women's Activities work we have an excellent tool toward gaining members. Our broad spectrum of activities ranging from legislation to contests to educational workshops to community service can apply to the lives of all women and thereby to their families.

We pause long enough to thank all of the subordinate, Pomona and State Committees for their work and dedication. We glance briefly toward the past to appreciate their efforts and that we might learn from the experiences we've had. But we must dedicate ourselves to the future. We must seek to motivate our members by using their talents and keying our programs to their needs. We must never be afraid of change for without it we would not survive and the best way to cope with changes is to be a part of them, to be the one who suggests and works toward change.

Fraternally submitted,
Mary R. Buffington
Director of Women's Activities
The National Grange

"ADDENDUM A"
DEAF FUND

<i>State</i>	<i>CARE</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>National</i>	<i>VOSH</i>
AR	60.00		60.00	X
CA	1,193.02	9,980.15	772.25	X
CO	311.80		1500.0	X
CT	659.00	300.00	432.00	X
DE	97.00	157.00	52.15	X
FL	176.00	155.00	177.00	X
ID	218.25	181.25	68.25	X
IL	434.40	16.00	355.00	X
IN	150.55	246.00		X
IA	115.00	343.50	240.00	X
KS	114.00	53.00+	90.00	X
ME	613.00	410.00	538.00	X
MD	215.00		85.00	X
MA	45.00			
MI	91.00	342.85	100.00	X
MN	83.00		63.00	
MO	32.50	5.00	31.50	X
MT	73.00	175.80	50.00	X
NB	133.25		106.25	X
NH	525.00	200.00	200.00	X
NJ	185.00	300.00	225.00	X
NY	829.23			
NC	135.00	60.00	5.00	X
OH	1,414.75			
OK	10.00			
OR	556.00			
PA	1,292.00	1,012.05	808.05	X
RI	133.00	402.90	148.00	X
SC	35.00		20.00	X
TN	45.00	227.00	25.00	X
TX	65.00		72.50	X
VT	310.00	200.50	190.50	X
VA	187.50		97.50	X
WA	1,074.50	1,013.50		X
WV	5.00			
WI			37.00	
WY	25.00	30.00	15.00	X
Mixed	25.00		46.00	X

1980 — NATIONAL GRANGE

**Home Decorating and Sewing Machine
Craft Contest — Winners**

Class A

- 1st — Norma Jean King
Rt. 5, Box 78, Seymour, TN 37865
- 2nd — Susan Lindeman
202 Military Rd., Winlock, WA 98596
- 3rd — Cheryl Lundgren
817 S. Monroe St., Arlington, VA 22204
(mixed states)

Class B

- 1st — Shirley J. Fomby
469 Brice Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060
- 2nd — Margarete Leathers
431 Wilbur Ave., Cranston, RI 02920
- 3rd — Doris Stackhouse
Box 1075, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805
- Judging was done by representatives of
White Sewing Machine Company and Simplicity Pattern Co.

OCEAN SPRAY RECIPE CONTEST

Grange Winners

Class A — Relishes, Sauces & Chutneys

- 1st — Helen Lacina, IA, Chester Royal
Grange (GRAND PRIZE winner)
- HM — Erma Hylton, AR, Zion-Oak
Grange

Class B — Breads & Muffins

- 3rd — Barbara A. Robinson, MA, Sudbury Grange

Class C — Warm Weather Recipes

- HM — Loraine Detering, WA, Adna
Grange Auxiliary

Class D — Desserts

- 1st — Viola Blake, NH, New Hampton
Grange
- 2nd — Sandra Kerstettler, PA, Turbot
Grange
- Judging under the direction of sponsoring company.

STUFFED TOY CONTEST

National Winners

Class A — Ages 5-14:

- 1st — Beth Pease, 4973 F M Road, Manlius, New York, East Long Meadow
Grange No. 152
- 2nd — Jane Eddleblute, 6830 Eddleblute
Drive, Fraz, Ohio 53822, Muskingum
Grange No. 1893
- 3rd — Larissa Bowman, Route 6, Somerset, PA 15501, Milford Grange 1744

Class B — Ages 15-21:

- 1st — Kim Hulsey, Route 1, New Matamoras, Ohio 45767, Jolly Grange 2656
— Member
- 2nd — Karen Ruder, 161 South Osseo
Road, Route 2, Osseo, MI 49266,
Adams Grange 286 — Member
- 3rd — Lynn Hanson, 432 Elmwood Avenue, S. Beloit, Illinois, Alden — Hebron Grange

Class C — Ages 21 and over:

1st — Raymond E. Cornstock, 163 Evansville Avenue, South Meriden, CT 06450, Cheshire Grange 23

2nd — Frances Douglas, Route 1, Box 19, Almira, WA 99103, Highland Grange 808

3rd — Eloise Williams, Route 5, Box 225, Greenville, Texas 75401, Blue Bonnet 1563

Most Original:

Karla Trock, 930 Quinn Street, Boulder, Colorado 80303

STATE DIRECTORS AWARDS*Less than 100 Granges*

1 — Illinois — Emalee Colver

2 — Delaware — Beatrice Gooden

3 — Wisconsin — Charlotte Holt

100-300 Granges

1 — Michigan — Marie Thelen

2 — New Hampshire — Madeliene A. Shattuck

3 — Connecticut — Betty Jean Gardiner

Over 300 Granges

1 — Pennsylvania — Ruth Hoover

2 — California — Joy Beatie

3 — Washington — Mary Richmond

POMONA CHAIRMEN AWARDS

1 — California — Peggy Striffler (San Diego Pomona)

2 — Pennsylvania — Hazel Sipe (Somerset Pomona)

3 — Illinois — Jo Anne Calhoun (Henry-Knox Pomona)

4 — Delaware — Betty M. Richard (Kent Co. Pomona)

5 — Virginia — Norene G. Cox (Mountain Empire Pomona)

6 — Massachusetts — Dorothy E. McQuaide (Middlesex North Pomona)

7 — Washington — Eileen Walker (Whitman Co. Pomona)

8 — Michigan — Doris Spencer (Hillsdale Co. Pomona)

9 — Maryland — Donna D. Mills (Frederick Co. Pomona)

10 — Indiana — Mrs. Judson Bigger (LaPorte Co. Pomona)

SUBORDINATE CHAIRMEN AWARDS

1 — Delores Littlejohn, Flora No. 1762, Illinois

2 — Thelma Meyer, Millville No. 443, California

3 — Emily Jacobsen, Fruitland No. 16, Delaware

4 — Virginia Chambers, Silverton No. 506, W. Virginia

5 — Norma Spooner, Chester Royal No. 2181, Iowa

6 — Mrs. Kenneth Livengood, Milford No. 1744, Pennsylvania

7 — Blanche Keen, Westbrook, No. 1016, North Carolina

8 — Joan Lee Nicholson, Corvallis No. 17, Montana

9 — Elsie F. Holt, Topsham No. 37, Maine

10 — Frances Crum, Glade Valley No. 417, Maryland

NATIONAL GRANGE FAMILY COOKBOOK FROM COUNTRY KITCHENS

*1980 Cookbook Sales Contest Winners***Group I**

1st place — \$200

West Virginia State Grange

2nd place — \$100

Wisconsin State Grange

Group II

1st place — \$200

Maryland State Grange

2nd place — \$100

Wyoming State Grange

Group III

1st place — \$200

Michigan State Grange

2nd place — \$100

Illinois State Grange

Group IV

1st place — \$200

New Hampshire State Grange

2nd place — \$100

Vermont State Grange

Group V

1st place — \$200

Oregon State Grange

2nd place — \$100

Connecticut State Grange

Group VI

1st place — \$200

Pennsylvania State Grange

2nd place — \$100

Washington State Grange

Special group 1st place — \$50
Potomac Grange No. 1, Washington,
D.C.

Super Saleswoman — Elizabeth Deibler
Baileyville Grange No. 1991, PA Furnace,
PA — (sold 438 cookbooks)

GROUP I — Crochet or Knit (Mercerized Cotton)

National Winner:
Alice Briggs
Hilltop Drive, RFD
Milford, New Hampshire 03055
Grange No. 7

Class A — Bedspreads; Tablecloths or Luncheon Cloths

First Prize:
Alice Briggs
Hilltop Drive, RFD
Milford, New Hampshire 03055
Grange No. 7

Second Prize:
Dolores Gardis
4605 Shasta Way
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601
Shasta View No. 830 (M)

Third Prize:
Irma Kotil
10-20 Lincoln Street
Seward, Nebraska 68434
Milford No. 404 (NM)

Class B — Doilies; Center Pieces (17" and Larger); or Set of 4 Place Mats

First Prize:
Ruth Talhelm
Box 185, 358 Reid Road
State Line, PA 17263
Leitersburg No. 361 Maryland (M)

Second Prize:
Mildred D. Prestegard
Rt. 2, Box 174 West
Hoquiam, Washington 98550
Puget Island Washington 66C (M)

Third Prize:
Ruth Blaskovich
Rt. No. 1, Box 194
Colliers, West Virginia 26035
Goodwill 499 (M)

GROUP II — Knitting or Crochet (Synthetic or Blended Yarns or Wool)

National Winner:
Irene Lewerer

870 Neal Avenue
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082
Minnehaha 388

Class C — Afghans or Bedspreads

First Prize:
Irene Lewerer
870 Neal Avenue
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082
Minnehaha 388

Second Prize:
Golda C. Rogers
Rt. 2
Seymour, Tennessee 37865
Dupont 1264 (NM)

Third Prize:
Florence Proctor
R. B. Box 425
Elkhorn, Wisconsin 53121
Delavan Lake 681 (M)

Class D — Sweaters, Suits, Dresses or Capes

First Prize:
Julia S. Latham
Beaver Brook Road
Lyme, Connecticut 06371
Lyme Grange 147 (M)

Second Prize:
Ruth Lofgren
434 N. Hermine Blvd.
San Antonio, Texas 78212
Leon Valley 1581 (M)

Third Prize:
Virginia Y. Martin
P.O. Box 428
Gate City, VA 24251
Mrs. Charles Livemore, N. Y. State Director (N.M.)

Class E — Baby Sets — Limited to 3 Pieces

First Prize:
Mrs. Edward C. Francis
Box 881
Gate City, VA 24251
Cox's Chapel 954 (M)

Second Prize:
Arle L. Frazee
15 Stanislauss Avenue
Oakdale, CA 95361
Oakdale 435 (M)

Third Prize:
Alice R. Graham
374 Sowams Rd.
Barrington, Rhode Island 02806
Kickemuit 24 (M)

GROUP III — Embroidery & Crafts**National Winner:**

Mrs. C. W. Davis, Jr.
1360 Wilmington Pike
West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380

Class F — Table or Luncheon Cloth**First Prize:**

Mrs. Sam Metts
Rte. 1, Box 366
Greenwood, South Carolina 29646
Phoenix Grange 59 (M)

Second Prize:

Elsie Tracy
Box 497
Rainier, Oregon 97408
Fern Hill 592 (M)

Third Prize:

Katie Berg
R. 4, Box 370
Colville, Washington 99114
Fort Colville 533 (M)

Class G — Pair of Pillow Cases or Sheet & Pillow Cases**First Prize:**

Mrs. Gary Hecathorn
R.R. 2
Sparland, Illinois 61565
Richland Grange (M)

Second Prize:

Mr. Richard Wallace
Rt. D 3
Waldoboro, Maine 04572
Meenahaga 555 (M)

Third Prize:

Bernita Struble
59008 CR 7 S.D.
Elkhart, Indiana 46517
Fairview 2177 (NM)

Class H — Wall Hanging; Picture or Pillow**First Prize:**

Isabel K. Bowie
R.D. 2
Donalds, South Carolina 29638
Donalds 497 (M)

Second Prize:

Mrs. Nancy Burk
Route 6
Fayetteville, Ark. 72701
Steele Community 84 (M)

Third Prize:

Elsbeth J. Palmer
1319 3rd Avenue Apt. 3
Rockford, IL 61108
Perryville 1805 (NM)

Class I — Needlepoint**First Prize:**

Pamela Schacht
117 Terry Court
Woodstock, IL 60098
Alden Hebron 1925 (M)

Second Prize:

Bertha Meldgaard
1181 Hughes Drive
Trenton, New Jersey 08690
Hamilton 79 (M)

Third Prize:

Elizabeth W. Williams
668 Goodale Hill Rd.
Glastonbury, Connecticut 05033
Glastonbury 26 (M)

Class J — Rugs or Wall Hanging**First Prize:**

Mrs. Charles W. Davis, Jr.
1360 Old Willington Pike
West Chester, PA 19380
Kennett 19 (M)

Second Prize:

Mary C. Bey
166 Rodney Avenue
Encinitas, CA 92024
Encinitas 634 (M)

Third Prize:

Marie Presler
6138 41st Avenue
Wheatridge, Colorado 80033
Glendale 135 (M)

Quilt Blocks**Graphic Blocks****Exceptional Blue**

- 1 — CA — M. Baum and M. Hunter
- 2 — CA — I. Paoline
- 3 — CO — R. Canning
- 4 — CT — Plainfield 140
- 5 — ID — F. David
- 6 — IL — Mrs. R. Lyford
- 7 — NH — A. Moody
- 8 — NY — S. Riefler
- 9 — NY — Eden 1199

Blue

- 1 — AR — G. Richards
- 2 — AR — Oak Hill 809
- 3 — CA — M. Lindbeck
- 4 — IA — Mrs. G. Harris
- 5 — MA — E. George
- 6 — NY — Holland 1023

- 7 — OR — P. Ragsdale
- 8 — OR — Morning Star 311
- 9 — PA — D. Reichart
- 10 — SC — Mrs. D. Herlong

Red

- 1 — AR — G. Richards
- 2 — AR — G. Richards
- 3 — CA — B. Moberg
- 4 — MD — F. Wiley
- 5 — NE — Custer Center Grange No. 103
(Nebraska)
- 6 — NY — E. Phillips

White

- 1 — CO — E. Lesser
- 2 — CO — E. Oard
- 3 — FA — C. Kohl
- 4 — FL — Mrs. G. J. Sharef
- 5 — IA — V. Anderson
- 6 — ID — W. C. Eller
- 7 — MA — C. Comstock
- 8 — MA — J. Gould
- 9 — MI — W. Hagelgans
- 10 — MI — E. Cook
- 11 — NC — B. Keen
- 12 — NH — S. Cole
- 13 — TX — David Crockett Grange No.
1413
- 14 — WA — D. Vaughn
- 15 — WY — W. Bausch
- 16 — WY — W. Bausch

*Primitive Colorful Quilt Blocks***Exceptional Blue**

- 1 — CA — J. Martin
- 2 — FL — Mrs. G. J. Sharef
- 3 — FL — A. Stief
- 4 — ID — L. Gibson
- 5 — NE — E. Schrader
- 6 — NH — E. Bailey
- 7 — NH — V. Smith
- 8 — NC — J. Copland
- 9 — OR — So. Deer Creek Grange No.
440
- 10 — PA — Mrs. John V. Cressman
- 11 — VA — N. Cox

Blue

- 1 — ID — D. Lee
- 2 — MA — Pittsfield Grange No. 14
- 3 — MI — R. O'Connor
- 4 — NJ — C. Skidmore
- 5 — PA — M. J. Appel
- 6 — D.C. — Potomac Grange No. 1
- 7 — WA — M. E. Paterson

Red

- 1 — CO — L. Wilkinson
- 2 — CT — C. Johnstone
- 3 — CT — M. Mathewson
- 4 — CT — M. Williams
- 5 — IA — Mrs. L. Dunham
- 6 — MD — R. Ahalt
- 7 — MA — D. McQuaide
- 8 — MT — D. Huffine
- 9 — NE — M. L. Johnson
- 10 — NE — Mrs. Harland Trumble
- 11 — NH — Londonderry Grange No. 44
- 12 — NC — Mrs. H. W. Houck
- 13 — OR — P. Pope
- 14 — PA — Linda Trexler
- 15 — PA — Mary Woodley
- 16 — VT — Bea Buxton

White

- 1 — IL — Elsie Starberg
- 2 — KS — Madeline McCain
- 3 — MA — Evelyn Brown

Simplicity Pattern Toy Winners*Class A*

- 1 — Jane Eddlebute — Ohio
- 2 — La Dona Yerian — Montana
- 3 — John Robinson II — New Jersey

Class B

- 1 — Lynn Hanson — Illinois
- 2 — Karen Johnson — Idaho
- 3 — Laurie Bedford — New York

Class C

- 1 — Irene Le May — Pennsylvania
- 2 — Mary S. Hall — Delaware
- 3 — Darlene Andersen — Mixed States
(Potomac No. 1)

Golden Quill Awards**1st Place:**

Marie Thelen
4351 W. Parks Rd.
St. Johns, MI 48879
Olive Grange No. 358

Project:

Local TV Programming
Remove Newly-Wed Game

Action:

Letters to Station Manager
WJIM — TV 6
Lansing, Michigan

Response:

Phone call from Manager — rejection

Action:

Phone call campaign

Response:

Called station manager again — called
getting complaints — would let him know

Action:

Repeated calls to manager

Response:

Program removed. Article in paper. State
Journal.

2nd Place:

Betsy Huber
1525 Johnny's Way
West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380
Goshen Grange No. 121
Chester County, PA

Project:

On Farm Alcohol Stills

Action:

1. Resolution at Subordinate Grange adopted at local and Pomona level and sent to state.
2. Letters to township supervisors who had delayed project. Letter also published in local paper. Supervisors agreed not to unnecessarily delay any future request for local permits to on-farm energy stills.
3. Letter to State Rep. and U. S. Representatives asking they support legislation to encourage local governments to be receptive to on-farm energy manufacturing.

Results:

1. Township supervisors agreed not to cause further delay.
2. U. S. Rep. sent information to Department of Energy. Has not heard of any action.
3. State Rep. Introduced Bill. Bill passed lowering permit fee from \$2500 to \$25.00. Sets up requirements for licensing.

3rd Place:

Mrs. Ethel Brauer
9817 Four Points Rd.
Rocky Ridge, Maryland 21778
Thurmont Grange No. 409
Frederick County, MD

Project:

Maryland Bottle Bill

Action:

1. Organized letter-writing campaign
2. Wrote over 50 letters and others used her letters as models.
3. Met with Grange and professional women's clubs to gain support.
4. Took photo and wrote article for her local newspaper — got front page.

Project:

- Saturday Mail Delivery
1. Wrote letters to 7 influentials
 2. Wrote article for State Grange Newsletters

Golden Quill Awards:

Other Awards (Not in order of merit!)

Katherine Groom, Box 191, RD 1, Pitts-
town, NJ 08867, Hickory Grange No. 133
Anna Siemiaczko, 706 Pine St., So. Charles-
ton, WV 25309, Washington Grange No.
527

Virginia Chambers, Silverton Grange No.
506

Chester Royal Grange, Iowa

Gloria Hildreth, 10801 Bascom Rd., Mill-
ville, CA 96062, Millville Grange No. 443

Lucille Scanlon, Rhode Island, Quonochon-
taug Grange No. 48

Dorothy Becker, Rt. 2, Lebo, Kansas 66856,
Bean Grange No. 1576

Mrs. Harland Trumble, 1204 S. Washing-
ton, Papillion, NE 68046, Papillion
Grange No. 401

Emily Jacobson, P.O. Box 5, Marydel, DE
21649, Fruitland Grange No. 16

Wilma Grommet, RR 2, Box 355, Chester,
IL 62233, Turkey Hill Grange

Gladys Richards, Rt. 4, Box 440, Springdale,
AK 72764, Steele Community Grange No.
841

Edith Kilby, 795 Fire Tower Rd., Colora,
MD 21917, Calvert Grange No. 424

NATIONAL GRANGE DEAF ACTIVITIES REPORT

Worthy Master, National Officers, Delegates & Patrons:

Participation in our National Grange Deaf Program is increasing with more of our State Granges becoming involved in many and varied projects for the deaf and hearing impaired.

Our Committee met in January, 1980 to finalize the program for the year.

In May, a newspaper on Deaf Activities was published. It contained information on the Grange scholarship for members majoring in Deaf Education, slogan contest, Dogs for the Deaf for the Juniors, and guidelines for State Grange Funding for Deaf Activities, hearing conservation and the sign/song book.

Scholarships were awarded to Andrea Leak, San Antonio, Texas and Mrs. Andrea Valentine, Newark, Delaware to continue their education in the field of Deaf Education. This is the second year that these dedicated Grangers have received the scholarships and they are continuing to carry a high grade point average.

Songs were selected, copyrights secured and an artist engaged to draw the signs and we were ready to print the sign/song book, "Lift Up Your Hands, Vol. 2." This book arrived from the printer just a few days before this National Session and is now available from the Supply Department.

State Grange Deaf Project Funding is designed for use by the State Grange to provide additional funding for special deaf-related projects that have been established by the State Grange Deaf Activities Committee. Yearly awards from the Grange Foundation Fund for the Deaf shall not exceed \$4,000, with no State Grange receiving more than \$500 in any one year.

Several State Masters have selected a Committee for Deaf Activities and many wonderful projects are started. At the moment I cannot give a report of these activities, but next year this will be possible as State Reports will be due by October 15, 1981. I would hope that each State would select their committee and include the name of their chairman in the list of State Officers.

The Delegates have asked for a program that will "Reach Out" and tell the story of the Grange's involvement in the deaf pro-

gram. We are working on an educational packet that will tell this story. It will reach thousands as it will be sent to elementary teachers across the nation to use in the classroom.

At this time, the Committee wishes to thank the Grange members who responded to our search for a slogan. We received several slogans but because they were directed towards a specific project of the Deaf Program, we felt that we needed a slogan that was more on the total program, so we are extending this part of the program.

Our Junior Granges are sponsoring a hearing-ear dog from the Appelgate Station Jacksonville, Oregon. They are to be commended on the active part they have taken in raising funds to purchase a dog which has been especially trained to act as the ears of a deaf person.

Grangers across the nation have continued to contribute to the National Grange Fund for the Deaf. The following donations have been made to the National Grange Deaf Foundation: (Totals \$6,281.24)

Arkansas	— 60.00
California	— 772.25
Colorado	— 107.00
Delaware	— 51.15
District of Columbia	— 46.00
Florida	— 162.00
Idaho	— 68.25
Illinois	— 330.00
Kansas	— 90.00
Maine	— 551.25
Maryland	— 85.00
Michigan	— 100.00
Minnesota	— 50.00
Missouri	— 31.50
Nebraska	— 106.25
New Hampshire	— 205.00
New Jersey	— 124.00 (Dog)
New York	— 773.34
North Carolina	— 10.00
Ohio	— 1,006.70
Oregon	— 190.00
Pennsylvania	— 813.05
Rhode Island	— 148.00
South Carolina	— 200.00
Tennessee	— 15.00
Texas	— 72.50
Vermont	— 190.50

Virginia — 62.50
 Washington — 10.00
 West Virginia — 10.00
 Wyoming — 20.00

President Carter announced that the U.S. will participate in the United Nations "Year of the Disabled Persons." The Grange is proud to be a partner of the U.S. Council for the IYDP.

At this Session we have a display in the exhibit area. We wish to express appreciation to T. Jerry Laughlin, Community Relations of North West Bell Telephone Company, Des Moines, Iowa, for their display of telephone devices for handicapped persons and to Sound Barrier, Inc., Springfield, Illinois for the portable telecommunicators

that they have provided us for the Session.

My thanks to Karen Andersen, Calif.; Elmira Collins, Maine; Mary Jo Zanton, Wisconsin; Kermit Richardson, National Lecturer; Patty Carncross, National Junior Grange Director; Bill Steel, National Youth Director; Mary Buffington, National Director of Women's Activities and Wade Cadel, Tennessee Advisor, for all their support.

We look forward to another successful year in our efforts to share the gift of communication with our less fortunate fellow beings through the National Grange Deaf Activities.

Fraternally submitted,
 Flo Carter, Chairman

REPORT OF GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

Worthy Master, Officers, Delegates and Guests:

It is a pleasure for me to present to the National Grange delegate body our 1979 report with some 1980 figures added. Grange Insurance Association, serving eight western — mid-western states with its home office in Seattle, Washington, began its 86th year of operation on April 4, 1979. As reported to you last year, underwriting experience worsened during 1979, and an underwriting loss was incurred for the full year.

Following are highlights of 1979 operations, as compared to 1978:

	1979	Change from 1978
Assets	\$70,746,797	+16.6%
Surplus	\$22,370,459	+16.9%
Direct Premiums		
Written	\$48,937,496	+15.7%
Investment & Other Income	\$3,534,488	+22.1%
Dividends to Members	\$20,541	-98.1%
Underwriting Loss	\$91,165	N.A.
Loss, as % of Earned Premium	.2%	
Loss Adjusting & Operating Expenses	\$16,011,041	+13.4%
Losses Incurred	\$34,536,301	+22.0%

The underwriting loss reported above, while small, is an indication of the impact of continuing inflation on loss costs. While operating costs increased less rapidly than premium income (13.4% vs. 15.7%), losses increased far more rapidly, 22.0%.

Private passenger auto business in 1979 produced serious underwriting loss, but gains in commercial automobile and property lines offset these losses. Crop insurance business also showed excellent gains.

Premium growth continues to increase at rates well above the industry. While GIA does business in eight western states, Washington still produces a majority of the business. Our fastest growing areas, however, are in the Mountain States and in California. We now operate 26 claims and services offices for the convenience of our policyholders. Following is a summary of the percent of premiums divided by state:

	1979 % Premiums	1978 % Premiums
Washington	60.9%	61.6%
*Oregon	9.6	10.6
Montana	.7	.8
Wyoming	1.0	1.0
*Idaho	3.2	3.3
*Colorado	6.5	4.9
California	18.0	17.8
Nebraska	.1	—

*These states have local Grange sponsored companies for property insurance.

GIA's investments continue to be largely in tax exempt bonds, accounting for 91% of GIA's investment portfolio of \$56,733,000. Preferred stocks account for 2.3% of investments, common stocks 2.3%, subsidiary companies 3.8%, and real estate mortgages .6%. Increasing interest rates during 1979 accounted for the 22% gain in investment income. Subsidiaries (Rocky Mountain Fire & Casualty Company and Mayflower Corporation) both registered gains in 1979, but like GIA, gains were down from 1978 levels.

Because of adverse 1979 underwriting results, only the last 1/2 of 1970 crop hail dividends were paid to members. 1980 has been one of those years! We began January with a heavy ice and snow storm in the Portland, Oregon — Vancouver, Washington, area, in which gross losses were over \$400,000. Then came May 18, 1980, when Mount St. Helens erupted, which has repeated itself regularly since that time. Only the eruptions of May 18 and May 25 have produced material losses, so far totaling about \$250,000, about equally spread amongst automobile, fire and homeowners/farmowners policies. Losses to insured structures, automobiles and machinery were not great, but no one knows when the mountain will again become quiet, nor the violence of future eruptions.

After over 20 years of excellent crop insurance results, 1980 also produced the largest single loss from crop hail ever recorded by GIA. Hail storm in the apple orchard

area of the Okanogan Valley of Washington produced about \$2,000,000 in orchard losses in a single occurrence in late July.

Despite the vagaries of nature, our greatest concern in 1980 remains with our private passenger auto business, which accounts for about 65% of our volume. While our adult drivers continue to show modest earnings, our youthful drivers, those under 21, are producing severe losses. The human tragedy we see in our claims reports is appalling. We urge you to spread the word to your own family and friends — drive safely, drive defensively, and drive sober!

GIA will award again, for use in the 1981/1982 academic year, 24 scholarships of \$500 each to Grange members or their sons and daughters, two of which are funded by families of late Directors of GIA. Urge your young people in the Western States to apply to GIA for a scholarship.

It is a continued pleasure for GIA to be working with the fine people at all levels of the Grange organization in providing for the insurance needs of our area. We need your help, and your input, in providing the best possible programs for our members.

It is a pleasure for us to be a part of this 114th session of the National Grange.

Fraternally submitted,
Dee L. McKern, President

REPORT OF GRANGE MUTUAL LIFE COMPANY

Officers and Members of the National Grange:

Grange Mutual Life had the best year in 1979 it has ever had. The following figures tell the story: Policyholders increased 5.8%; Life Insurance in Force increased 24.4%; assets increased 13% and surplus increased 37.4%. Payments to policyholders also increased 15.7%.

Even though 1979 has been the best year to date, 1980 doubtless will be better. Sales are double last year's and other measures of activity and successful operation will be up also when December is in the record books. In October, GML exceeded one-half billion in force. It took 34 years for the first 100 mil-

lion and 11 years for the next 400 million. We expect to reach one billion in force in 1984.

The reasons for the success are fairly evident. Grange Mutual is offering very competitively priced products in the life insurance area and annuities that are designed to help fight inflation. Two new annuity products joined our no-load Flexible Premium Annuity. One is a Flexible Annuity which is designed to follow the interest rate fluctuation on a quarterly basis. The rate is set each calendar quarter based on our estimate of what interest rates will be the coming quarter. This will allow for more rapid adjustment in a volatile interest en-

vironment such as this last year has been. The second annuity is Single Premium with a high rate guaranteed for five through ten years. Current rates are 10 $\frac{5}{8}$ % for 5, 6, or 7 years; 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ % for 8, 9, or 10 years. Both annuities do have a declining withdrawal penalty in the early years. Both allow up to 10% withdrawal in any one year without a penalty. The first three months sales have been outstanding.

The one area of growth that has been disappointing is the Grangers Only Hospital Indemnity program, which serves members in four of our states. Recognizing that this is only to serve as a supplement to an individual or group A&H program, it is still a good value in Hospital Indemnity coverage.

Unfortunately, inflation will be with us for the foreseeable future. Hospital costs will

continue to escalate and the deductibles which have to be paid, even under quite comprehensive plans, will increase. Thus, the need for this coverage increases. We hope to encourage wider acceptance of the plan.

In line with the Grangers Only Hospital Indemnity program, GML has presented the State Granges participating with checks in the amount of \$3,927.32 which represents 5% of the premium collected from their members on a state-by-state basis.

GML has also paid to the State Granges, which endorse us, a total of \$8,668.00 under the \$1.00 per new member program.

Fraternally,
Robert W. Schmidt
Chairman of the Board

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The committee reports adversely on Res. 538.

We express our thanks for the help of the following resource people, Leo Choate, Asst. to Dep. Adm., State & County operation ASCS, Ben Sunbury, Farm Credit Adm., James Thornton, Assoc. Adm. FmHA, USDA, George White, Dep. Adm. International Trade, FAS, USDA.

The committee endorses that section of the Master's address assigned to Ag and commend him for his leadership. Our report covers the various points of his address.

**AGRICULTURE
POLICY STATEMENT**

As we enter the decade of the 80's U. S. agriculture is facing many of the same problems that have plagued farmers for years. However, the priority of these problems will be rearranged in their order of importance.

More emphasis will be placed on soil and water conservation, farmland preservation, land use, and a relatively new concern, the structure of U.S. agriculture. Because of a drought shortened crop and strong world demand, less attention will be placed on in-

come support levels in any new farm program. The debate in Congress will be centered of the three issues outlined above. It is important to point out that the debate both in and out of Congress will not be limited to the farm sector. Soil and water conservation, farmland preservation, and farm size are of national interest because of their impact on the national economy.

The National Grange should play an important role in the national debate on these issues. The Grange has been the leader in the effort to maintain the family farm as the backbone of American farm structure. Unless action is taken to reverse the present trend, the traditional family farm may be marked for extinction. During the last three decades, America has been losing family farms at the rate of 2,000 a year. The decade of the eighties will not be any different unless we change the laws and administrative actions that are accelerating the movement toward larger and larger farms.

The National Grange and its membership should continue to study the various means available to preserve the family farm structure in American agriculture. In past years the Grange has made positive policy recommendations to direct federal farm program payments to farmers who are at the low end of the economic classification of farmers. Likewise, we have made and should continue to make recommendations on the formation of capital for smaller family farms and the extension of credit to new and beginning farmers.

However, increased assistance to this class of farmer is not sufficient unless the tax laws are changed that encourage non-farm ownership and farm enlargement by those outside of agriculture. Non-farm investors in agriculture should be subject to the same tax laws and regulations as farm investors. For instance, foreign investors in U. S. farmland should be subject to the same capital gains provisions of the U. S. Tax code when they sell real property as are family farmers. Likewise, profits generated from investment in agriculture by pension trust funds should be taxed at the same rate as are profits from the family farm. Because of their effect on family farms, we also should study very carefully, investment tax credits, accelerated depreciation allowance and other tax provi-

sions that accrue at an increasing rate to the large agricultural enterprise. Similar caution must be applied in implementing agriculture credit programs that advantage the larger borrower. It was possible, and still may be possible, for a large group of non-farm investors to borrow from SBA or FmHA, take advantage of the liberal investment tax credit laws and set-up large integrated confined hog feeding operation in competition with the family farmer.

Of equal importance as we enter the 80's is the preservation of farmland. The National Grange continues to support the principle that land use and farmland preservation is best controlled by those closest to the land. The Grange should continue to study various methods of farmland preservation and influence state and local governments to adopt land use plans that are best suited to that state and locality.

More attention also must be focused on the conservation of soil and water, our two most important heritages. We all are aware of the tremendous loss of valuable top soil each year. If the present trends continue, we will lose more farms by erosion, than from urban sprawl, something we must not allow to happen. The National Grange will continue to support sound conservation programs that are a cooperative effort between the land owner and the state and federal government. We must take a closer look at conservation loans, conservation tax credits and other methods that will assist the farmer in conserving his soil for future generations. It is in the national interest to conserve the land, therefore, it should be the joint responsibility of the land owner and the public.

The Grange continues to support free access to world markets thereby increasing agricultural exports. The opening of trade between nations is a far better way to increase international understanding than to limit trade because of differences in ideologies.

The National Grange has an important role to play in determining farm policy for the 80's. We must make the public aware of the importance of both large and small family farms and the role that each play in providing food, fiber and shelter to a growing world economy. At the same time, we must preserve those rural values that stem from

family agriculture, values that feed the moral fiber of a great nation.

MEAT PRICING

WHEREAS, margins between producers and retail prices of meats have increased, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pricing policies and practices of food processors and retailers should be continually monitored and analyzed by USDA to insure fair price competition by USDA.

This covers Resolution No. 440 by Massey.

GRANT-IN-AID FUNDS

RESOLVED, that federal agricultural research grant funds be allocated only to Universities and Institutions that have the expertise and facilities to conduct agricultural research.

This covers Resolution No. 443 by Massey.

FARM PROGRAM AND TAX POLICY FOR FAMILY FARMS

WHEREAS, a new farm program that will impact family farms must be written in 1981, and

WHEREAS, family farms are the primary sources of the nation's agricultural production and knowledgeable agriculture human resources, and

WHEREAS, current and past farm programs and tax laws have to some degree worked to the disadvantage of family farms as they provided more benefits to larger farms and

WHEREAS, the USDA and others have recently through Farm Structure hearings and other surveys accumulated much supporting information on this subject, and

WHEREAS, for farm program purposes a "Family Farm" should be defined as one that is managed by a family member or members, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Grange propose and support legislation that truly provides economic and tax incentives for family farms without escalating advantages to large farms.

Committee Resolution covering Res. No. 410 and 432 in part by Massey.

PRESERVING AND ENCOURAGING FAMILY FARMS

WHEREAS, the number of family farms in the nation has decreased during the past decade; and

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of rental farms available to new entry framers, and

WHEREAS, the rising cost of resources, especially land and machinery, and high interest rates have combined to require high down payments and large annual payments by farmers in a time of high operating costs and fluctuating market values for many products; and

WHEREAS, the National Grange wishes to encourage the preservation and development of family farms, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the Congress to give favorable consideration to legislation that will help to ease the financial burden of individuals entering farming and will preserve family farms, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that Extension Service, Farmers Home Administration and other agency programs continue to provide increased emphasis on partnerships and other relationships that will encourage young men and women to enter and/or stay in farming.

This covers Resolutions 266 by Myers, 431 and 436 by Massey.

SMALL FAMILY FARM ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, many potentially viable small family farms have difficulty surviving in farming because of inadequate credit and little assistance from other programs, and

WHEREAS, many such farms particularly need credit and other program assistance in equipment modernization, soil and water conservation and improvement of their standard of living, and

WHEREAS, small family farms provide many valuable products such as fruits and vegetables for roadside stands, and

WHEREAS, economically healthy Small Family Farms provide an excellent place to rear children and provide the agriculturally oriented human resources needed for both agriculture and business, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that a "Small Family Farm" be defined for program purposes as "one in

which family members provide most of the labor and management, and the family relies on farming for most of its income," and that their income is less than the medium non-metropolitan income of that State, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Grange propose and support legislative programs and administrative actions that provide needed extended term and low interest credit and other program benefits, including assistance to overcome disasters, to help sustain and enhance Small Family Farms.

Committee Resolution covering Res. No. 306 by West, Res. No. 432 in part and Res. No. 433 by Massey and Res. No. 525 by Tate.

AGRICULTURE EXPORT EMBARGOES

We recommend that the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 be amended so that at any time and for any reason (not just short supply) commodities such as grains or soybeans are embargoed or suspended from export by a President the United States Congress must concur and that a minimum of 90% of parity be guaranteed to producers during the embargo and subsequent six month period.

This covers Res. No. 408 by Massey.

GRAIN AND COMMODITY MARKETING

RESOLVED, that the Grange request the U. S. Congress to conduct oversight hearings on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to determine if the Futures Market is being regulated to the best interest of producers, and further, be it

RESOLVED, that a bonafide farmer be added to this commission.

This covers Res. No. 7 by Hoffman.

FEED GRAIN STORAGE

WHEREAS, many states are heavily dependent on feed grains originating from outside their States, and

WHEREAS, there is a lack of alternative methods of transportation in such state, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange

go on record in support of Port terminals and storage facilities for feed grains in the Northeast.

This covers Res. No. 299 by Shores.

FEDERAL INDEMNITY PROGRAMS

RESOLVED, that the Grange supports Federal Indemnity provisions to indemnify farmers against loss through no fault of theirs in cases such as radioactive fallout and chemical contamination.

This covers Res. No. 415 by Massey.

MEAT IMPORT INSPECTIONS

RESOLVED, that it be mandatory that all imported meat be graded and inspected by the same standards as used in the United States, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that imported meat and meat products containing imported meats be so labeled along with the point of origin. It is also recommended that the labeling and inspecting of these meats and meat products be more strictly enforced.

This covers Res. No. 418 by Massey.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

WHEREAS, noxious weeds such as bindweed, Multiflora Rose, and Canadian thistle continue to increase the cost of farming and ranching, resulting in lower yields, increased production costs, unsightly appearance of properties and increasing the fire danger, and

WHEREAS, successful control would require a well-organized state and national weed control program, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support federal legislation requiring control of noxious weeds on federal lands.

This covers Res. No. 116 by Guthrie and Res. No. 289 by Buell.

ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Grange supports current attempts to streamline and reorganize governmental programs to ensure that they are receptive to the needs of the general public, and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been introduced to transfer the entire function of the Animal Damage Control Program from the Department of the Interior to the United States Department of Agriculture, and

WHEREAS, if accomplished, this proposal would greatly benefit farmers by directly reducing the number of Federal agencies they would deal with when processing claims, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange supports the transfer of the Animal Damage Control Program to U.S.D.A.

This covers Res. No. 264 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 Res. No. 287 & 288 by Buell.

ACREAGE LIMITATION

WHEREAS, the National Grange supports the intent of the Reclamation Act of 1902, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support a compromise in the 160 acre limitation on Federal Reclamation:

- a. To provide opportunity for a maximum number of farmers on the land.
- b. To distribute widely the benefits from public supported reclamation because Government interest-free money and low priced water are involved.
- c. To promote and preserve the concept of family size owner operated farm.
- d. To preclude the accrual of speculative gain in the disposition of land.

e. To permit owners of excess lands to dispose of their lands to an eligible buyer of their choice, giving preference to:

- (1) Immediate family members;
- (2) tenants and/or employees, and
- (3) neighbors.

f. Require the landowner to reside within 50 miles of the land owned with the exception in residency for widowed spouses, retired farmers, hardship conditions and in case of inheritance.

This covers Res. No. 236 by Stauffer.

ASCS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRANSFER RIGHTS

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933 directed, in part, that the Secretary of Agriculture was to utilize the services of Farmer-Elected Committees to assist USDA in the administration and execution of farm programs at the county level, and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) Farmer-Elected County Committee performs said functions assisted by a County Executive Director (CED, the Committee employee) and other county employees that are hired and directed by CED, and

WHEREAS, the National Grange believes it is crucial to farmers that the ASCS system of locally employed and directed employees, responsible to the farmer-elected committees, be maintained and the Grange also believes these employees deserve employment benefits equivalent to those received by other Federal employees, and

WHEREAS, county ASCS employees have over the years acquired such benefits as retirement, group health and life insurance and leave by special legislation, and

WHEREAS, county ASCS employees, unlike other Federal employees, lose their benefits when they transfer to non-USDA Federal agencies, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation which would permit ASCS county office employees to transfer to Federal positions outside of USDA with full retention of accrued benefits, such as leave, retirement, tenure, salary and insurance, in the same manner as other Federal employees.

This covers Res. No. 73 by Choate.

FARMER ORIENTED USDA EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the National Grange recognizes many persons possessing a strong agricultural background and a true sensitivity for farmers' needs are employed by Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) county committees in county offices, and

WHEREAS, the National Grange also recognizes that said employees generally possess a thorough and practical knowledge of farm programs and strongly support the farmer-elected committee system and therefore are generally good administrators of farm programs and policies at the State and National levels, and

WHEREAS, current federal personnel rules make it difficult and costly for ASCS county employees to be promoted to civil service positions at the State and National levels, and

WHEREAS, other Federal employees presently receive a six percent salary increase when promoted, however, ASCS employees cannot obtain a salary increase and usually must take a salary cut in a promotion from an ASCS county office to a State or National office position, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange endorse and work for any measures which would continue to protect the county committee's right to supervise county ASCS employees and would also improve ASCS county employee promotion opportunities to State and National offices by assuring ASCS county employees promotion salary increases comparable to those granted to other promoted Federal employees, and further be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage and endorse USDA efforts to fill vacancies at the State and National levels with persons possessing a background obtained through employment in the ASCS county offices.

This covers Res. No. 74 by Choate.

NATIONAL FARM COALITION

WHEREAS, National Master, Edward Andersen, has been elected to the Chairmanship of the National Farm Coalition, and

WHEREAS, the National Farm Coalition can be an influential force in the development of farm policy; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange commend the efforts of National Master, Edward Andersen, as Chairman of the National Farm Coalition.

This covers Res. No. 381 by Moody.

FLY CONTROL FOR MUSHROOMS

WHEREAS, the mushroom producer is having trouble in controlling flies which are causing large production problems, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge E.P.A. to expedite the approval of new products for fly control in the production of mushrooms.

Committee Resolution covering Res. No. 492 by Wismer.

COTTON PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the production of cotton is a vital part of our agriculture economy and is a good source of food and fiber to feed and clothe our people, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that:

(1) every effort be made by the National Grange to maintain a loan level that would encourage continued production of cotton.

(2) Because of adverse weather in 1980, the 1981 cotton acreage should not be corrected against Normal Crop Acreage that would reduce payments on other crops on that farm.

(3) We commend the U. S. State Department and USDA for the progress that has been made in limiting textile imports and urge that efforts be continued that will lead to permanent agreements.

(4) We heartily commend the intensified efforts of the National Cotton Council and Cotton Incorporated to increase the marketing and acceptance of cotton.

(5) We recommend that the Defense Department's textile procurement policy be structured so as to supply present and future fabric needs from cotton.

(6) We support the funding for cotton research and promotion as recommended by the Cotton Board and the National Cotton Council.

(7) In light of the federal water projects

in some cotton production areas the principle of equity in the cost of producing cotton should be re-evaluated by USDA and the cotton industry.

This covers Resolution No. 404 by Massey.

PEANUTS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the USDA administered Peanut Program will expire with the Agriculture Act of 1977, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the peanut growers in their efforts to develop a sound Peanut Program in any future farm program legislation.

This covers Resolution No. 403 by Massey.

PESTICIDES

WHEREAS, pesticides and herbicides are an integral component of modern day farming practices, and

WHEREAS, the agricultural community has taken responsible actions to ensure their safe and effective use, and

WHEREAS, the Grange believes that E.P.A. actions to ban the application of pesticides and herbicides such as 2-4-5-T and 2-4-D is not justified, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge E.P.A. to consult with states, industry, and user groups when developing policy and regulations relating to pesticides industries, and the E.P.A. use a reasonable approach in carrying out any provisions and requirements of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange further urge E.P.A. to consider impartial scientific research data before suspending or cancelling insecticide or pesticide registrations.

This covers Resolution 51 by Silvers, 93 by Carter, 96 by Carter, 140 by Wedding, 263 by Myers and 524 by Tate.

HERBICIDE AND PESTICIDE RESEARCH

WHEREAS, we are aware of the dangers of some chemicals, and

WHEREAS, we are aware of the need for herbicides and pesticides, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage increased scientific research and development of herbicides and pesticides that do not destroy the natural properties of the soil and human or animal resources.

This covers Res. No. 90 by Wallace.

INTEGRATED PEST CONTROL

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management can be very effective in pest control and,

WHEREAS, there has been a limited amount of research and study in the full use and effects of Integrated Pest Management, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange strongly support research, development, and education of the full implications and feasibility of Integrated Pest Management.

This covers Res. No. 265 by Myers and No. 318 by Koster.

POULTRY DISEASE

WHEREAS, disease and parasites carried by imported exotic fowl and pet birds are a constant plague on the poultry industry; and

WHEREAS, efforts to control the importation of exotic fowl and pet birds have been of limited effectiveness; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support measures which will require tighter oversight and control at port of entry and market outlets in an effort to control the importation of exotic fowl and pet birds.

This covers Res. No. 300 by Shores, 423 by Massey and 424 by Massey.

BAGGAGE INSPECTION

WHEREAS, personal baggage of travelers entering the United States presents a very real method of harboring foreign pest organisms. Contraband material intercepted at United States ports-of-entry in 1979 include 9,556 plant pests, 507,373 items of quarantined material capable of carrying plant pests, and 91,000 items of meat or animal products capable of carrying animal diseases.

WHEREAS, the Comptroller General of the United States Study No. CG-79-84 ap-

parently proposes that inspection of incoming baggage be reduced to accomplish more rapid entry of travelers into the United States. Such action if implemented would increase the possibility of the introduction of damaging plant pests and animal diseases into the United States, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange bring this potential danger to U.S. Agriculture to the attention of the Secretary of Agriculture, the United States Secretary of the Treasury, and the major agricultural industry groups of the United States, and that they be urged to use their influence to see that passenger baggage inspection be increased, rather than decreased, so as to adequately protect the United States agricultural industry from the introduction of plant and animal diseases, and be it further

RESOLVED, that if adequate passenger baggage inspection as determined by the United States Department of Agriculture is not accomplished by United States Customs that the United States Congress be requested to pass legislation that would give primary responsibility for baggage inspection to USDA's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) along with adequate funds and personnel ceilings to finance and accomplish this inspection.

This is a committee resolution.

CHEMICAL REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, modern agriculture is greatly benefited by use of chemicals, and

WHEREAS, research to develop effective and safe chemicals is both time consuming and expensive, and

WHEREAS, EPA seeks to prevent the use of a specific chemical by using evidence obtained from feeding excessive large doses of the chemical to research animals rather than through thorough research, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend to the EPA

- (1) Fairer and more reasonable testing procedures which are in line with the practical consumption that would be expected from human use of the product.
- (2) Opposing the withdrawal of chemicals because of evidence secured by unfair or unreasonable testing procedures and,

- (3) Base their decisions on facts that are backed by adequate research governing crop protection chemicals and prepare economic impact statements that take into consideration economic hardships placed on farmers and subsequent effects on plentiful and wholesome food supplies for our citizens before such chemicals of pesticides are banned.

This covers resolutions 428 and 430 by Massey.

ANTIBIOTICS AND FEED ADDITIVES

WHEREAS, it is becoming increasingly important for farmers to produce unadulterated quality products to compete in the marketplace, and

WHEREAS, increased government regulations continue to restrict the use of certain drugs in the production of milk and meat, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the actions of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments in preparing an appropriate citizen's petition for submission to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requesting the FDA reconsider and raise the tolerance levels for antibiotics found in milk and milk products, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a tolerance be established that would allow .03 P.P.M of antibiotic residue level in milk and meat and that no test be used to preclude the sale of products while using any health aid in the manner recommended by the manufacturer and approved by FDA Bureau of Veterinary Medicine.

This covers Res. No. 128 by Wedding, No. 257 by Myers, No. 491 by Wismer.

TARGET PRICE & LOAN RATE FOR 1981 CROP

WHEREAS, the target price concept can be beneficial in some years, and

WHEREAS, with the rapidly escalating cost of production and weather hazards, it is necessary to raise the floor under prices of crops grown in 1981, and

WHEREAS, there should be an attempt to balance income with soaring cost of pro-

duction and keep supply and demand into closer balance, therefore be it

RESOLVED,

1. That the loan rate on wheat be raised to \$4.00, corn, \$3.00, and soybeans, \$6.00,

2. That Growers who deposit grains in the reserve would be eligible for advance storage payments of at least 26.5 cents per bushel,

3. That the release prices for grain held in reserve be not less than 125% of loan price,

4. That the call price for grain held in reserve be not less than 150% of loan rate.

This covers Resolution No. 127 by Wedding, No 131 by Wedding, and No. 205 by Smith.

CROP INSURANCE FOR TOBACCO

WHEREAS, the current Federal Crop Insurance Program for tobacco requires the harvesting of partially destroyed "junk" tobacco as a condition of loss adjustment after a disaster, and

WHEREAS, this "junk" tobacco places an undesirable product on the market that disrupts orderly marketing of quality tobacco, so therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange urge the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to stop forcing the harvesting of "junk" tobacco as a condition of loss adjustment and thus remove this disrupting influence from orderly marketing of quality tobacco.

Committee resolution covering Res. No. 435 by Massey.

CROP INSURANCE AND DISASTER PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, a new much more comprehensive crop insurance law has been enacted, and

WHEREAS, the new crop insurance law is intended to replace the Disaster Payment Program which will terminate before 1982, and

WHEREAS, the new crop insurance law is intended to cover all crops and to subsidize premiums paid by farmers and stockmen for the protection of their production, and

WHEREAS, the new law restricts Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) staff

expansion and authorizes insurance delivery by private agents and ASCS County Offices, and

WHEREAS, the National Grange for the last two years has proposed Crop Insurance delivery by the farmers-elected committees that could make decisions on rates, yields and losses and appeals of these decisions in an equitable manner, and

WHEREAS, the act provides for a management arrangement wherein FCIC would contract insurance delivery directly with ASCS County Offices thus requiring these offices to be responsible to both FCIC and ASCS, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the administration of the new Crop Insurance Program be decentralized by assigning the non-private portion of farmer program administration to ASCS at the National, State and County level, to be administered within applicable laws and regulations, and retaining the actuarial and audit responsibilities with FCIC and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Crop Insurance Program be administered by farmer elected county committees in concert with other farm programs so that farmers would have one uniform set of procedures for yield establishment, production reporting and appeal of decisions for all programs including Crop Insurance, be it further

RESOLVED, that Grange Insurance Companies be encouraged to participate as carriers, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Disaster Payment Program law be extended beyond 1981 for counties without the Crop insurance program until it is in place and fully operational.

Committee Res. in lieu Res. No. 129 Wednesday and Res. No. 434 by Massey.

AFLATOXIN

WHEREAS, aflatoxin is a fungus that grows on ear corn in times of extreme dry and hot weather, and

WHEREAS, the tolerance established for aflatoxin on corn for food by the Federal Food and Drug Administration is 20 parts per billion, and

WHEREAS, this has cost the corn grower in several states millions of dollars, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend a reasonable standard for aflatoxin infected corn be established and market alternatives be developed to protect farmers who have corn that exceeds maximum tolerances for food and that the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture be requested to implement an inspection and analysis program which will protect both the buyer and seller of corn, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend an all-out education effort through such opportunities as ASCS newsletters, Department of Agriculture and Agriculture Extension Service bulletin and personnel (and others) in order to help minimize aflatoxin infestation in corn for sale or storage, and encourage research to develop resistant varieties.

This covers Res. No. 429 by Massey.

AGRICULTURE-ENERGY

WHEREAS, the production, transportation, processing and distribution of food products is essential to the well-being of the United States, and

WHEREAS, much of our supplies of crude oil are dependent upon imports from unstable countries in the Mid-east, and

WHEREAS, in the event of a cut-off of imported crude oil, the economy of the United States could be severely disrupted for an extended period of time, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a stand-by fuel allocation program designed to maintain adequate food supplies is necessary, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this stand-by fuel allocation program must recognize an agricultural fuel priority second only to emergency services. These fuel allocation priorities should not be based upon the number of people employed in the various sectors of America's total economic structure.

Committee substitute for Res. No. 317 by Koster and 452 by Massey.

TARGET PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR MUSHROOMS

WHEREAS, the domestic mushroom producers are facing increased competition from imports of canned mushrooms, and

WHEREAS, the increased availability of

the cheaper mushroom imports has resulted in serious loss of income to domestic producers, and

WHEREAS, the current Trade Agreement Act provides for adjustment assistance for industries injured by imports, and

WHEREAS, the producers of fresh mushrooms have a difficult time in proving that canned mushroom imports have caused them serious economic injury, and

WHEREAS, a Target price program would be easier to administer and provide quicker and more substantial economic assistance to domestic mushroom producers, be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange seek to have a target price program established for fresh mushrooms. The target price to be set in relationship to the national average cost of production and at a level that will not encourage the production of surplus mushrooms.

This is a committee resolution.

SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, milk is a nutritional dairy product, and

WHEREAS, school age children need nature's most perfect food; milk for strong healthy bodies, be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the School milk and Special milk programs and urge that a choice of whole milk be provided. We commend Congress for continuing the School Lunch and various Special Milk Programs and oppose any effort to reduce the appropriations for these programs.

Covers Res. No. 416 by Massey.

DAIRY PRICE SUPPORTS

WHEREAS, to insure the consumer an ample supply of high quality dairy products, and

WHEREAS, to assure a fair return to the producers of dairy products, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge that milk price support remain at a minimum of 80% of parity. Then by Mar. 1, 1981 a special appointed National Grange Dairy Advisory Committee make future recommendations to the National Grange Ex. Comm. for future policy which provides a

fair and reasonable rate of return to the producers, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange cooperate with the dairy industry in the development of a Herd Management that will keep milk supplies in line with demand.

This covers Res. No. 75 by Wallace in part, Res. No. 80 by Wallace, Res. No. 261 by Myers, Res. No. 487 by Wismer.

DAIRY RESEARCH AND PROMOTION

WHEREAS, consumption of dairy products has showed an annual decline per capita basis, and

WHEREAS, imitation products are becoming a threat to dairy products, and

WHEREAS, continued research for promotion of new and better dairy products is needed, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange work with other organizations to increase consumption of dairy products, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the referendum concept for dairy farmers to raise funds for advertising, research and promotion of milk products, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support UDIA (ADA) the "Real Seal" program to readily identify real dairy products.

This covers Res. No. 75 in part by Wallace, No. 417 by Massey, Res. No. 540 by Halladay, No. 541 by Halladay.

RECONSTITUTED MILK REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that the Federal Milk Marketing order be changed to permit the sale of reconstituted milk as fresh milk, and

WHEREAS, the dairy farmer will lose through lower prices, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose any changes in the regulation of reconstituted milk.

This covers Res. No. 260 by Myers, Res. No. 489 by Wismer, Res. No. 535 by Halladay.

FARM SAFETY

WHEREAS, the agricultural industry is vital to the economy of the nation, and

WHEREAS, accidents to farmers, their employees and members of their families cause tremendous suffering and loss, and

WHEREAS, the Farm Safety Specialist of the Federal State Cooperative Extension Service works to reduce these human and economic losses, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support efforts to continue federal funding for the State Extension Safety specialist.

Resolution No. 268 by Myers.

TOBACCO IMPORTS DUTY FEE

WHEREAS, there is now public hearings and investigations being held by the United States International Trade Commission for the purpose of duty modification on certain tobacco items, and

WHEREAS, the reduction in tariff on these tobacco items would further erode the domestic market for U. S. tobacco producers, and

WHEREAS, the U. S. tobacco producer applauds the gains made in the multilateral trade negotiations. In the negotiations the U. S. tobacco farmer conceded to tariff reduction on numerous tobacco items in exchange for concessions from major foreign markets, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose any move away from those agreements by further reduction in the U. S. tariff rates or the expansion of the Generalized System of Preference (GSP) item eligibility list on imported tobacco.

This is a committee resolution.

TOBACCO PROGRAM, QUOTA AND PRICE SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the tobacco quota and price support program was designed to provide a sound program that balances production to demands, and

WHEREAS, the current formula for establishing price supports for all kinds of tobacco under the quota system is now causing the escalation in price support. For example the support price for flu-cured in 1979 was \$1.293 per pound and if present trends continue by 1985 the price will be \$2.29 per pound, and

WHEREAS, there is concern that these escalating price supports could hurt export sales and cause domestic manufacturers to increase the importation of foreign grown flu-cured and burley tobacco, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 1981 tobacco quota remain the same as 1980 unless the final date on production and supply indicates a cut is necessary to keep supply and demand in line, in case a cut is necessary it be limited to 5%; be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange call for an immediate review by the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture of the rate of price support escalation under the present formula to determine if U. S. tobacco is in danger of being priced out of the export and domestic market, and if it is determined that an adjustment in the pricing formula is necessary for American grown tobacco to be competitive in the marketplace that the National Grange provide input into the decision making process.

This Resolution covers Res. No. 405 & 406 by Massey.

FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the original purpose of Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) was to assist farmers with financial problems, and

WHEREAS, FmHA has extended their services to include not only farm and rural housing financing, but also non-rural housing, municipal loans, and recreational loans, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the return of FmHA to its original purpose of making low interest loans to eligible farmers and assist young farmers in getting started in farming, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the agency be adequately staffed with personnel that have farm experience or agriculture training or versed in farm life and its problems, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other business now handled by FmHA be transferred to another agency of USDA.

This covers Res. No. 130 by Wedding, Res. No. 267 by Myers in part, Res. No. 301 by Shores, Res. No. 493 by Wismer, Res. No. 537 by Halladay and Res. No. 572 by Ross.

FARM CREDIT

WHEREAS, the National Grange has been in strong support of the Farm Credit System since its inception, 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 and their cooperatives, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange continue to work closely with the Farm Credit Administration in developing the regulations that will govern the financing of establishments for marketing and processing facilities of individual eligible borrowers, and be it further

RESOLVED, that to protect the marketing opportunities of family farmers and to enhance the position of cooperatives the National Grange should make every effort to influence Districts Boards to set future pass through requirements at the present level of 51 percent.

This covers Resolution No. 94 by Carter.

MILK PRICING

WHEREAS, the Minnesota-Wisconsin formula is a pre-war formula the usefulness of which is questionable for pricing of Grade A milk, and

WHEREAS, the National Milk Producers Federation is in agreement with the need for change, and

WHEREAS, the number of condensaries in Minnesota and Wisconsin that are used to establish the price of the manufactured milk classifications has dwindled to such a low number that it can no longer be justified as a source for fair price setting, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange explore the possibilities of formulating a new pricing formula for Grade A milk to replace the Minn-Wisconsin series pricing formula.

Covers Resolution No. 490 by Wismer.

THE CAPPER-VOLSTEAD ACT

WHEREAS, farmer cooperatives, as authorized by the Capper-Volstead Act, have enabled farmers to act together in processing and marketing of agricultural products

through cooperatives which has improved their economic position, and

WHEREAS, the National Grange commends the United States Department of Agriculture for their recognition of the importance of agricultural cooperatives as was indicated by their establishment of the Agricultural Cooperative Services; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose any action that would modify the Capper-Volstead Act and in any way jeopardize the farmers' right to organize and maintain cooperatives for the purpose of processing and marketing their products, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange opposes a checklist approach in monitoring cooperatives for undue price enhancement and any attempt to develop broad definitions or parallels with nonagricultural situations which would ignore the reality and individuality of various markets, and be it further

RESOLVED, that responsibility for monitoring the actions of farmer cooperatives authorized by Section 2 of the Capper-Volstead Act remain with the Secretary of Agriculture as he has the capability of reviewing agricultural marketing conditions, farm income needs, and other factors that must be evaluated in making a judgment on undue price enhancement.

This covers Resolution Nos. 258 by Myers, 414 by Massey and 571 in part by Ross.

SELL-BACK PRICE ON DAIRY PRODUCTS HELD BY C.C.C.

WHEREAS, inflation continues to increase the production costs of dairy products; and therefore, the cost of the final products, and

WHEREAS, increasing production of milk is forcing the Commodity Credit Corporation (C.C.C.) to purchase greater amounts of excess dairy products, and

WHEREAS, the current sell-back price of 105% encourages the industry to sell to the Government, rather than handling its own inventory; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support an increase in the sell-back price from 105% to 110% on Dairy Products held by C.C.C.

This covers Resolution No. 259 by Myers.

DAIRY PARITY

WHEREAS, a change in the dairy price support law is being considered that may allow the amount of dairy products purchased by the Commodity Credit Corporation to trigger the raising or lowering of the percent of parity used in determining the support price level, on manufactured units, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that imported dairy products be excluded from any formula used to determine the percent of parity used for the support price on manufactured milk.

This covers Resolution No. 605 by Wismer.

BRUCELLOSIS

WHEREAS, brucellosis is a growing concern for U. S. farmers, and

WHEREAS, the loss of a "Class A" or brucellosis free rating by the Federal Government will result in great losses to the farmers, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation providing for indemnity payments for brucellosis diseased animals to protect the U. S. livestock industry, provided the Producer maintains and approves Vaccination Programs.

This covers Resolution Nos. 426 by Massey and 536 by Halladay.

INTERNATIONAL RESERVES

WHEREAS, the unstable world food picture, the growing number of impoverished people, the continued starvation, focuses our attention once more on the need for a comprehensive international food reserve program, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange will support an international food reserve program that provides for:

(1) the support of all nations in a cooperative endeavor to meet current and projected food needs in deficient areas and insures that food will be available and efficiently distributed.

(2) stimulate food production, especially in food deficit areas, and increase the capabilities of these areas to import, store and provide adequate distribution system.

(3) All nations to give more support for

research, education and development of programs designed to improve the capability of farmers in food deficit areas to meet more of the food needs of their people.

(4) A formal international food reserve, contributed to by all nations, nationally held, for domestic and world needs.

(5) Encourage international cooperation and multilateral solutions to problems affecting food production and distribution so that producers will be assured of adequate returns and stable markets thus encouraging them to meet the food supplies required by the peoples of the entire world.

This is a Committee Resolution in lieu of Resolution No. 409 by Massey.

FUTURE FARM POLICY AND PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the National Grange remains in support of the market oriented farm programs as contained in the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, and

WHEREAS, the authority for such programs expires at the end of the 1981 crop year; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange work closely with the new administration and the Congress in the development of farm policy and programs that:

(1) Rely on the market places for farm income rather than excessive Federal farm programs.

(2) Retain the farmer-held reserve program and the on-farm storage facility loan program as integral parts of the economic assistance to agriculture.

(3) Provide for non-resource loans and target prices for major crops at levels in keeping with the escalating costs of production.

(4) Maintain release and call prices at levels that permit the free market to clear.

(5) Retain authority for production control programs such as set-asides, paid diversion and a modified normal crop acreage requirement.

(6) Set reasonable limits on the amount of grain held in the farmer-held reserve program.

(7) Place increased emphasis on agriculture exports through a revolving export credit program, market development and increased foreign market access, rather than

bilateral trade agreements that are of questionable value to producers.

(8) Retains the present system of private enterprise and cooperatives, in foreign sales of U. S. agriculture products.

(9) Establish a system within farm programs to adjust price supports (loans and target prices) in relationship to any rapid increase in production costs.

(10) Provides the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to make other agricultural commodities eligible for loan, purchases, target prices and reserve programs.

(11) Continues the Dairy Price support Programs and retains the dairy indemnity program, and makes new provisions for indemnity to bee keepers.

(12) Does not require cross compliance with conservation programs.

(13) Directs benefits of federal farm programs to those classification of farmers most in need of economic assistance.

(14) Allows flexibility in farm program requirements that meet the needs of a mixed livestock and grain farmer and provides a small farm exemption from production control programs.

(15) Maintains programs for cotton, tobacco, peanuts, and rice that meets the economic needs of growers and maintains the viability of the producers of these commodities.

This is a committee resolution in lieu of Res. No. 340 by DuLac and No. 407 by Massey.

FUNDS FOR MUSHROOM RESEARCH

WHEREAS, the mushroom industry in the U. S. has not had the research dollars to improve the growing of Spawn; therefore be it

RESOLVED, we urge USDA thru State Experiment stations to step up research on the growing of Spawn for production of mushrooms.

This covers Res. No. 495 by Wismer.

COOPERATIVES

WHEREAS, the Grange continues a long-held position supporting the right of people to join together in cooperative self-help programs for the purchase of supplies and ser-

vices and marketing the products of their production, and

WHEREAS, cooperatives have made it possible for the farmer to compete with large business organizations while at the same time retaining his independence to make farming decisions, and

WHEREAS, the cooperative method of doing business has also helped to retain the family farm as an operating unit, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the telephone cooperatives who are working very hard to provide services of direct dialing through the utilization of highly technical equipment, and further be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support purchasing, processing, marketing, and Rural Electric cooperatives who are providing high quality products and services at cost to members, and further be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support credit cooperatives who work very closely with agricultural producers in providing money and economic guidance through programs geared to meet specific needs.

This covers Res. No. 420 & 421 by Massey & 571 in part by Ross.

PRIVATE APPLICATOR CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) requires that EPA classify pesticides for either general or restricted use, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge farmers to participate in designated educational programs in pesticide use and training courses on pesticide safety prior to the expiration date of their certificate in order to remain eligible for recertification.

This covers Res. No. 262 by Myers.

BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the U. S. government has signed bilateral trade agreements with the U. S. S. R., Mexico and the Peoples Republic of China, and

WHEREAS, these agreements have committed varying amounts of U. S. grain to

State controlled economies or state controlled marketing agencies, and

WHEREAS, each agreement has increasingly involved the U. S. government in the marketing of U.S. grain that is neither owned or under its control; and

WHEREAS, the private grain industry producers and the grain trade, have not been consulted in advance of the full intention of the U. S. government regarding these agreements; and

WHEREAS, the signing of the bilateral trade agreements by the U. S., the world's largest exporter of grain, has caused both exporting and importing countries to seek similar agreements with their customers or from the U. S. Government, and

WHEREAS, a proliferation of this type of agreement could lead to world market sharing by exporting countries thereby limiting the free marketing system of U. S. grain producers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange request that a task force be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to study the purpose and effect of such bilateral trade agreements upon world markets, U. S. grain producers, U. S. livestock economy and the national economy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the task force be composed of equal representation from U.S. government agencies, producer organizations, grain trade and consumers.

This is a committee resolution.

EXPORTS TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES

WHEREAS, third world countries present the greatest potential for increased U. S. agricultural exports, and

WHEREAS, these countries because of weak economies and the increased cost of energy are finding it difficult to obtain sufficient foreign exchange with which to pay for food imports, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation that will establish new export credit programs within USDA such as a Commodity Credit Corporation revolving export credit fund that does not require annual appropriations from Congress to provide assistance to third world countries to enable them to pay for food imports.

This is a committee resolution.

*M-H 30 RESIDUES ON TOBACCO

WHEREAS, the residues of M-H 30 on Flu-cured tobacco has continued to increase during the past several years to levels well above the 80 parts per billion tolerance established by West Germany tobacco industry, a major customer for U. S. Flu-cured tobacco, and

WHEREAS, if this trend in M-H 30 residues is not reversed, U. S. Flu-cured tobacco farmers stand to lose a considerable volume of sales to West Germany and other foreign markets, and

WHEREAS, efforts to reduce M-H 30 residue levels on tobacco through educational programs for tobacco growers on a voluntary basis has not been successful, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange proposes that a realistic grower certification program tied to price support be implemented for the 1981 crop year, with the M-H 30 residue tolerance set at a level that will not cause a penalty to be imposed on any growers who use M-H 30 as recommended and that the National Grange cooperate with the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, State Universities and other farm organizations and industry sectors, in developing a grower certification program for M-H 30.

This covers Resolution No. 425 by Massey.

*Growth control chemical

AGRICULTURE RESEARCH

WHEREAS, American agriculture is called upon to produce the food, fiber and shelter for the American people and help with the same for people around the world, and

WHEREAS, this places increasing demands upon American agriculture in providing the consumer a product at reasonable cost per unit, and at the same time accrue to the producer a return on his investment, and

WHEREAS, investment in agriculture research is in the public interest, and

WHEREAS, all segments of agriculture need to be continuously up dated by research, teaching and extension, and

WHEREAS, over the past few years the Federal Government share of the research budget has been declining, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange use its influence in urging the Congress and the Administration to fully fund the Federal Government share of the research and extension requirement for agriculture to meet its needs and demands, be it further

RESOLVED, that in case of emergencies where increased research is needed that the Federal Government assumes its appropriate share.

Covers Res. No. 222 in part by LaForest, No. 184 by Brendemuhl.

NEW FARM CREDIT AGENCY

WHEREAS, the farm sector continues to have a major specialized credit need that could be more effectively provided by FmHA if it were more farmer oriented and adequately staffed, and

WHEREAS, the rural non-farm sector also has developed a huge unsatisfied and growing credit need that now competes for the time of the limited FmHA staff, and

WHEREAS, the FmHA with its current assignments and thinly spread staff cannot do an adequate job of managing both the farm and non-farm credit programs, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that FmHA be divided into two USDA agencies; one for farm credit operated from county offices guided by an effective farmer committee system at the county and state levels, and one for rural development credit operated from multi-county or district offices, and be it further

RESOLVED, that adequate staffing be provided for the farm credit agency so that it can again meet its supervised credit responsibilities for farmers with special management needs.

This is a committee resolution.

QUALITY STANDARDS FOR IMPORTED MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS

RESOLVED, while the National Grange does not approve of inspection procedures to limit agricultural imports we do insist that all agricultural and food imports meet the same domestic health and sanitation regulations and marketing standards.

This covers Res. No. 471 by Massey.

DAIRY IMPORTS

WHEREAS, the American consumer has access to an ample supply of high-quality dairy products which meet rigid sanitation standards required of producers and processors, and

WHEREAS, dairy product imports continue while consumption of dairy products in the U. S. declines, and

WHEREAS, investigation results in findings of lesser sanitation requirements imposed on dairy products imported; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that import quotas on dairy products be enforced to provide price stability for producers, processors, consumers and that encourages future dairy farming; and be it further

RESOLVED, that imported dairy products be subjected to the same rigid sanitation standards imposed for U. S.-produced dairy products.

This covers Res. No. 472 by Massey.

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

WHEREAS, agricultural exports are vital to U.S. farmers, income and the balance of trade, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose measures that restrict U. S. agricultural exports, except in times when the national security is threatened.

Res. No. 583 by Ross.

SUGAR IMPORTS

WHEREAS, the national beet and cane sugar industries are in difficulty, and

WHEREAS, this is due to competition of foreign sugar produced by low wages prevailing in the supplying areas, and

WHEREAS, the domestic sugar industry finds it increasingly uneconomical to operate and as a result the price of sugar will increase following the pattern set by oil, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange endorse a quote system to control the amount of sugar that each foreign supplier may sell in the United States.

Res. No. 118 by Guthrie.

ESTABLISHING QUOTA ON CASEIN IMPORTS

WHEREAS, neither the prior trade agreements nor the Trade Agreement Act of 1979 places any restriction on the importation of casein into the United States, and

WHEREAS, in recent years there has been a growing trend toward increased use of imported casein in feeds and foods, and

WHEREAS, increased use of casein in feeds and foods has meant growing displacement of domestically produce solids-not-fat which, in turn has meant increased purchases of nonfat dry milk by the Commodity Credit Corporation under the dairy price support program, and

WHEREAS, the continued displacement of nonfat dry milk by imported casein will impair the effective operation of domestic price support programs; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange will support action to establish a quota on the amount of casein that is imported into the U. S.

Res. No. 77 by Wallace and No. 279 by Myers, Res. No. 488 by Wismer and Res. No. 557 by Halladay.

IMPORTED TOBACCO SCRAP

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommends that imported tobacco formerly classified as scrap and now reclassified into a category of unmanufactured and manufactured tobacco not otherwise specified, be properly classified by customs into the category of stemmed tobacco.

Res. No. 470 by Massey.

CHEMICAL RESIDUES OF MUSHROOM IMPORTS

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is allowing the import of foreign mushrooms at a rate that is detrimental to the domestic mushroom industry, and

WHEREAS, the imported mushrooms do not have to meet the same high standards of quality, as domestic mushrooms and are grown with the chemicals that are not permitted for use by domestic producers, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our Federal Government check all imported mushrooms for residues of chemicals that are not cleared for use in the U.S.A.

This covers Res. No. 513 by Wismer.

MUSHROOM IMPORTS

WHEREAS, the mushroom industry has suffered serious injury from the increased importation of processed foreign mushrooms, and

WHEREAS, the International Trade Commissions has recommended that the domestic mushroom industry should be protected from excessive foreign competition during the next three years, and

WHEREAS, the Administration has increased the tariff on imported mushrooms from 13c per lb. to 33c per lb. the first year, 28c per lb. the second year and 23c per lb. the third year, now be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange commend the Administration for increasing the tariff on imported mushrooms, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange cooperate with the Task Force that has been appointed by the President to investigate its domestic mushroom industry to determine methods of increasing the competitive position.

This covers Res. as a sub. for 514 by Wismer.

DELAY CROP INSURANCE IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, the new Federal Crop Insurance Act has just recently been signed into law, and

WHEREAS, it will take considerable time and detailed study to implement a crop insurance delivery system, and

WHEREAS, the change in Administration will further delay selection of the leadership of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, the administrator of the Act, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Payment Program expires at the end of the 1981 Crop Year at a time when the new crop insurance program may not be in place, now be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge that any further implementation of the new Federal Crop Insurance Act be postponed until the new leadership is in place and the combined private-government delivery system can be perfected and tested, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Disaster Payment Program be extended through 1982 to avoid serious gaps between the Disaster and the Crop Insurance Programs.

This is a Committee Resolution.

Fraternally submitted,
Lester Wallace, Chairman
James Ross
Francis Guthrie
Lloyd Massey
Charles Wismer
Rodman Myers
Edward Moody
Jack Silvers
James Shores
Russell Stauffer
J. Luther Snyder

REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

The following resolutions were referred to the Audit and Budget Committee:

Nos. 18, 223, 319, 341 and 342.

Resolution Nos. 341 and 342 were withdrawn.

The committee also considered portions of the Master's address, and recommendations from the Executive Committee.

NATIONAL GRANGE MILEAGE

The committee recommends the adoption of the Executive Committee recommendation that eighteen cents (18¢) per mile be paid for approved travel on National Grange business.

This is a committee resolution.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Audit and Budget Committee, as in past years, was faced with the challenge to see that any action taken be in the interest of the financial well-being of the organization, both now and in the future. Many facets of the budget which will be presented, were discussed in great detail. Our Worthy National Master, Brother Andersen, spent an evening with us, and explained what we believe to be a balanced budget. We commend Brother Andersen on the manner in which he is handling the business affairs of the National Grange. It is evident to us that there are but two sources of income that can be depended upon year after year. The first is the income from the National Grange Building, and the second is dues income from the members throughout the nation. Brother Andersen has taken steps to

maximize the building income, and the budget, as approved by the committee, is designed to increase Grange membership. In addition, provisions have been made to establish reserve funds, and thus guarantee the future financial stability of the organization. Viewing this as a year of stabilization, it is the feeling of the committee that some suggestions, such as re-instituting per diem for delegates to National Session, might be worthy of review in the future, but should not be considered at this time. It is also the feeling of this committee that all future budgets should be in balance.

This statement covers Res. No. 18 by Maple, No. 223 by La Forest, No. 319 by Koster, and portions of Master's Address.

COOKBOOKS

WHEREAS, the second edition of our cookbook has sold very well and at present some 59,000 copies have been sold, bringing us to the point that cookbooks sold henceforth will be profit and

WHEREAS, the balance sheet will show \$105,000 in the cookbook fund and

WHEREAS, this figure includes the inventory plus accounts Receivables of some \$5,000 which in turn really leaves no money in this fund, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee be directed to place in a special fund those net receipts received henceforth from the Sale of Cookbooks.

This is a committee resolution.

NATIONAL GRANGE BUDGET INCOME

	<i>Actual Income FY 1979</i>	<i>Actual Income FY 1980</i>	<i>Proposed Income FY 1981</i>	<i>Final Proposed Income FY 1981</i>
Estimated Income				
Subordinate Dues	\$541,863.49	\$694,223.00	\$777,600	
Junior Dues	5,137.22	5,178.00	5,000	
Subordinate Charter Fees	60.00	90.00	90	
Pomona Charter Fees	—	—		
Junior Charter Fees	105.00	75.00	75	
Sixth Degree Fees	4,600.00	6,054.00	5,000	
Seventh Degree Fees	7,020.00	39,140.00	8,000	
Accounts Receivable	5,000.00			
Sewing Management Fee	2,510.00			
Interest	44.53			
Secretary's Account				
Miscellaneous				
Capital Improvement Fund				
Subtotal			795,765	
Net Building Income	32,576.00		97,104	
Total			\$892,869	
Membership	417,174			
Golden Sheaf	18,374			
Dues Paying	398,800			

NATIONAL GRANGE BUILDING OPERATION

	<i>Actual 1980</i>	<i>Proposed 1981</i>	<i>Final Budget 1981</i>
Income			
Expenses			
Salaries, Payroll Taxes		\$ 36,000.00	
Real Estate Taxes		47,317.96	
Utilities		42,200.00	
Building Supplies		5,000.00	
Service Contracts		42,000.00	
Repairs and Maintenance		20,000.00	
Insurance		9,000.00	
D.C. Building Rental Income Tax		2,841.00	
Building Lease Rental Fees		1,185.00	
Building Maintenance Fund		30,000.00	
Total Income		\$332,647.00	
Total Expenses		235,543.96	
Net Income		\$ 97,104.00	

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE

<i>Department</i>	<i>Actual Expense FY 1979</i>	<i>Actual Expense FY 1980</i>	<i>Proposed Budget FY 1981</i>	<i>Final Proposed Budget FY 1981</i>
General Administration	\$ 85,140.00	\$ 98,948.00	\$110,000	
Lecturer	43,627.00	43,373.00	54,453	
Secretary	29,939.00	26,080.00	20,400	
Executive Committee	8,401.00	9,796.00	14,650	
Women's Activities	30,447.00	29,780.00	34,425	
Youth Activities	35,318.00	30,966.00	23,300	
Junior Grange Activities	8,330.00	12,204.00	18,315	
High Priest	6,676.00	4,947.00	5,700	
Extension	11,146.00	15,780.00	62,300	
Legislation	87,302.00	93,684.00	142,182	
Regulatory Affairs	35,450.00	35,554		
Information	37,736.00	38,225.00	51,000	
Annual Session	92,725.00	84,815.00	110,000	
Supply & Service	44,297.00	46,525.00	25,400	
Pension Trust Fund	29,664.00	9,321.00	19,000	
Grange Promotion	9,016.00	8,123.00	20,000	
Contributions	869.00	625.00	1,000	
Furniture & Equipment	474.00	367.50	25,000	
Community Service	12,219.00	8,563.00	10,500	
Building Management Account	16,766.00	18,985.00	20,200	
Accounts Payable	28,895.00	16,945.00	20,000	
Assembly of Demeter			5,000	
Interest on Loans	8,504.00	7,254.00	3,200	
Total Expense	\$662,941.00	\$640,860.50	\$796,025	
Deficit	57,949.76			
Debt Repayment		50,000.00	69,278	
Total Expense			865,303	
Nat'l Grange proposed income				
— 1981			892,869	
Contingent Fund			27,566	

The Audit and Budget Committee recommends approval of the following per diem and mileage payments to officers, directors, and delegates.

Room reimbursements only:

Wanda Saake, Iowa State Lecturer
Marilyn Keenan, Iowa State WAC Chairman
Doris Trout, Session pianist

Per diem @ \$10.00 per person:

William and Mary Buffington
Daryl and Elizabeth Lowry
B. Franklin and Virginia Hayes
Richard and Patty Carncross
J. Luther and Fae Snyder
Kermit and Margaret Richardson
C. Jerome and Ethel Davis
Edgar and Betty Hall
Clare and Mary Jane Wagner
Verno and Ruth Esther Shorthill
Donald and Ruth Peck

We submit the following report on travel compensation:

Officers who are not Delegates:

A. Edward Andersen (Darlene), Master	\$193.00	\$193.00
Kermit Richardson (Margaret), Lecturer	254.00	254.00
Franklin B. Hayes (Virginia), Secretary	257.50	257.50
Daryl Lowry (Elizabeth), Executive Committee	334.94	334.94
C. Jerome Davis (Ethel), High Priest of Demeter	222.00	222.00
Betty K. Hall (Edgar), Flora	280.00	280.00
J. Luther Snyder (Fae), Priest Annalist	291.50	291.50

Delegates:

Arkansas	Peters, Joseph (Ethel)	\$198.00	\$198.00
California	Koster, Edwin (Edna)	320.84	320.84
Colorado	Guthrie, Francis (Harriet)	243.00	243.00
Connecticut	Warner, Frank (Margaret)	228.00	228.00
Delaware	Hoffman, Claude (Catherine)	205.14	205.14
Florida	Andrews, D. Vincent (Madelin)	295.00	295.00
Idaho	Tate, Gordon (Reta Mae)	486.00	486.00
Illinois	Stauffer, Russell	182.00	
Indiana	Shireman, Wendel (Dorothy)	186.00	186.00
Iowa	Cross, Delwin (Lucille)	112.00	112.00
Kansas	Moody, Edward (Grace)	158.00	158.00
Maine	Shores, James (Dorothy)	289.00	289.00
Maryland	Myers, Rodman (Jean)	209.99	209.99
Massachusetts	West, Vernon (Constance)	244.02	244.02
Michigan	Winter, Roland (Beulah)	218.00	218.00
Minnesota	Brendemuhl, Albert (Adel)	100.63	100.63
Missouri	Wedding, David (Patty)	97.00	97.00
Montana	Farris, Forest (Margaret)	356.33	356.33
Nebraska	Smith, Robert (Margaret)	240.00	240.00
New Hampshire	Shattuck, Philip (Madeliene)	257.50	257.50
New Jersey	Maple, John (Margaret)	307.22	307.22
New York	Halladay, Morris (Catherine)	235.75	235.75
North Carolina	Massey, Lloyd (Eunice)	222.65	222.65
Ohio	Ross, James (Mary)	142.91	142.91
Oklahoma	Purdy, Marvin (Wilma)	308.00	308.00
Oregon	Harris, W. C. (Lida)	352.00	352.00
Pennsylvania	Wismer, Charles (Jane)	206.00	206.00
Rhode Island	Silveira, Frank (Dorothy)	256.50	256.50
South Carolina	Grobusky, George (Jenny)	353.82	353.82
Tennessee	LaForest, Michael (Jean)	227.43	227.43
Texas	Carter, R. G. (Flo)	396.00	396.00
Vermont	Bergeron, Harold (Mary)	326.00	326.00
Virginia	DuLac, Arthur (Doris)	265.50	265.50
Washington	Silvers, Jack	345.00	
West Virginia	Hall, John (Phyllis)	280.00	280.00
Wisconsin	Wallace, Lester (Betty)	101.00	101.00
Wyoming	Buell, Charles (Pearl)	397.00	397.00

SUBTOTAL

\$21,889.34

Seventh Degree

Shorthill, Verno (Ruth)	170.00	170.00
<i>Dir. of Junior Activities</i>		
Carncross, Patty (Richard)	218.00	218.00
<i>Women's Activities Dir.</i>		
Buffington, Mary (William)	211.50	211.50
TOTAL		\$23,088.34

REPORT OF THE CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were referred to the Citizenship and Public Affairs Committee:

24, 25, 26, 28, 37, 38, 41, 42, 43, 56, 83, 84, 99, 102, 107, 109, 110, 112, 113, 114, 135, 137, 139, 143, 161, 163, 165, 176, 185, 188, 189, 199, 200, 201, 202, 207, 219, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 238, 240, 241, 242, 243, 270, 291, 302, 303, 307, 310, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 343, 344, 345, 346, 361, 362, 363, 364, 382, 390, 392, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 527, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 574, 575, and 578.

The following Resolutions were transferred to Citizenship and Public Affairs: 148 from Taxation; 180 and 293 from Labor and Judiciary; 526 from Agriculture; and 554 from Education and Health.

The following Resolutions were transferred to other Committees: 26, 188, 363, 498, 501 and 503 to Conservation; 361, 499 to Education and Health; 102, 225, 228, 497, 544, and 575 to Labor and Judiciary; 219 to Transportation.

The following Resolutions were withdrawn: 24, 28, 107, 135, 202, 227, 242, 270, 322, 323, 324, 346, 390, 445, 446 and 548.

The Committee reported adversely on the following Resolutions: 42, 185, 307, and 527.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

WHEREAS, some state primaries and party caucuses are held six months before a political party's national convention, and

WHEREAS, unforeseen factors may change a delegate's viewpoint during that time; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support efforts that would require all states to hold their primaries or party caucuses no earlier than ninety days prior to the party national conventions.

This covers Resolution Nos. 43 by Silvers, 56 by Cross, 137 by Wedding, and 238 by Stauffer.

PUNISHMENT FOR CONVICTION OF MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE

WHEREAS, in the past our nation has had a proud tradition of great leaders who were both statesmen and politicians, and

WHEREAS, the successful future of our country depends upon our seeking out and encouraging great leaders and rejecting those persons who violate the public trust; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation or any other actions to impose severe penalties on public officials convicted of malfeasance in office, including mandatory removal from office for the remaining term and forfeiture of pension benefits other than those already accrued.

This covers Resolution Nos. 41 by Silvers and 112 by Guthrie.

COLLEGE STUDENT VOTING

"RESOLVED, that the National Grange favors college students voting in person or by absentee ballot in their home communities rather than in their college town."

This covers Resolution No. 542 by Halladay.

BILINGUAL BALLOTS

"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 Nos. 108 by Guthrie, 320 by Koster and 545 by Halladay.

VOTER REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, persons are often permitted to register to vote without presenting proof of citizenship status; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend that proof of citizenship be required at the time of voter registration.

This covers Resolution No. 321 by Koster.

GOVERNMENT TRAVEL AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE

"RESOLVED, that only specifically appointed officials who carry out definite affairs of government travel at government expense; and be it further

"RESOLVED, that these expenses be a matter of public record."

This covers Resolution No. 574 by Ross.

ARMED FORCES REGISTRATION FOR WOMEN

WHEREAS, the armed forces of the U.S. have become a highly technical field of training, and

WHEREAS, there are many areas where women can be trained into meaningful occupation, and

WHEREAS, public law permits voluntary enlistment of women into the armed forces, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange go on record as approving registration of women for possible induction into the Armed Forces.

This covers Resolution No. 496 by Wismer.

AGENT ORANGE

WHEREAS, Agent Orange, a defoliant used in Vietnam, has been proven to have residual effects on human beings exposed to it in concentrations as much as five hundred times the amount required to kill foliage, and

WHEREAS, the medical profession admits that exposure to Agent Orange may be a contributing factor to many body ailments, some of which may be passed on to descendants of exposed victims; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the Veterans Administration to take positive action to help veterans who were contaminated by Agent Orange, and be it further

RESOLVED, that such assistance be extended to the descendants of these veterans.

This covers Resolution No. 310 by Shattuck.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON FAMILIES

WHEREAS, the National Grange reaffirms its belief that the traditional family unit is basic to the welfare and well-being of our society, and

WHEREAS, the National Grange believes excessive governmental intervention in the private affairs of families is an infringement on the sanctity and privacy of the family; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage and support programs that strengthen families, and be it also

RESOLVED, that the National Grange strongly advocate educational programs that emphasize the importance of families and the prevention of family dysfunction; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage that the government's relationship to families be examined and that the consequences of policies and laws be carefully evaluated as to their impact on the traditional family unit.

This covers Resolution Nos. 345 by DuLac and 364 by Winter.

PRAYER IN SCHOOL

We reaffirm existing National Grange policy, page 166 of 1979 Journal:

"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 encourage Bible reading, voluntary prayer, and the use of religious music in schools and other public places."

This covers Resolution Nos. 25 by Maple, 83 by Wallace and 199 by Hall.

RESPECT FOR THE FLAG

WHEREAS, there has been increasing media attention to irreverence, disrespect, and desecration to the American flag, and

WHEREAS, the National Grange believes that respect for the flag and patriotism can be nurtured in our public schools, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Granges at all levels promote the permanent display of the American flag and the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance in school classrooms, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in cases of flag desecration that the courts uphold to the fullest extent the provisions of applicable laws pertaining to flag desecration, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the display of foreign flags are acceptable in special school study programs.

This is a Committee Resolution in lieu of Resolution Nos. 113 by Guthrie, 165 by Warner, 200 by Hall and 303 by Shores.

OBSERVATION OF HOLIDAYS

"RESOLVED, that the National Grange continue to support efforts to seek restoration of the observation of holidays on their traditional and historical dates."

This covers Resolution Nos. 549 and 550 by Halladay.

RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING

WHEREAS, many elderly residents have lived in a rural setting and desire to live the remaining years of their lives in familiar surroundings, and

WHEREAS, most public housing is financed by Federal and State grants and mortgages supported by taxation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support further study into the feasibility of providing additional public housing for the rural elderly.

This covers Resolution No. 502 by Wismer.

911 EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the universal telecommunications system is vital to responsive emergency fire, police and medical services; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend that all localities pursue the implementation of the 911 — emergency service.

This covers Resolution No. 344 by DuLac.

OPPOSING CONTINUED PRODUCTION OF THE

SUSAN B. ANTHONY DOLLAR

WHEREAS, the Susan B. Anthony dollar has not been accepted by the public, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose the continued production of the Susan B. Anthony dollar.

This covers Resolution No. 37 by Silvers.

FEDERALLY MANDATED PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the cost of federally mandated programs frequently removes funds from other, often more desirable local programs, and

WHEREAS, local budgets are thus often overburdened; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that any program mandated by the federal government be adequately funded by the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if at any point that funding is not provided, the mandate shall be removed.

This covers Resolution No. 163 by Warner.

NON-CITIZEN DEMONSTRATIONS

WHEREAS there have been increasing numbers of violent demonstrations sponsored by various alien groups, and

WHEREAS, these demonstrations have often been characterized by American flag desecration, and willful destruction of private property by aliens, and

WHEREAS, in our opinion the various news media have attached unwarranted importance to these alien demonstrations by providing a disproportionate amount of time to covering these events, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the National Grange wishes to express its dissatisfaction with excessive "front page" news media coverage relating to violent alien demonstrations, and be it further

RESOLVED, that demonstrating aliens found guilty of flag desecration, or willful destruction of private property be deported immediately.

This covers Resolution Nos. 143 by Wedding, 190 by Bergeron, 243 by Stauffer, 293 by Buell and 392 by Moody.

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 and those providing services 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. 224 by LaForest, 240 by Stauffer and 448 by Massey.

EQUALITY

WHEREAS, the National Grange Declaration of Purposes originally established in 1874, and re-examined and reaffirmed in 1975 states that, "We proclaim it among our purposes to continue our historical appreciation of the abilities and equality of women", therefore be it

RESOLVED, the National Grange support the principle that no person shall be denied equal rights on the basis of sex.

This is a Committee Resolution.

RATIFICATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange believe that a state which has previously ratified a proposed Constitutional Amendment should be permitted to reverse its decision in the event of extension of approval time.

This covers Resolution No. 343 by DuLac.

INSURANCE INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the Insurance Industry has been protected from anti-trust charges through the McCarron-Ferguson Act, and

WHEREAS, efforts are now underway to do away with the McCarron-Ferguson Act and let the Federal Government dictate how the insurance government would be run; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose efforts to put the insurance industry under Federal regulations and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose efforts to do away with the McCarron-Ferguson Act.

This covers Resolution No. 449 by Massey.

INCREASES FIGURED ON FLAT RATE

WHEREAS, wages are increased by percentage, and

WHEREAS, the cost of living raises are figured on percentage, and

WHEREAS, Social Security is figured on percentage, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend figuring Social Security increases on a flat rate per person basis instead of on a percentage basis.

This covers Resolution No. 241 by Stauffer.

HUSBAND AND WIFE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

WHEREAS, marriage is an economic partnership, and

WHEREAS, retired men often are eligible to receive more Social Security benefits than are their wives, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support changes in the Social Security system so that husbands and wives will be eligible to receive equal Social Security benefits.

This covers Resolution No. 447 by Massey.

SOCIAL SECURITY FUNDS

WHEREAS, Social Security funds are presently used for purposes other than the original intent of supplementing retirement, and

WHEREAS, Social Security funds are paid by a formula of a percent of wages paid by the employer and the employee; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record as being in opposition to Social Security funds being used for any other than the original intended purpose of supplementing retirement.

This covers Resolution No. 161 by Warner.

GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, in the complex society of today, regulations and rules are necessary for an orderly society, and

WHEREAS, many of the personnel in Government Departments are not familiar with situations in which they are directed to formulate rules and regulations to implement laws passed by Congress, and

WHEREAS, these rules and regulations have a profound effect on the lives of every citizen in the nation, and

WHEREAS, these rules and regulations often create difficulties and hardships for all citizens, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange continue to work with the Regulatory Agencies in an advisory capacity to see that those

who are writing the rules understand the problems that these rules may cause and that rules be so drawn to protect all citizens, and at the same time protect our environment.

This covers Resolution Nos. 110 and 114 by Guthrie, 189 by Farris, 382 by Moody and 546 by Halladay.

SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTORS

WHEREAS, the present United States Social Security system is in financial difficulty, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that all wage earners, government or private, contribute to the Social Security System and that they cannot opt out of the Social Security System.

This covers Resolution No. 500 by Wismer.

METRIC SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has enacted permissive legislation for the metric system, and

WHEREAS, the enormous impact of this legislation is not fully realized and will be felt by people in all walks of life, especially in agriculture, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose any mandatory conversion to the metric system, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the Federal Government to refrain from any financial support of the conversion to the metric system, especially in agriculture and equipment manufacture.

This covers Resolution Nos. 139 by Wedding, 201 by Hall, 526 by Tate and 578 by Ross.

SEPARATION OF POWERS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution established three separate and distinct branches of government, each with some degree of control over the acts of the other two, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favor strict adherence to the concept of separation of powers.

This covers Resolution No. 226 by LaForest.

FEDERAL BUILDING CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, contract bidders understand when they bid for a Federally funded building that completion dates are a condition of the

contract, and that only in the case of specific acts of nature should they be allowed to have an extension, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favor penalties for late completion of Federally funded buildings and oppose bonuses paid to contractors finishing before the completion date.

This covers Resolution No. 291 by Buell.

SOCIAL SECURITY EARNINGS LIMITATIONS

WHEREAS, present Social Security regulations allow employed individuals ages 65-72 to collect only one-half of their benefits after earning \$5,000 under the Social Security Act, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation to review and revise the Social Security regulations to enable all persons aged 65-72 to collect their full benefits regardless of income.

This covers Resolution Nos. 38 by Silvers, 109 by Guthrie and 362 by Winter.

MT. ST. HELENS VOLCANO

WHEREAS, the Mt. St. Helens volcano has caused some damage to a large area covering parts of Washington, Oregon and Idaho and made a substantial area adjacent to the Mountain uninhabitable, and

WHEREAS, the threat of this destructive force will likely continue for several years, and

WHEREAS, programs have been authorized and funds have been appropriated to help alleviate some of the human suffering and property losses, and

WHEREAS, the Army Engineers program for acquisition of uninhabitable land is progressing so slowly that residents are being forced to remain in hazardous flood prone areas to protect their property, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange use its influence to strongly encourage the prompt implementation of emergency programs available for people in the Mt. St. Helens disaster area.

Committee Resolution.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the General Services Administration has recently come under considerable

criticism for its administrative policies; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support Congressional investigation into the programs, policies and spending of the General Services Administration.

This covers Resolution No. 543 by Halladay.

VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, programs of the Veteran's Administration have suffered from inadequate funding, and

WHEREAS, the Government Accounting Office and others have advocated consolidation of the Veteran's Administration with the Department of Health & Human Services, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the National Grange support adjustment of Federal funds so that the Veteran's Administration can adequately carry out its responsibilities on behalf of all veterans, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose consolidation of the Veteran's Administration with the Department of Health & Human Services.

This covers Resolution No. 547 by Halladay.

Fraternally submitted,
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REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were referred to the Conservation Committee: 4, 5, 21, 22, 26, 34, 40, 44, 48, 49, 52, 53, 60, 79, 91, 92, 97, 132, 133, 144, 145, 146, 155, 158, 162, 167, 168, 169, 171, 173, 178, 179, 186, 188, 190, 191, 214, 215, 239, 244, 245, 271, 272, 273, 274, 292, 311, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 347, 348, 363, 365, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 498, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 528, 551, 552, 553, 576, and 577.

Resolutions 501 and 503 were received from Citizenship Committee.

Resolution 126 was received from Transportation Committee.

Resolution 452 was transferred to Agriculture Committee.

The following Resolutions were withdrawn: 245, 273, 330, 348, 455.

(Add to: DEPOSIT ON BEVERAGE CONTAINERS — this covers Resolution No. 215 by Shireman and 384 by Moody, page 3; WATER MANAGEMENT — this covers Resolution No. 53 by Silvers, page 4; EMISSIONS CONTROL — this covers Resolution No. 553 by Halladay, page 5.)

POLICY STATEMENT ON FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Concern is growing about the amount of farmland being converted to urban and other nonagricultural uses. Estimates of the loss range

from 3 to 5 million acres a year, of which roughly half is considered to be excellent farmland particularly suitable for cultivation.

Available evidence suggests that agricultural technology and resources — such as new crop varieties, irrigation, fertilizer, and energy — have limitations and cannot indefinitely compensate for farmland losses.

Governmental control of our Nation's land use traditionally rests at the state and local levels, but the federal government can be more supportive of efforts to preserve farmland.

The National Grange feels that it is in the best interests of its membership and the entire nation to seek broad support for federal legislation which will provide technical data and alternative methods to assist State and local governments in their efforts to protect unique and productive agricultural lands from conversion to non-agricultural uses. This federal legislation must meet the following criteria:

1. It must recognize and respect the rights and privileges of private land owners guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.
2. Any such legislation must recognize the pre-eminence of local governments in the determination and control of land use in their jurisdictions.
3. Any techniques and programs for agricultural land preservation must originate at the local level and have the support of landowners in the community.

Only through explicit recognition of these principles will it be possible to effectively maintain a strong agricultural economy with ample productive land while simultaneously assuring that growth can occur as cities and towns respond to a need for housing, energy development and public facilities. The National Grange recognizes the role of planning and managing this growth for the welfare of the nation as a whole.

The National Grange emphasizes the need for a uniform federal policy to guide federal agencies in their decisions which have impact on rural areas. The National Grange also urges states and local governments to assess their activities which may jeopardize agricultural lands. Of particular significance are those decisions which address:

1. the location of airports, highways, and other transportation facilities funded by, or in part, with public taxes;
2. the location of water, sewer and other facilities which can lead to urban sprawl and jeopardize the efficient production of agricultural goods;
3. the location or expansion of parks, wilderness areas, and wildlife preserves which remove land otherwise suitable for agricultural production; and
4. the promulgation of rules and regulations by federal regulatory agencies which diminish the ability of producers to sustain a viable agricultural operation.

In order to assure that agriculture's interests are protected during the development and adoption of reasonable agricultural land preservation programs, it will be necessary for Granges throughout our Nation to become active in this process. The National Grange urges that subordinate and pomona Granges sponsor public meetings to determine the extent to which their community's agricultural economy is threatened by unwise conversion of land uses. Public awareness of the problems faced by farmers and ranchers is necessary before the appropriate steps to preserve agricultural land can be taken.

For the past two years, the National Grange representatives in Washington, D. C. have been active participants in the National Agricultural Land Study. The results of this effort will soon be available, and we urge each Grange to discuss and thoroughly examine its conclusions and recommendations. It should be a valuable source of information to local governments in their efforts to develop and

evaluate proposals and programs for the preservation of agricultural lands.

This covers Resolution Nos. 5 by Hoffman, 60 by Cross, 171 by Warner, 239 by Stauffer, 325 by Koster, 385 by Moody, 457 by Massey, 461 by Massey and 507 by Wismer.

The committee adopts that portion of the Master's address relating to soil and water conservation.

We wish to thank the following Resource people that appeared before our committee:

Richard Gooby — Assistant State Conservationist, SCS, Iowa

Edward Vandermillen — USDA Forest Service

Jim Thorton — Farmers Home Administration

Leo Choate — Assistant to Deputy Administrator, State & County Operations

Stacey Cole — American Petroleum Institute

Our thanks to John Welty — Legislative Director of California State Grange, and Jim Miller — Assistant Legislative Director of the National Grange.

SUPPORT OF ACP PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Agricultural conservation cost sharing program (ACP) has over the years helped not only to conserve the nation's soil, but also helped to maintain soil productivity and,

WHEREAS, one of the major strengths of this program lies in its structure based on local determination of needs by county-level farmer elected committees, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange seek funding of the ACP program at a level which will significantly help meet the conservation needs of America's land, and be it further

RESOLVED, that federal ACP program guidelines be kept flexible so that the local committees can best meet conservation needs with the funds available.

This covers Resolution Nos. 79 by Wallace, 454, 458, 459 and 460 by Massey.

VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, Federal legislation requires that programs be developed to control non-point sources of water pollution, and

WHEREAS, the soil conservation districts, Soil Conservation Service, and other agencies have, for more than forty years, been successfully carrying out a voluntary program of soil and water conservation, and

WHEREAS, a voluntary program for the control of agricultural sediment and animal wastes has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency as meeting Federal requirements, and

WHEREAS, all areas do not require a conservation plan from a water quality standpoint, and

WHEREAS, some practices necessary to control these sources of pollution are often non-income producing and are often prohibitive in cost to the extent that mandatory installation without cost sharing assistance would cause some farmers to go out of business, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support:

1. programs to control potential sources of non-point agricultural pollution which are voluntary in nature;
2. programs to control specific known point sources of agricultural and pollution that violate water quality standards which utilize an approach of offering technical assistance to the violator to correct the problem;
3. at least 50% cost sharing assistance and free technical assistance programs prior to non-income producing practices that require major expenditures.

This covers Resolution No. 274 by Myers.

ANIMAL WASTE

RESOLVED, that the National Grange continue to support research on the handling and management of animal wastes. State and national environmental control agencies should be urged to use a moderate approach in the development and implementation of regulations dealing with the management and handling of animal wastes. Regulations adopted should be implemented in stages which will allow adequate time for farmers to meet requirements without imposing severe economic hardships.

This covers Resolution No. 456 by Massey.

DEPOSIT ON BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

WHEREAS, the disposal of non-returnable

beverage containers is an ever increasing problem and expense, and

WHEREAS, many of these containers are thrown along our roadways, and

WHEREAS, bottles can be washed and reused at a fraction of the cost of new bottles, and

WHEREAS, both glass and aluminum containers can be recycled and made into new containers, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation that would require a deposit on non-biodegradable beverage containers.

This covers Resolution No. 453 by Massey.

WATER MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the future of man depends on the natural resources and the skills to manage them, and

WHEREAS, when dams are authorized to provide much needed water for the production of food, hydro-electric power and community needs, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support further appropriations for the complete development and utilization of water projects.

This covers Resolution Nos. 173 by Warner, 327 by Koster and 506 by Wismer.

SYNTHETIC FUELS CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Federal Synthetic Fuels Corporation is authorized to speed development of synthetic fuels from oil shales, coal liquifaction, tar sands, and related sources, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange use its influence to secure appointments on the Synthetic Fuels Corporation Board from all regions of the United States.

This covers Resolution No. 190 by Farris.

UTILIZATION OF VEHICLE FUELS

WHEREAS, alternative fuel sources will be coming on line in the near future, and

WHEREAS, the complete and timely utilization of traditional, as well as new, fuel sources is in our best interests, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange promote the use of fuel efficient equipment now available and assure that the necessary hardware needed to adapt vehicles to alternative fuels is made readily available to the public when the appropriate technology comes of age.

This covers Resolution Nos. 40 and 49 by Silvers, and 498 and 505 by Wismer.

EMISSIONS CONTROL

WHEREAS, some states are being forced by the Environmental Protection Agency to have auto emission checks, and

WHEREAS, emission checks by federal decree to enforce the Clean Air Act by threat of withholding funds pre-empts state programs already in place, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange propose that Congress determine state compliance to the Clean Air Act by statute and not by administrative regulations.

This covers Resolution No. 504 by Wismer.

OPPOSING ADDITIONAL WILDERNESS AREAS

WHEREAS, nearly one-third of U.S. land is federally owned and off the tax rolls, and federal land management agencies desire to extend their land holdings and wilderness areas, and

WHEREAS, the ever-expanding wilderness area is causing a continuing reduction of the multiple-use land, thereby creating a hardship on ranchers by reducing their grazing area and depriving the public of the timber and related employment, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that support be given to prevent further addition of Federal Wilderness Areas, and Congress be urged to give passage of forest management planning for expanded multiple use lands, recognizing multiple use to include, but not be limited to recreation, watershed protection, timber harvest, grazing and wildlife.

This covers Resolution Nos. 34 by Harris and 326 by Koster.

CALIFORNIA WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

WHEREAS, the wild and scenic rivers of California are protected by state law, and

WHEREAS, a proposal to include these rivers in the federal system would allow a state management plan to be adopted without approval of the voters of California, and

WHEREAS, it would take an Act of Congress for any changes to take place in California's wild and scenic rivers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose the inclusion of California's wild and scenic rivers into the federal system.

This covers Resolution No. 328 by Koster.

LAND WITHDRAWALS

WHEREAS, more and more lands are being taken for state and federal parks and wilderness areas, and

WHEREAS, this reduces tax revenue for schools, county roads and county funds in general, and increases the tax burden on remaining land owners; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange resist at the federal level any action that would remove taxable lands for federal parks or wilderness areas.

This covers Resolution Nos. 329 by Koster and 387 by Moody.

PRESCRIBED BURNING

WHEREAS, the unabated growth of brush below the timber line has caused large areas of State and National public lands to become non-productive for grazing and less habitable for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, an abnormal amount of moisture is now consumed by this excessive growth, causing a serious decrease in natural springs and watersheds, and

WHEREAS, the existence of this growth constitutes a fire hazard with potential to destroy surrounding timber resources and do long-term damage to scenic and recreational areas, and

WHEREAS, prescribed burning would reduce fire threats, and would encourage the re-establishment of grazing habitat and spring water through an increase in watersheds, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange call upon Federal administrations to intensify prescribed burning on national public lands, to the maximum extent practical, to increase public awareness essential to this program and support legislation to facilitate prescribed burning.

This covers Resolution No. 331 by Koster.

TALL GRASS PRAIRIE NATIONAL PARK

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 the National Grange cooperate with other groups to oppose any Tall Grass Prairie National Park.

This covers Resolution No. 386 by Moody and 577 by Ross.

TRAPPING

WHEREAS, trapping is recognized by professional wildlife managers as a valuable fur-bearer management tool, and

WHEREAS, trapping is a source of income for thousands of people in rural areas and fur-processing and consumer sales of fur provide benefits to trappers and consumers, and

WHEREAS, there is a movement to outlaw steel jaw traps, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose the banning of steel jaw traps on federal land and oppose any restrictions on trapping other than those necessary for practical wildlife management.

This covers Resolution No. 511 by Wismer.

DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY

WHEREAS, the United States has a long term energy concern, and the future demands positive action in the development of all potential energy sources, and

WHEREAS, failure to accomplish this goal will mean greater dependence on OPEC nations, thus increasing our balance of trade deficit and posing continued danger to this country's security, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the President, the Congress of the United States and other government leaders to bring about needed changes in national energy policies, and in the laws and regulations that implement those policies to make possible increased utilization of solar, wind, shale, tar sands, hydro-electric, agricultural products, waste, peat, wood, coal, oil, gas, nuclear, and hydrogen energy resources to produce more U.S. energy to reduce dependence on foreign oil.

This covers Resolution Nos. 22 by Maple, 44 and 48 by Silvers, 91 by Wallace, 167 by Warner, 178 by Bergeron, 271 by Myers, 347 by DuLac, 383 by Moody, 450 by Massey, 528 by Tate and 576 by Ross. This also covers, in

part, Resolution Nos. 186 by Brendemuhl, 214 by Shireman, 311 by Shattuck, 451 by Massey and 551 by Halladay.

FREE MARKET FOR ENERGY

WHEREAS, political and military events in the Middle East threaten our Country's oil lifeline, and

WHEREAS, relaxation of oil and gas price controls have stimulated domestic exploration, and

WHEREAS, a free market for petroleum and gas would permit a significant increase in capital investment for domestic development, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record in support of all oil and gas price decontrol as a positive means of reducing our need for foreign oil and gas.

This covers Resolution No. 168 by Warner.

COAL

WHEREAS, there is an abundance of coal in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the burning, transporting and mining of coal can have some adverse effects on the environment, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange work for a national policy that would encourage:

1. a greater use of coal while protecting agriculture and our timber resources from any adverse effects.
2. further research into technologies that will enable the full utilization of coal as a source of energy in areas such as coal gasification and liquification.

This covers Resolution No. 144 by Wedding and Resolution Nos., in part, 169 by Warner, 186 by Brendemuhl, 214 by Shireman, 311 by Shattuck and 551 by Halladay.

ALASKA'S NATURAL RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska holds abundant and, as yet, largely undeveloped natural resources which are urgently needed to maintain a stable Alaskan and American economy, and

WHEREAS, Congress has been presented with different forms of legislation which would set aside vastly differing amounts of land which would remain under Federal control, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange seek passage of legislation which would significantly restrict the acreage set aside for parks, wilderness and wildlife preserves, in Alaska, in addition to providing adequate access through federal lands, and be it further

RESOLVED, that such legislation recognize the valuable potential for energy and minerals and provide for their eventual development, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Congress proceed with immediate steps to fulfill their commitments to Alaska under the Statehood Act.

This is a Committee substitute for Resolution Nos. 365 by Winter and 552 by Halladay.

TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) policy forbids land users from selling firewood without penalty from timber stand improvements if the improvements are cost-shared by the ASCS and

WHEREAS, land users who sell firewood from cost-shared stand improvements must reimburse ASCS with the money received from firewood sales up to the total amount of the cost-share for improvements, and

WHEREAS, the National Grange has recognized a substantial need to promote increased timber stand improvements to meet future needs and demands of the public, and

WHEREAS, energy conservation has increased the use of renewable fuel resources, and

WHEREAS, timber stand improvement motivation has been low, the addition of revenue from firewood sales would serve as a valuable and necessary incentive to promote wise land management of our forest land, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommends that the ASCS policy with regard to timber stand improvement be revised to allow land users to sell firewood without reimbursement penalty.

This covers Resolution No. 510 by Wismer.

SOLAR ENERGY

WHEREAS, there is abundant solar energy everywhere for the collecting, and

WHEREAS, some of the by-products of other natural energy sources or renewable energy sources are undesirable pollutants, and

WHEREAS, America's industrial and scientific community has an enviable history of invention, development and technical abilities; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the United States Government make a major commitment to support the independent development of collecting and utilizing solar energy.

This covers Resolution No. 169 by Warner, in part.

ALCOHOL FUELS

WHEREAS, the dependence of the United States on liquid energy sources is a crucial problem and must be addressed in many ways, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support government research, grants, and loans to expand the utilization of agricultural products and wastes in the production of alcohol fuels, and be it further

RESOLVED, that beverage alcohol bonding requirements be eliminated for on-farm production of alcohol fuels and the only requirements be registration and on-site inspections.

This covers Resolution Nos. 4 by Hoffman, 52 by Silvers, 15 by Grobusky, 162 by Warner, 244 by Stauffer and 451, in part, by Massey.

CROSS COMPLIANCE FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, a proposed condition of eligibility for conservation assistance would require compliance with other U.S.D.A. programs, and

WHEREAS, the Grange opposes mandatory participation in agricultural programs, and

WHEREAS, cross compliance would discourage participation in conservation programs, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose cross compliance requirements in association with the conservation program.

This covers Resolution No. 272 by Meyers.

CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

WHEREAS, catalytic converters are known to increase fuel consumption and emit fumes which may be more harmful than when not used, and

WHEREAS, the extreme heat produced by catalytic converters has burned many fields

and will melt asphalt while a car is stationary, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support passage of legislation to remove mandatory use of catalytic converters on new vehicles.

This covers Resolution No. 145 by Wedding.

INCREASED STATE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS

WHEREAS, more than sixty-three percent of the land in the thirteen Western states is owned and controlled by the federal government, and

WHEREAS, the United States has permanently dedicated and reserved the most significant federal lands to national forests and national park areas, and

WHEREAS, the most effective management of unreserved public lands can be achieved by the states in which they are located, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recognize the states' right to own and/or manage (BLM) unreserved lands, which does not include National Forest Land.

This covers Resolution Nos. 126 by Guthrie, 191 by Farris, and 292 by Buell.

HAZARDOUS WASTES

WHEREAS, hazardous wastes continue to accumulate beyond our means for safe disposal, and

WHEREAS, much has yet to be learned about the long-term effects of current disposal methods on the environment and public health, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recognizes the responsibilities of Federal and State governments to eliminate public exposure to hazardous wastes, and therefore endorses the following steps:

1. Complete and immediate clean-up of known spills or illegal dumps.
2. The establishment of central collection points for containment above ground until safe disposal technology is available, and
3. Increased research, development, and implementation of safe disposal facilities.

This covers Resolution Nos. 97 by Carter, 132 and 133 by Wedding.

NUCLEAR POWER

WHEREAS, nuclear power electrical gene-

ration facilities are an integral part of producing our nation's energy needs, and

WHEREAS, the safety considerations of private and public utilities, including the transportation of nuclear wastes, are of concern to all, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support:

1. The continued operation of existing nuclear generating facilities and those which are awaiting final federal licensing as an interim source of energy;
2. A nuclear waste isolation pilot plant and congressional action on a national nuclear waste policy; and
3. The protection of consumers, through limited liability, from unreasonable rate increases due to crippled nuclear power plants.

This covers Resolution Nos. 92 by Wallace, 146 by Wedding, 158 by Grobusky, 179 by Bergeron, 501 and 503 by Wismer.

STRIP MINING RECLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States is in need of increased utilization of its coal and other resources, and

WHEREAS, the burning, transportation, and mining of coal may have some adverse effects on the environment, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support and seek adequate legislation which will provide

1. that sufficient bonding of coal operators be required, and
2. that funding deposits required under P.L. 95-87 section 402 (a) of the Surface Mine Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 be returned to the states for strip mine reclamation, be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange investigate if there are any state or federal statutes under which land owners may receive payment for land strip mined reclamation prior to 1977.

This covers Resolution Nos. 508 and 509 by Wismer.

Fraternally submitted,
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REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were referred to this committee: 9, 10, 11, 19, 20, 82, 103, 117, 138, 154, 159, 160, 182, 192, 203, 216, 229, 246, 275, 276, 277, 278, 308, 332, 333, 349, 366, 367, 368, 388, 389, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 529, 554, 555, 556, 579, 580, 581, 582.

Resolution No. 103 was transferred to the Labor and Judiciary Committee.

Resolution Nos. 275, 278, 388, 463, 554 were withdrawn.

Resolution No. 134 was received from Agriculture, and Nos. 361 and 499 from Citizenship and Public Affairs.

The committee reports adversely on Resolution Nos. 216 and 465.

POLICY STATEMENT

Throughout its history, the National Grange has, and must continue, to support programs which will provide quality education and offer an educational opportunity for all children. Our high schools, in particular, should maintain standards of quality which will enable our students to be qualified for further training or contribute some useful service to society.

We are concerned with the increasing disregard for the welfare of society with vandalism and destruction of public and private property and assaults on citizens. Greater emphasis should be placed on instruction in our public schools, beginning at the elementary level, on the basic laws that govern our responsibility toward public and private property. However, the schools cannot bear the entire burden. As parents and citizens we must constantly teach the moral responsibility of citizenship by the example we set.

Our schools should be encouraged to include in their curriculums a program on proper nutrition and, as education is a continuous process, programs in our communities should be offered on consumer education for all citizens.

Education in local public schools is most effective when parents, the community, and the schools work together.

This covers Resolution Nos. 9 by Andrews, 182 by Bergeron, 349 by DuLac and 462 by Massey.

BI-LINGUAL EDUCATION

WHEREAS, English is the basic language of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the federal Department of Education has proposed a resolution to force local school districts to institute a program of bilingual education, and

WHEREAS, such a program would require that the student be taught in his native language, which would require a teacher qualified in each different language, and which would greatly increase the cost of educating a few students, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange express its strong opposition to any proposal that would mandate bilingual education.

This covers Resolution Nos. 82 by Wallace, 117 by Guthrie, 154 by Silveira, 203 by Hall, 229 by LaForest, 246 by Stauffer, 332 by Koster, and 529 by Tate.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMING

WHEREAS, the youth of America continue to get an average of 4 hours per day exposure to television programming, and

WHEREAS, network programming seemingly is moving toward more unrestrained language, and

WHEREAS, many parents are failing to provide selective viewing for their children, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge:

1. The FCC to regulate offensive language over the public airways;
2. The government to continue and increase efforts in the area of public education information to urge parents to provide selective viewing for their children; and
3. The FCC to continue the practice of advising the public of the possibility of offensive language in a program before the viewing of the program.

This covers Resolution No. 464 by Massey.

DRUG ABUSE AND EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the use of illegal drugs seems to be increasing at an alarming pace, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the enforcement of more stringent punishment for those convicted of selling any kind of illegal drugs, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support continuing drug education programs in our Nation's schools.

This covers Resolution No. 466 by Massey.

PORNOGRAPHY

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record as being opposed to the weakening of any laws which deter the use and sale of any obscene or pornographic literature, magazines, books and explicit items promoting the same.

This covers Resolution No. 580 by Ross.

INFLAMMABLE FURNITURE

WHEREAS, household furnishings and other items may contain very flammable or toxic materials, and

WHEREAS, these materials can present grave and dangerous conditions to the unsuspecting consumer, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support continuing consumer education on household furnishings and other items that may contain flammable or toxic materials that may cause hazards, and be it further

RESOLVED, that it be made mandatory that manufacturers of this type of furniture use labels that will warn the consumer of these hazards.

This covers Resolution No. 192 by Farris.

SAFETY CAPS FOR HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS

WHEREAS, many medicines and household chemicals have child-proof caps, and

WHEREAS, some household cleaners do not have safety caps, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that dangerous household cleaners be sold in containers with child-proof caps to help prevent injury, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the appropriate Federal agency.

This covers Resolution No. 19 by Maple.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN

WHEREAS, with the exception of occasional children's specials on commercial television, and the exception of Public Television's programming for children, and

WHEREAS, there are few continuing educational programs for children in the six to twelve year age group, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge all major networks to promote continuing educational programs for children in the six to

twelve year old age group, with a minimum of eleven hours each week, sometime between the hours of 3:30 and 6:00 p.m.

This covers Resolution No. 308 by West.

LABELING FOOD

WHEREAS, the labeling on some foods is incomplete or confusing, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the USDA and the FDA proposals for basic assessment of labeling on all food items with specific amounts of ingredients listed in order of their predominance and with open dating included on the label.

This covers Resolution Nos. 366 by Winter and 467 by Massey.

DELANEY AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Delaney Amendment totally bans the use of any compound as a food additive or drug that can be demonstrated, by any means, to produce cancer in any test animal, and

WHEREAS, this law has created many problems by its extreme direction, and

WHEREAS, the recent controversy over nitrates has demonstrated the confusion that can be caused by strict application of the Delaney Amendment, and

WHEREAS, technological advancements have allowed detection of substances in concentrations in the order of one part per billion (1,000 million), and

WHEREAS, beneficial chemicals are banned because of this standard, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange seek legislation to change the Delaney Amendment to provide a more reasonable standard for tolerance of cancer-causing agents in food, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage legislative action to allow agencies to conduct risk analysis to balance the health risks and health benefits of all food additives.

This covers Resolution Nos. 138 by Wedding, 333 by Koster, 389 by Moody, and 11, in part, by Andrews.

COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, U.S. farmers benefit from an effective and equitable means of marketing commodities achieved under USDA Price Sup-

port and Surplus Removal Programs, and

WHEREAS, the nation's farmers benefit from a program to stabilize farm prices at levels which help maintain a strong agriculture, and

WHEREAS, the USDA Commodity Procurement and Distribution Program beneficially relates the needs of agricultural producers with U.S. consumers, and

WHEREAS, the current Commodity Procurement Distribution Program helps insure that eligible schools and institutions in rural areas receive benefit commensurate with those in the more highly concentrated urban areas, and

WHEREAS, the current program is threatened with extinction by institutional food distributors and a few larger urban school districts by requiring the substitution of cash or other block grant methods instead of the USDA provided commodities, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange endorse the continuation and strengthening of the current USDA Commodity Procurement and Distribution Program and encourage a greater use of this program for all eligible institutions, i.e., schools, supplemental feeding programs, elderly feeding, child care centers, needy families, non-profit institutions, non-profit summer camps and summer child feeding centers.

This covers Resolution Nos. 159 by Choate and 361 by Winter.

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE EDUCATION/FFA

WHEREAS, vocational agriculture was established in 1917 as an integral part of our public schools, and

WHEREAS, Voc Ag has prepared millions of our youth for careers in our vital agriculture industry, and

WHEREAS, the Future Farmers of America student organization was established as an integral and vital part of this education program, and

WHEREAS, this program presently is serving 696,000 secondary students and 274,000 post-secondary and adult students, and

WHEREAS, this program will be before the U.S. Congress for reauthorization in 1981, and

WHEREAS, vocational agriculture and FFA education program effectiveness at the local level will be affected by federal reauthorization, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation to extend and improve the Vocational Education Reauthorization Act, which includes provisions for:

1. full-time supervision in agricultural education at the state and national levels;
2. identifying and defining vocational agriculture as one of the major vocational program areas;
3. identifying vocational student organizations as an integral and vital part of each state plan for vocational education instructional areas;
4. vocational programs which prepare students whose occupational objective relates to entrepreneurship and instruction that will encourage and assist entrepreneurship;
5. construction, improvement, and updating of vocational agricultural education facilities in all settings;
6. the development and supervision of occupational experience programs (FFA), including provisions, where crucial, for year-round instruction from professional agriculture educators;
7. supplemental and full-time instructions for adults in agricultural program areas is vital to the industry and should be provided for by a separate title in the legislation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Subordinate Granges become familiar with local voc-ag FFA advisory boards and/or FFA Alumni support affiliates to make sure vocational agriculture is available to provide quality vocational agriculture for all persons interested in preparing for a career in the agriculture industry.

This covers Resolution Nos. 160 by Choate and 277 by Myers.

LABELING OF IMITATION DAIRY PRODUCTS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange work to secure regulations that require clear labeling of imitation dairy products as non-dairy and that they be separated from dairy products when offered for sale.

This covers Resolution No. 556 by Halladay.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ADVERTISEMENT

RESOLVED, that the National Grange supports legislation to curtail direct and implied advertising of alcoholic beverages on TV and radio programming.

This covers Resolution Nos. 555 by Halladay and 581 by Ross, in part.

SEX AND VIOLENCE ON TV AND RADIO

RESOLVED, that the National Grange request Congress and the FCC to more intensely pursue regulatory controls to effect higher moral standards in TV and radio programming.

This covers Resolution No. 367 by Winter.

SCHOOL LUNCH

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutritional Service is recommending to the school lunch program administrators that foods that are high in fat, sugar, or salt be replaced by substitutes, and

WHEREAS, this is not a nutritionally sound approach, and

WHEREAS, it would be very detrimental to our current dairy and food industries, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange expend every effort to have USDA rescind these recommendations and advocate the use of natural food products.

This covers Resolution No. 499 by Wismer.

LABELING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

WHEREAS, people have a right to know the generic name of prescription drugs that they are using, and

WHEREAS, such knowledge is necessary in cases of drug reaction or from accidental use, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that all prescription drugs be accompanied with a label containing the generic name of the drug, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange send a copy of this Resolution to the Food and Drug Administration.

This covers Resolution No. 20 by Maple.

EDUCATION IN AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of trained agriculture specialists, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the state and federal governments to place more emphasis on agriculture and agri-business education.

This covers Resolution No. 134 by Wedding.

LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

RESOLVED, that the National Grange continue its policy in opposition to the legalization of marijuana, except for prescribed medical purposes.

This covers Resolution Nos. 10 by Andrews, 368 by Winter and 582 by Ross.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LABELING

WHEREAS, the increase in consumption of alcoholic beverages in America is causing concern among the medical community about alcohol's long-term effects on health; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage the Federal Trade Commission to require labels on alcoholic beverages to indicate possible health hazards.

This covers Resolution 581, in part, by Ross.

The committee wishes to express its appreciation to Jim Miller, from the Legislative Department, for his assistance.

Fraternally submitted,
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REPORT OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were assigned to the Foreign Affairs Committee: 31, 71, 81, 118, 120, 136, 174, 208, 217, 279, 369, 370, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 512, 513, 514, 557, 558, 583.

Resolution Nos. 77, 442 and 488 were transferred to Foreign Affairs from the Agriculture Committee.

Resolution Nos. 77, 118, 279, 468 in part, 470, 471, 472, 473, 488, 513, 514, 557 and 583 were transferred to Agriculture Committee from Foreign Affairs.

Resolutions transferred to Labor and Judiciary from Foreign Affairs: 1st RESOLVED of 442. Policy Statement Nos. 71, 468, in part, and 469. Grain Embargo from Master's Address.

POLICY STATEMENT

Since our last Session, two events occurring half-way around the world have had tremendous impact on our lives.

In November, 1979, American hostages were taken by militants in Iran and are still held in captivity after a year's time and Afghanistan was invaded by Russian troops.

In the first instance, President Carter restrained action to protect the lives of those hostages. Hopefully they will be released soon. After they are safely home, we feel that this nation should put the world on notice that any future similar action will not be tolerated. In the second instance, President Carter imposed sanctions on Russia, ranging from the discontinuance of our cultural exchange to the embargoes on fertilizer and grain shipments over former contract commitments. Undoubtedly the grain embargo had a serious effect on the economy of portions of the Agriculture sector of the nation. Although agriculture bore the brunt of that action the National Grange went on record in support of the President's decision. We hope that any future embargo imposed would involve all sections of the economy.

The removal of trade barriers that was accomplished by the Multilateral Trade Negotiations is a step in the right direction, and essential to the progress of American Agriculture. That action should result in lessening tensions between nations and remove some of the pressure to use agricultural products as a political weapon. However, we urge that agriculture be given equal treatment along with Industrial interests in any future Multilateral Trade Negotiations. We further urge the inclusion of bonafide agriculture representatives in an advisory capacity in any negotiations undertaken by the State Department in which agricultural products are involved.

This covers that portion of the Master's Address assigned to this committee and Resolution Nos. 71 by Cross, 468, in part, and 469 by Massey.

HOSTAGES

WHEREAS, a militant faction has kept American citizens as hostages in Iran, and

WHEREAS, such action is in violation of international law and basic human rights, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the President of the United States for his actions restricting entrance of Iranian citizens

to this country, breaking diplomatic relations and imposing sanctions to hasten the release of the hostages.

This covers Resolution No. 512 by Wismer.

FOREIGN AID

WHEREAS, some foreign countries do not recognize or obey international law, and

WHEREAS, the safety and lives of American citizens living in these countries are in jeopardy as a result, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favor cancelling all U.S. aid and supplies to these countries that take, hold, or kill American citizens, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favor cancelling all U.S. aid to any country that refuses to recognize international law or allows the take-over of U.S. Embassies or any property belonging to the U.S. government.

This covers Resolution No. 31 by Harris.

PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge the Congress to adopt a national policy for peace through strength, the general principles of which would be:

1. to inspire, focus and unite the national will and determination to achieve the goal of peace and freedom;
2. to create a strategic defense and a civil defense which would protect U.S. citizens against nuclear war;
3. to accept no arms control agreement which in any way jeopardizes the security of the United States or its allies, or locks the U.S. into a position of military inferiority;
4. to re-establish effective security and intelligence capabilities;
5. to pursue positive non-military means to roll back or contain the growth of communism;
6. to pursue a positive program of extolling the benefits that accrue to citizens of a democratic form of government as a means of containing the growth of communism;
7. to maintain a strong economy and protect and develop sources of energy and other vital raw materials; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange work with other organizations with the objective of a national policy for peace through strength.

This covers Resolution No. 558 by Halladay.

EMBARGOES

WHEREAS, the grain embargo against Russia was not a popular decision, and

WHEREAS, the grain embargo has proven to be a partial success, and

WHEREAS, farmers have taken pride in having contributed to that success, and

WHEREAS, it is the feeling of the Grange that all commodities, industrial and agricultural should be included in an embargo if such action is an absolute necessity, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that although the Grange does not approve of an embargo as a first choice of action, if all alternatives should fail, short of military action and an embargo becomes necessary, the National Grange would again support an embargo as long as all Industry and Agricultural products are included.

This covers Resolution Nos. 81 by Wallace, 120 by Guthrie, 136 by Wedding, 174 by Warner, 208 by Smith, 217 by Shireman and 468 in part, by Massey.

INTERFERENCE WITH AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend that no import restrictions be imposed that would result in retaliatory action by a trading partner that would be unfavorable to agricultural exports and in the loss of foreign markets.

This covers Resolution No. 422 in part, by Massey.

Fraternally submitted,
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REPORT OF THE GRANGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The following resolutions were referred to the Committee on Grange Activities: 2, 15, 16, 57, 58, 105, 106, 125, 150, 157, 187, 209, 230, 231, 232, 280, 281, 282, 334, 350, 351, 353, 371, 391, 474, 475, 476, 559, 560, 584, 585, 586.

Resolution Nos. 57, 105, 125, 187, 209 and 371 were withdrawn.

Resolution Nos. 231, 350, 351, 353, 584, 585 and 586 were voted on adversely.

Resolution Nos. 157 and 334 were received from Grange Law Committee.

courage and assist them in every possible way and that the Subordinate Grange Officers and Junior Grange Officers coordinate plans for the coming year immediately after the installation of Officers.

3. That Junior Granges cooperate with the Subordinate and Pomona Granges in special projects such as: (a) Booster Night; (b) Safety; (c) Soil Conservation; (d) Junior Women's Activities; (e) Community Service.

This covers Resolution No. 474 by Massey.

POLICY STATEMENT

Junior Grange Program

The Junior Grange offers a wonderful training ground for future Grange and community leaders. The teachings and ideals of the Junior Grange are very high and the opportunities for service are unlimited therefore we recommend the following:

1. That every Subordinate Grange become aware of the opportunities which the Junior Grange offers and give consideration to the organization of a Junior Grange in 1981.
2. That the Subordinate Granges give full support to their Junior Granges and en-

Public Relations

Public Relations remains, in most cases, the weakest link in our fraternal chain. Therefore, we urge every Subordinate and Pomona Grange to have an active Publicity Committee which will report at every meeting of the Grange on its activities in promoting and improving the image of the Grange.

This covers Resolution No. 475 by Massey.

Photo Contest Categories

WHEREAS, the National Grange Photo Contest Rules at present provide for four categories, and

WHEREAS, all Juniors place in one division regardless of age, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange establish two age groups in the Junior Division, 5-9 and 10-14.

This covers Resolution No. 559 by Halladay.

IDENTIFYING PROGRAMS FOR THE DEAF

WHEREAS, the National Grange is promoting a program for the deaf and hard of hearing, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the National Grange design an identifiable logo to be used by the states in deaf programs, therefore be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge subordinate members to take advantage of free hard of hearing clinics.

This covers Resolution No. 150 by Silveria.

TOLE PAINTING

RESOLVED, that we recommend that State Granges institute a tole painting contest, on a trial basis of one year, with ribbon awards, to determine if it would be worthwhile making it a national contest.

This covers Resolution No. 232 by LaForest.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE SPONSORS

WHEREAS, the Maryland State Grange has met with great success in its sponsorship of the State FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contest, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge other State Granges to become actively and financially involved in sponsoring State FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contests in their own states, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange Executive Committee investigate the feasibility of the National Grange sponsoring the National FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contest.

This covers Resolution No. 280 by Myers.

FARM AND HOME SAFETY AND PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the Grange has always promoted safety, and

WHEREAS, the National Grange deplors the losses sustained by citizens through fire and theft, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange institute a program of farm and home safety and protection (possibly through the Lecturer's Department) encouraging the following:

1. The use of fire alarms, fire extinguishers and planned fire escapes.
2. The use of bolt type locks on homes and farm buildings.
3. A "Neighborhood Watch" program.
4. The making of individual inventories of possessions.
5. The labeling or marking of valuables.

This is a Committee Resolution covering Resolution Nos. 281 by Myers and 476 by Massey.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

WHEREAS, the National Grange Lecturer sends literature to Subordinate Grange Lecturers for use in preparing programs, and

WHEREAS, the literature is seasonal, i.e., it is prepared for the three months in any one quarter, and

WHEREAS, most of the Subordinate Lecturers receive the material in the middle of the quarter for which the material can be used, thus making the material for the first part of said quarter outdated, until the next year, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange Lecturer send out the material to the Subordinate Lecturers a month or two before the quarter begins.

This covers Resolution No. 334 by Koster.

Fraternally submitted,
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Betty Hall
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REPORT OF GRANGE LAW AND GOOD OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were referred to the Good of the Order Committee: 3, 29, 32, 36, 54, 95, 121, 122, 123, 124, 141, 142, 152, 153, 157, 177, 193, 204, 210, 233, 283, 309, 312, 313, 316, 334, 335, 352, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 372, 373, 374, 515, 516, 530, 531, 561 and 587.

That part of the Master's report dealing with Good of the Order.

A partial report on changes in the Rules and Regulations for Trials.

The suggested Memorial Service for Junior Granges.

Resolution Nos. 157 and 334 were transferred to Grange Activities.

Those parts of the Master's Address dealing with regional leadership conference, and an adequate budget for extension were sent to the Budget Committee.

Resolution Nos. 210, 283, 312, 313, 316, 352, 356, 357, 358, 359 and 374 were withdrawn.

The Committee reported adversely on Resolution Nos. 3, 32, 54, 95, 123, 124, 204, 233, 354, 516, 587 and 530.

POLICY STATEMENT

Delegates to the 1979 National Session charged the National Master with seven major objectives. While we are not yet the largest farm and community service organization in the nation, our effectiveness has been increased through higher visibility and good management. For the first time in many years our community service program had nationwide participation. All urge the National Master and Executive Committee to continue searching for sponsors for the contest.

We need continuing programs to promote membership, leadership, and communication between the various levels of the Grange and Subordinate members.

We commend our National Master for the steps he has taken to improve our finances through his good management. We urge him in conjunction with the Executive Committee, to continue his efforts to improve the financial position of the National Grange and update the equipment in the National Office.

The Committee realizes that both the Junior and Subordinate Songbooks are dated and need revision. We urge that this be done when finances permit.

We have reviewed the invitations of both California and Oregon and are confident that

either can successfully host a National Session.

This covers Resolution Nos. 29 by Harris, 122 by Guthrie, 335 by Koster, 515 by Wismer, and a portion of the Master's Address.

JUNIOR GRANGE MEMORIAL SERVICE

WHEREAS, the delegate body at the 1979 Annual Session of the National Grange instructed High Priest of Demeter Jerome Davis and Junior Director Patty Carncross to prepare a memorial service for Junior Granges, and

WHEREAS, the prepared service is both simple and eloquent and in keeping with Grange ritual, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegate body adopt the Junior Grange Memorial Service and direct that copies be prepared and distributed to all State Granges and Junior Leaders, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Junior Grange Memorial Service be included in the next reprinting of the Junior Grange Manual.

This is a Committee Resolution.

NEW MEMBERS

WHEREAS, new Grange members are unfamiliar with the Grange, and

WHEREAS, new members are uncertain of where to seek further instruction, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Subordinate Granges be encouraged to follow current designated welcoming and instructional procedures in the initiation of new members.

This covers Resolution No. 121 by Guthrie.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

WHEREAS, the need to build Grange membership and promote Grange activities is great, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that National Grange help build membership by providing funds and/or personnel to help in those states desiring assistance as funds are available.

This covers Resolution Nos. 141 by Wedding and 309 by West.

SUBORDINATE ELECTIONS

RESOLVED, that Chapter IV, Article III, Sec. 2 (page 21 of the 1976 Digest) be amended to read, "determine; provided that State Granges shall have the power to provide for biennial election of officers in Subordinate and Pomona Granges in their respective jurisdictions; . . ."

This is a Committee Resolution in lieu of Resolution No. 142 by Wedding.

**JUNIOR GRANGE
ORDER OF BUSINESS**

WHEREAS, the Junior Grange has always encouraged its members to be a good citizen, and

WHEREAS, Junior Grange members have always been a credit to our order both in and out of the Grange, and

WHEREAS, item number 16 in the Junior Grange "Order of Business" infers that its members may sometimes act in an improper manner, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that item number 16 in the Junior Grange "Order of Business" be changed to read: "Is any member sick or in distress."

This covers Resolution No. 152 by Silveira.

RENTING GRANGE HALLS

RESOLVED, that Chapter XI, Section 48 of the Digest be amended to read, "All Granges are prohibited from having alcoholic beverages either in the Grange Hall or on any of the Grange property during any Grange meeting or Grange sponsored event; nor can any Grange lease or rent its hall or its property for the sale or use of alcoholic beverages or any other purposes prohibited by Grange law; except that any state may allow the use of alcoholic beverages at non-Grange functions by vote of the State Delegate Body at a regular Annual Session.

This covers Resolution No. 153 by Silveira.

REGALIA POOL

RESOLVED, that Chapter IX, Section 18 in the Digest be changed to read: "When a Charter is surrendered, suspended, or revoked, all books, jewels, regalia, and seal of the Grange revert to the State Grange to be placed in a pool for the use of that Grange upon reorganization or any other Grange as needed."

This covers Resolution No. 177 by Bergeron.

REGISTRATION FEE

RESOLVED, that the National Grange continue the \$5 registration fee for the National Grange Session, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the \$5 fee be divided equally between the host State Grange and the National Grange.

This is a Committee Resolution.

BY-LAWS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Section I, Article IX, Chapter V of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows: "Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to exercise general supervision of the affairs of the Order during the recess of the National Grange which shall include those acts pertaining to the execution of the laws, rules, regulations, and policy established by the delegates of the National Grange. It shall have the authority to act on matters of interest to the order when the National Grange is not in session but any such action taken shall be in accord with the established laws, rules, regulations, and policy established by the delegates of the National Grange, unless a policy does not exist. The Executive Committee shall supervise the disbursements of the National Grange in accordance with the budget guidelines adopted during the previous Annual Session and shall have authority to allocate funds necessary to maintain a viable program and a budget within the income of the National Grange. The Executive Committee shall report their acts in detail to the National Grange on the First day of its annual meeting or as soon thereafter as practicable. They shall include in such report what action has been taken with reference to the resolutions passed at the previous session of the National Grange and the results obtained.

This is a Committee Resolution.

**NATIONAL GRANGE EXECUTIVE
MINUTES**

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the National Grange acts for and in the name of the Grange itself between regular meetings and in time of emergency or need, and

WHEREAS, the minutes of the Executive Committee are the only permanent record of actions taken by the Grange between sessions, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the minutes produced by the Executive Committee be written with suffi-

cient detail to carry important and salient portions of all decisions.

This Resolution is in lieu of Resolution No. 355 by DuLac.

THE ASSEMBLY OF DEMETER

WHEREAS, the costumes for the 7th Degree and the regalia used in the Annual Session need review for possible replacement and/or repair, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Steward, L.A.S. and A.S. inspect the regalia and the High Priest of Demeter and the Directors of the 7th Degree inspect the costumes and props for the Degree and report to the Worthy Master and Executive Committee, in order that needed appropriations for repairs and replacement may be made as the budget permits, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this inspection and report be made annually in order that provision may be made by the budget committee as a line item.

VOTING MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Chapter IV, Article III, Section 4 of the Constitution (page 21) be amended to read: "There shall be an Executive Committee of the National Grange consisting of the following voting members: the Master, the Overseer, and four other members whose term of office shall be four years, one to be elected each year . . ."

This is a Committee Resolution to cover part of the Master's Address.

STATE GRANGE COUNCIL

WHEREAS, there are states that have less than fifteen Granges, and

WHEREAS, these states pay National Grange dues, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that these states with 2-14 Subordinate Granges be authorized to organize a State Grange Council by petitioning the National Grange, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Constitution and By-Law changes necessary to form State Grange Council that have been prepared by Sandy Adams be sent to Potomac Grange No. 1 for research, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all the necessary changes concerning State Grange Council in the DIGEST be mailed to the National Delegates at least 30 days before the 1981 National Session for their perusal and that they be acted upon early in the 1981 National Session.

This is a Committee Resolution in lieu of Resolution No. 36 by Wilson.

SUPPORTIVE MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, interest has been expressed by various business enterprises to be supportive of the State Granges and its policies, and

WHEREAS, these businesses are unable to meet the normal membership requirements for an individual member, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Grange Membership Development Committee has explored the feasibility of such supportive membership and has determined that the implementation of such a program would be beneficial to the NYS Grange, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that State Granges amend their by-laws to adopt a program of membership classification entitled "Supportive Membership", with immediate implementation as determined by the State Grange Executive Comm., and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange be encouraged to amend Chapter VII of its by-laws to coincide with this member classification, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be referred to the Exec. Comm. for the purpose of studying or appoint a special Comm. to study the subject matter contained in Resolution No. 561 and report at the 1981 session of the National Grange in Spokane, Washington.

This covers Resolution No. 561 by Halladay.

Fraternally submitted,
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Wilma Purdy
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Jean LaForest
Adel Brendemuhl
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REPORT OF THE LABOR AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were assigned to the Labor and Judiciary Committee: 1, 23, 62, 63, 85, 115, 156, 166, 180, 181, 234, 247, 284, 293, 314, 336, 393, 394, 395, 477, 478, 479, 517, 562, 563, 564, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595.

Resolution No. 234 was transferred to Citizenship and Public Affairs.

Resolution Nos. 395 and 590 were withdrawn.

Received Resolution Nos. 102, 225, 228, 497, 544 and 575 from Citizenship and Public Affairs.

Received Resolution No. 103 from Education and Health.

Received Resolution No. 422, in part, from Foreign Affairs.

Committee reports adversely on Resolution No. 181.

We express our thanks to Al Denslow for his help.

POLICY STATEMENT

We support the farmer's right to restrict labor union organizers entrance to the farmer's private property.

With the organization of farm laborers on the West Coast and in other areas, it is evident that consolidation of production units leads to increased costs to the consumer with possible disruptions caused by labor disputes.

The Grange continues to support the rights of individuals to organize, but we call for sound approaches when dealing with agricultural products. Farm commodities should not be allowed to go to waste while many of our people in this country as well as across the world are hungry. Labor and management in farming situations must seek solutions to problems without striking.

The National Grange continues its strong support of the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Law which permits states to prohibit the "Closed Shop" and its strong opposition to any efforts to remove this provision from the law.

This covers Resolution Nos. 477 and 478 by Massey.

PLEA BARGAINING

WHEREAS, we feel that criminals are escaping trial through plea bargaining, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange advocate restrained use of plea bargaining and

that any plea bargaining that is permitted be subject to stringent regulations promulgated by the Department of Justice which would include the allowance of a lesser sentence but which would not permit downgrading the original charge.

This covers Resolution No. 62 by Cross.

TRESPASSING

WHEREAS, trespassers on your property can sue the property owner if they are injured and collect damages, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that National Grange seek legislation to change the law to protect the property owner rather than the trespasser.

This covers Resolution No. 115 by Guthrie.

JAIL REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, many strict regulations are imposed by the Federal Government upon our jails, and

WHEREAS, some jails only a few years old will have to close or pay large sums of taxpayers money to meet the requirements, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that National Grange oppose unreasonable and unnecessary Federal regulations that would force the closing of jails or require large expenditures in our present system.

This covers Resolution No. 594 by Ross.

PAROLE SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the decisions of parole boards appear to lack consistency, and

WHEREAS, parole board actions do not appear to contribute to crime reduction, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange initiate action to provide improved parole systems in all states and also at the Federal level.

This covers Resolution No. 595 by Ross.

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. 314 by Shattuck.

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 No. 247 by Stauffer.

PHONE TAPS

WHEREAS, there are incidents of tapping phones and using other devices to pry into the private lives of people, and

WHEREAS, it is illegal to engage in these practices, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that higher penalties and stricter enforcement be used to stop the illegal tapping of phones as this violates people's rights.

This covers Resolution No. 588 by Ross.

ILLEGAL ALIENS

WHEREAS, illegal aliens are increasing at an alarming and uncontrolled rate, and

WHEREAS, there are existing laws on the books to control this situation, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange requests enforcement of existing laws relating to the illegal entry of aliens, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Grange support legislation that would set up a legal program to bring aliens into the United States on a temporary basis for the harvesting of seasonal crops.

This covers Resolution Nos. 23 by Maple, 63 by Cross, 102 by Carter, 156 by Grobusky, 336 by Koster, 393 by Moody, 544 by Halladay, 591 and 593 by Ross.

GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency and Occupational Safety and Health Administration have caused economic stress and hardship, loss of jobs and unnecessary expense to the taxpayers and utilities users, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favors some curtailment of EPA and OSHA rules and regulations.

This covers Resolution No. 575 by Ross.

CETA FUNDS

WHEREAS, we feel the Comprehensive Employment Training Act program has in some cases been abused, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favor the curtailment of the CETA program.

This covers Resolution No. 497 by Wismer.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND CLERGY

WHEREAS, freedom of the press is essential to a democracy, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we urge limits on any efforts to abridge this freedom, including the right of reporters and clergy to withhold confidential sources of information — except where national security is involved and under strict guidelines established by the U.S. Attorney General.

This covers Resolution Nos. 1 by Hoffman, and 225 by LaForest.

INTERFERENCE WITH AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend to Congress that adequate legislation be enacted to prevent dock strikes which interrupt the flow of grain, soybeans and other farm commodities to our overseas customers.

This covers Resolution No. 422, in part, by Massey.

FARM LABOR CONTRACTORS REGISTRATION ACT

WHEREAS, the Farm Labor Contractors Registration Act was enacted to crack down on unscrupulous migrant crew leaders, and

WHEREAS, due to Department of Labor interpretation, the Act is now being applied to almost anyone whose primary employment is the field of Agriculture, and

WHEREAS, amendments have been proposed to bring the law back into accordance with the intent of the original legislation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange endorses the deletion of the word "personally" from Section 3(b) (2) of the Act and supports the clarification of the word "incidental" in Section 3(b) (3) to mean "no more than 20% of an employees total hours of employment during any calendar year."

This covers Resolution No. 284 by Myers.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Unemployment Compensation has proposed a higher employer tax that (1) increases by 20% present unemployment benefits (2) increases the length of time that unemployed persons could collect unemployment from 39 weeks to 65 weeks and (3) places fewer restrictions on those eligible to receive unemployment, and

WHEREAS, the proposed tax would be passed along to consumers, thus adding to inflation, and

WHEREAS, the proposal is actually an incentive not to work or seek gainful employment, and would have no appreciable effect on stimulating additional employment opportunities, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the National Grange oppose this proposal and any unemployment compensation that calls for additional inflationary taxes, or increased unemployment benefits.

This covers Resolution No. 228 by LaForest.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION CAUSING HARDSHIPS

WHEREAS, migrant farm workers are an important part of harvesting agricultural crops, and

WHEREAS, working conditions and housing have been generally satisfactory, and

WHEREAS, federally funded legal groups, such as Western New York Legal Services are causing hardships, and

WHEREAS, the migrants themselves often are opposed to the actions of the lawyers of such organizations, and

WHEREAS, civil action suits have been filed against growers, law enforcement agencies, crew leaders, migrant workers, and others, and

WHEREAS, these suits are funded by Congress through grants to the Legal Services Corp., therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange Executive Committee, after further study, see what action could and should be taken to help eliminate any unnecessary hardships caused to producers by the Legal Services Corporation.

This covers Resolution No. 562 by Halladay.

PLEA OF TEMPORARY INSANITY

WHEREAS, there appears to be a serious break in our criminal justice which allows people to plead "not guilty" by reason of temporary insanity, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the National Grange through Congress, work toward eliminating injustice by temporary insanity plea and the criminal to justly pay for his criminal acts.

This covers Resolution Nos. 394 by Moody and 592 by Ross.

ARSON — A FEDERAL CRIME

WHEREAS, property and casualty insurers are calling on Congress to enact a Bill sponsored by Senator John Glenn of Ohio to coordinate the Federal Anti-Arson effort to classify arson as a Federal crime, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record supporting the effort by Senator John Glenn to coordinate the Federal Anti-Arson effort to classify arson as a Federal crime.

This covers Resolution No. 479 by Massey.

PRISON REFORM

WHEREAS, prisons are correctional institutions financed by tax dollars and are very expensive to maintain, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the National Grange support enactment of legislation that those prisoners eligible for Social Security benefits be required to pay room and board and restitution for their crimes if applicable.

This covers Resolution No. 85 by Wallace.

Fraternally submitted,
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REPORT OF TAXATION AND FISCAL POLICY COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were submitted for consideration: 8, 12, 13, 14, 17, 27, 30, 33, 35, 39, 45, 46, 47, 61, 68, 72, 86, 87, 88, 89, 100, 101, 104, 147, 148, 151, 164, 194, 195, 196, 197, 211, 220, 235, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 285, 294, 295, 296, 297, 337, 338, 339, 360, 375, 376, 377, 378, 380, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 480, 481, 482, 518, 519, 532, 533, 534, 565, 566, 567, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600 and 601.

Resolution Nos. 101 by Carter, 195 by Farris and 338 by Koster were withdrawn.

Resolution No. 148 by Wedding was transferred to Citizenship and Public Affairs Committee.

POLICY STATEMENT

Taxation is necessary for good government, but government spending has a way of out distancing income derived from taxes. Inflation control and a balanced budget can be achieved only by curtailing extravagant and wasteful spending. The National Grange recommends more efficient use of internal employees of the government for some of the "studies" required on public projects. We also see areas in which unnecessary travel expense and chauffeured government cars add daily to increased expense causing our tax dollars to be further depleted.

The Grange has always been an advocate of fiscal responsibility. Our nation is now caught up in uncontrolled inflation.

We should always be opposed to tax advantages that would allow corporate agriculture to eliminate the family farm. A strong and viable agriculture is very important in the preservation of our nation and tax measures which encourage the transfer of lands out of agriculture should be eliminated. We should be ever watchful of tax discrepancies which are conducive to land transfer out of agriculture.

The Committee wishes to take the opportunity to thank George Carlson, Department of Treasury and Susan McDowell, Grange Legislative Assistant, for all their assistance.

This policy statement covers Resolution Nos. 13 by Andrews, 27 by Maple, 33 by Harris, 72 by Cross, 235 by LaForest, 248, 249, 250, 253, 254 by Stauffer, 482 by Massey, 519 by Wismer, 567 by Halladay and 600 by Ross.

ACCRUAL METHOD OF FIGURING INCOME TAX

WHEREAS, a bill has been introduced in Congress requiring farmers and businesses with gross income of \$100,000 or more to file income tax based on the accrual method of accounting, and

WHEREAS, farmers and small businesses prefer to have a choice between the cash and accrual methods of accounting, and

WHEREAS, the accrual basis may force a business to liquidate its inventory to pay its income taxes, and

WHEREAS, the accrual method may create cash flow problems, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favor legislation that would grant freedom of choice for farmers and small businesses to use cash or accrual method for income tax purposes.

This covers Resolution No. 252 by Stauffer.

VALUE ADDED TAX

RESOLVED, that the Grange oppose any form of value added tax.

This covers Resolution Nos. 8 by Hoffman, 12 by Andrews and 39 by Silvers.

TAXATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record opposing any taxation of Social Security income.

This covers Resolution Nos. 14 by Andrews, 30 by Harris, 45 and 46 by Silvers, 196 by Farris, 337 by Koster, 375 by Winter, 396 by Moody and 532 by Tate.

WITHHOLDING TAX ON INTEREST

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose measures to withhold income tax on interest at source.

This covers Resolution Nos. 35 by Harris, 89 by Wallace, 194 by Farris, 251 by Stauffer, 296 by Buell, 378 by Winter, 399 by Moody, 533 by Tate, 566 by Halladay and 597 by Ross.

SAVINGS INTEREST EXCLUSION

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommends that interest up to \$1,200 per year

earned on savings be exempt from income tax.

This covers Resolution No. 17 by Maple.

INHERITANCE AND ESTATE TAXES

WHEREAS, present inheritance tax laws tax the transfer of property and gifts between spouses, and

WHEREAS, such a tax is a financial burden on the surviving spouse who has contributed equally to the estate, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation that exempts from federal inheritance tax the transfer of property or gifts between spouses, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange favor that the federal estate tax exemption be raised to \$500,000 and, thereby, remove the heavy burden on the orderly transfer of family agricultural enterprises, and small family businesses to succeeding generations.

Committee Resolution covering Resolution Nos. 61 by Cross, 86 by Wallace, 68 by Cross, 147 by Wedding, 211 by Smith, 297 by Buell, 376 by Winter, 398, 400 and 401 by Moody, 481 by Massey, 534 by Tate, 565 by Halladay and 599 by Ross.

MARRIAGE TAX

WHEREAS, single persons living together pay less federal income tax on their combined incomes than do a married couple, and

WHEREAS, this discriminates against married couples, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation that would give equal federal income tax treatment to married and single persons.

This covers Resolution Nos. 87 by Wallace, 480 by Massey and 285, in part, by Myers.

FOREIGN INVESTORS TAX BENEFITS

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge that appropriate legislation be enacted to insure that foreign investors pay U.S. Federal taxes on their investments on the same basis as U.S. citizens.

This covers Resolution No. 88 by Wallace.

LIMIT ON THE IMPUTED TAX RATE

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has proposed additional regulations under Section 482 and Section 483 of the Internal Revenue Code, and

WHEREAS, these regulations would cause a tax liability on an imputed interest rate of 12% on loans between related parties and 10% on installment payments, if a rate of interest charge is less than 9%, and

WHEREAS, a parent who loans his child \$20,000 at 7% interest for college as a business venture would be taxed on a 12% rate on payments received on said loan, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange seek legislation to limit the imputed interest rate at 7%.

This covers Resolution Nos. 104 by Carter and 339 by Koster.

TAX CREDIT EMPLOYEES EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the targeted job tax credit encourages employers to employ the disadvantaged, and

WHEREAS, employment results in reducing the numbers of those receiving unemployment benefits, and

WHEREAS, this special tax credit assists the employer in expanding his operation, and

WHEREAS, this targeted job tax credit is scheduled to end December 31, 1980, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange seek extension of the job tax credit through December 31, 1985.

This covers Resolution No. 100 by Carter.

IRS GAS TAX DEDUCTION

WHEREAS, the present tax law does not permit federal taxes paid on gasoline to be deducted on an individual's Income Tax Return, and

WHEREAS, the result is that we are paying tax on a tax, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Grange urge passage of legislation that would restore the allowable deduction for federal taxes paid on gasoline.

This covers Resolution No. 151 by Silvers.

HANDICAPPED CHILD CARE COSTS

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) allows working parents to deduct babysitting or day-care costs in calculating their tax returns, but only if services are provided by non-family persons, and

WHEREAS, parents of handicapped children seldom can find qualified persons who are willing to assume these tasks, and

WHEREAS, family members are usually the only persons willing to care for these children, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation which will direct the IRS to permit the deduction of child care costs for handicapped children to working parents in computing their income tax returns, including care provided by family members.

Committee Resolution covering Resolution No. 164 by Warner.

WINDFALL PROFITS TAX

WHEREAS, many small land owners receive royalties from oil and gas operations on their lands, or operate wells with small production, and

WHEREAS, the windfall profits tax is a tax upon the production of oil, and

WHEREAS, said tax has deprived small producers of income upon which they depend, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange work for a major revision of the Windfall Profit Tax as it applies to small producers, royalty holders and small investors.

Committee Resolution covering Resolution Nos. 220 by Purdy, 518 by Wismer, 596 and 598 by Ross.

TAX DEDUCTION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE

WHEREAS, health insurance is necessary, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support legislation which would permit the full cost of health insurance be tax-deductible.

This covers Resolution No. 360 by DuLac.

TAX ON TV DECODERS

WHEREAS, TV decoders assist the deaf and hearing impaired, flashing sight messages on the TV screen which would be read by deaf and hearing impaired, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommends that legislation be passed to help deaf and hearing impaired, which would provide 100% tax deduction for the cost of TV decoders purchased by the deaf and hearing impaired.

This covers Resolution No. 377 by Winter.

SIMPLIFY INCOME TAX LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, the language in government instructional pamphlets for filing income tax is so confusing to individuals as to necessitate the hiring of a tax expert, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange work toward the simplification of the language used in government instructional pamphlets for filing individual income tax.

This is a Committee Resolution covering Resolution No. 601 by Ross.

SEVERANCE TAXES

WHEREAS, we favor state's rights, and the rights of individual states to levy minerals and coal severance taxes, and

WHEREAS, the federal government is considering legislation that would limit the amount of severance tax states could levy, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose any federal legislation that would limit the individual states right to levy severance taxes on minerals and coal.

This is a Committee Resolution covering Resolution Nos. 197 by Farris and 295 by Buell.

FARM EXEMPTION FOR PROPOSED GASOLINE EXCISE TAX

WHEREAS, farmers expenses are steadily increasing, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange urge Congress to exempt from any proposed excise tax, gasoline used for farming purposes.

This covers Resolution No. 47 by Silvers.

INDEXING INCOME TAXES

WHEREAS, the Federal Income Tax rate has not been increased by Congress since 1952, but the inflation rate has materially increased the Federal Income Tax, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the bills before Congress to index the income tax rate be supported by the National Grange.

This covers Resolution Nos. 380 by DuLac and 397 by Moody.

CLASSIFICATION OF GRAVEL

WHEREAS, a recent court decision that classified gravel as a mineral and is subject to mineral right laws and taxes, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange work for legislation to remove gravel from the mineral classification.

This covers Resolution No. 294 by Buell.

Fraternally submitted,
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Claude Hoffman
Beulah Winter
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Albert Brendemuhl
Daryl Lowry

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The following resolutions were referred to the Transportation Committee: 50, 55, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, 111, 149, 170, 172, 175, 183, 198, 212, 213, 218, 221, 225, 256, 286, 298, 304, 305, 315, 379, 402, 483, 484, 485, 486, 520, 521, 522, 523, 568, 569, 602, 603 and 604.

The committee reports adversely on 603. 126 transferred to Conservation. 219 received from Citizenship and Public Affairs. And 256 referred back to the States, 55, 172, 286, 298 were withdrawn.

Paul Mills, Office of Transportation, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture; E. M. Rider, American Trucking Association; and Paul Matthews, Regional Director of the Highway Users Federation, met with the committee. Their advice and counsel was much appreciated.

POLICY STATEMENT

We concur with that portion of the National Master's address that deals with transportation and agree that while the De-Regulation Act of 1980 gives agriculture a more viable means of moving its commodities to market by rail, the trucking of these agricultural products still leaves much to be desired because of higher costs due to the loss of time and the cost of fuel used on empty back hauls, as well as added requirements.

Our increasing need for prime farm land prompts us to urge the Department of Transportation to examine all alternatives before the final design for highway interchanges and connector roads are accepted.

The National Grange continues to be concerned with the safety systems required in the vehicles we use for business and pleasure, and we also believe that any changes

or improvements in the present safety system should be tested and proven to be more effective and efficient than those already mandated by law before being placed into effect.

The present speed limit of 55 MPH as legislated by Congress has reduced our highway fatalities while increasing our conservation of energy and we recommend its continued enforcement.

The Transportation Committee, having considered all resolutions referred to us, agree that transportation is important, and the final link in the farmer's quest for a fair return on his investment.

This covers part of the Master's address Resolution Nos. 50 Silvers, 64 Cross, 379 Winter, 402 Moody, 483 Massey and 175 by Bergeron.

SERVICES FOR HANDICAPPED

WHEREAS, federal law requires that public transportation must have wheelchair lifts on buses or forfeit federal funding, and

WHEREAS, various bus authorities provide a special van service for wheelchair patrons and installation of wheelchair lifts on buses would add a tremendous burden to the financial condition of such busing concerns, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that any busing concerns providing sufficient and adequate service for wheelchair persons be excused from installing lifts on buses, and be it further

RESOLVED, that any Federal Funding provided to Bus Companies not be cut if a wheelchair service is being provided.

This Res. covers No. 521 by Wismer.

SATURDAY MAIL DELIVERIES

WHEREAS, the National Grange was instrumental in promoting the Rural Free Delivery, and

WHEREAS, there have been a number of proposals to eliminate Saturday rural delivery, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange go on record opposing discontinuing rural Saturday mail delivery, or any curtailment of mail services to rural areas.

This Res. covers No. 70 by Cross; No. 111 by Guthrie, in part; No. 149 by Wedding; No. 198 by Farris, in part; No. 212 by Smith; No. 225 by Stauffer; No. 304 by Shores; No. 523 by Wismer; No. 569 by Halladay and No. 602 by Ross.

ZIP CODE CHANGES

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is planning to change the zip code from a five digit to a nine digit zip code, and

WHEREAS, at first this will apply only to large mailing houses, it may eventually affect all of us, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the nine digit zip code is to cut man power and keep postal rates down, but we have no assurance that this will be the case, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange oppose any changes to the present five digit system.

This covers Res. No. 183 by Bergeron; No. 305 by Shores; No. 315 by Shattuck; No. 484 by Massey; No. 522 by Wismer.

COMPLETION OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, many states have fallen far behind in the completion of Federal Aid and the Interstate Highway System; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange support the rapid completion of all proposed highways approved under the Federal Aid and Interstate Highway System.

This covers Res. No. 170 by Warner.

HIGHWAY FINANCE

WHEREAS, the cost of construction and maintaining our local, state and national sys-

tems of streets, roads and highways is increasing each year; and

WHEREAS, National Transportation Policy Study Commission projections show that highway use in this country will continue to increase between now and the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Highway Administration an increasing percentage of the interstate, primary and supplemental state highway systems is falling into unserviceable maintenance classifications, and

WHEREAS, both the standard of living and personal mobility in this country have benefited immeasurably from the high quality national highway system; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of maintaining the American standard of living that the national highway system should be maintained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, the principle means of highway user taxation is the motor fuel tax which is declining each year through more fuel efficient motor vehicles, fewer miles driven and conservation practices; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange encourage the Congress to continue the historical approach to the funding of federal highway programs and oppose any diversion of funds for non-highway use, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange opposes any future impoundments of Trust Funds and favors an increase in secondary road and bridge fund appropriations in fiscal year 1982.

This covers Res. No. 218 by Shireman, No. 221 by Purdy, No. 568 by Halladay and No. 601 by Ross.

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, there is a decline in highway revenue and an increase in cost of maintenance and reconstruction of highways, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange would support an increase in motor fuel tax if justified, but the Grange would only support a Federal motor fuel tax increase on a cents per gallon basis, not on a percentage or indexed tax on the price of motor fuel.

This covers Res. No. 485 by Massey.

TRUCK WEIGHT AND LENGTH LIMITS

WHEREAS, the continued failure of six states to increase their gross vehicle weight limits to the permissible federal level of 80,000 pounds is impeding efforts by the motor carrier industry to further improve productivity and achieve fuel-conservation, goals, and

WHEREAS, existing truck length limits in seventeen states do not permit the operation of 65-foot twin-trailer combinations, one of the safest and most fuel-efficient forms of motor carriage, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend federal legislation that would require at least an 80,000 pound gross vehicle weight limit, at least a 60-foot length limit for tractor-semi-trailer combinations, and at least a 65 foot length limit for other vehicles combinations, with continued "Grandfathering" of existing higher state limits, for the Interstate and Primary Federal-aid highway systems, as well as for roads providing reasonable access to such highways.

This is a committee resolution.

MOTOR FUEL TAX EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the United States Congress exempted the Federal motor fuel tax on gasohol until the year 1992, and

WHEREAS, the National Grange concern was that this exemption could cause a substantial decrease of funding for the Highway Trust Fund, and/or could cause a higher percentage of highway costs to be paid by gasoline users, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that although the National Grange continues to urge the production and increased sale of gasohol, the Grange is opposed to the long-time motor fuel tax exemption, and the projected loss of revenue to the Highway Trust Fund, and a reduction of money available to the Federal-Aid Secondary Road Fund which finances our farm-to-market road system, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommends phasing out the Federal tax exemption on gasohol by January 1985.

Committee Resolution from that part of the Master's address referred to the Transportation Committee.

RAILROAD SYSTEM

WHEREAS, there is grave concern over the inefficiency of our railroad system, the condition of the tracks and road beds, 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 agricultural 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 railroad system, both from the standpoint of reviewing the discontinuing of existing tracks, as well as up-grading of the system.

This covers Resolution No. 213 by Smith.

AGRICULTURE TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, adequate transportation is vital to the economic welfare of producers and grain handlers in rural areas of the country, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that regulations be established nationwide in order to facilitate agricultural transportation by rail, truck and water more effectively, be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Grange recommend that the federal government assist state governments in maintaining low volume rail facilities in rural areas of the country.

This covers Resolutions No. 66 by Cross, 69 by Cross, and 486 by Massey.

EXCESS OIL PROFITS

WHEREAS, the government is now collecting a tax on excess oil profits which may be used for various relief programs, and

WHEREAS, the highway users will be discriminated against at any time these excess profits are used for any program other than highway construction and maintenance, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a portion of this tax received from excess oil profits be used for highway construction and maintenance.

This covers Res. No. 65 by Cross.

CONFLICTING FEDERAL PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, highway users believe that many of the rules and regulations of the U. S. Department of Transportation fail to encourage priority of 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 arise, often resulting in the adjudication of applicable, and often conflicting laws, available evidence suggests that the transportation laws have not generally been interpreted in such adjudication proceedings as having priority, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the National Grange petition the U. S. Congress to establish priorities among competing transportation, energy, land-use and clean air objectives and order a general review of policies and programs of all federal agencies which might affect transportation.

This covers Res. 219 by Purdy.

Fraternally submitted,
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Report OF THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT to the 114th Annual Session of the National Grange November 10, 1980

Legislative and governmental relations activities of the National Grange were very intense and covered an increasingly wide range of issues during the 96th Congress.

This report highlights the activities of the Legislative Department for the year 1980. However, this should not be interpreted as the final report on the 96th Congress, since a "lame duck" session of Congress is now in progress. The outcomes of several bills important to the Grange are still in doubt.

While the National Grange was involved in many issues addressed by the federal government, this report mentions only those items of major interest to Grange members. The actions described herein prove once again that the Grange remains an influential force in the nation's capital.

In pursuing Grange objectives, the National Grange Legislative Department assumes a major leadership role in initiating or responding to legislative proposals affecting Grangers. A key element of our role is our coordination of the "grassroots" efforts of Grange members. This is the kind of teamwork that leads to final action most favorable to our legislative goals.

The Legislative Department has undergone change during 1980. With the addition of Jim Miller and Susan McDowell to the National Staff, we hope to increase our legislative activity to cover a wider range of Grange legislative interests. At the same time, we will endeavor to improve our communication with you and the news media to better inform members and non-members of the legislative activities of the National Grange. We want to be your "Voice in Washington!"

Legislation

Emergency Farm Act of 1980

The National Grange was active in both 1979 and 1980 in its support of legislation to increase the target prices for wheat and feed grains. The bill started out in 1979 to

increase the target price on wheat and feedgrains by 7 percent, keeping in line with the President's wage and price guidelines. Time passed without action on this bill. The final bill was amended to apply to the 1980 crop, with a provision that the 1981 target price could not be less than the 1980 target price. The bill authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to require farmer compliance with Normal Crop Acreage regulations as a condition of eligibility for program benefits. Authority for disaster payments was extended through 1980 for grains, cotton and rice, and a \$100,000 per grower ceiling was set on these payments for both 1980 and 1981.

Embargo Relief Legislation

The National Grange appeared before the Senate and House Agriculture Committees on several occasions to support legislation to provide assistance to farmers for meeting the loss of sales caused by the suspension of grain sales to the Soviet Union. Only one bill became law. P.L. 96-234 authorized farms not in compliance with last year's set-aside program to enter into the 1979 crop-grain farmer-owned reserve program. Parts of other bills have been incorporated into other legislation still pending before Congress. Sections of still other bills have been implemented by administrative rulings. The relief action included the following:

- A bill (H.R. 3765) currently awaiting House action to (1) set basic loan rates for 1981 at not less than \$3 a bushel for wheat and \$2.25 a bushel for corn, the rates that were placed in effect administratively for 1981; (2) increase loan rates for 1980 and 1981-crop grains which producers deposit in the farmer-owned reserve to not less than \$3.30 for wheat and \$2.40 for corn, and to waive interest on loans for these grains; (3) earmark 4 million tons of wheat currently owned by the government as a special international food security reserve for use only in meeting emergency needs abroad when other U.S. stocks are low; (4) set the 1981 soybean support loan at not less than \$5.02 a bushel, the level to which the 1980 rate was raised by administrative action.

These and other farm program provisions were attached by the Senate to H.R. 3765, a bill initially passed by the House to deal with walnut and olive marketing orders. Most of the farm provisions, however, had earlier been approved in separate bills by the House Agriculture Committee. Efforts to complete passage of H.R. 3765 in the House on October 2, the final pre-recess day, were blocked when a single House Member objected to a unanimous consent request to consider the bill. An effort will be made to complete action after the recess.

- A bill (H.R. 7664), currently pending in a House-Senate Conference Committee, also includes the grain price support and food security provisions provided in H.R. 3765. Those provisions were passed on the Senate floor as amendments to H.R. 7664, a House bill dealing with changes in the child nutrition program. Another Senate amendment to H.R. 7664 proposes changes in a law affecting migrant farm labor. Conferees on H.R. 7664 agreed on the farm program and reserve provisions but have not yet completed other, unrelated portions of the bill.

The Grange also testified in favor of legislation (H.R. 118) which has passed the House and is now awaiting consideration in the Senate. H.R. 118 would set earlier deadlines for annual announcements of wheat and feed grain set-aside programs. The wheat deadline would be advanced by two weeks to August 1, and the feed grain deadline by two weeks to November 1.

The National Grange supported legislation (H.R. 7121), adopted by the House Agriculture Committee, to raise the support price loan rate for 1980 and 1981 soybean crops to not less than \$5.02 a bushel. The Grange had supported a higher loan rate than \$5.02 and had recommended that a soybean reserve be established to absorb the soybeans scheduled for shipment to the USSR. The increase in the loan rate to \$5.02 was adopted administratively by the Agriculture Department for the 1980 crop, and the 1981 provision was incorporated into H.R. 7664 and H.R. 3765.

Farm Credit Legislation

The Russian grain embargo, high interest rates and a credit crunch in rural areas stimulated extensive changes in laws affecting the Farmers Home Administration and the Small Business Administration. The Grange actively supported the following bills, all of which have been enacted into law.

- An act (PL 96-220) extending an economic emergency loan program for farmers. The program had been scheduled to expire May 15, but the new law extended the program to September 30, 1981. The law also made \$2 billion in additional credit available.
- An act (PL 96-302), making terms of Small Business Administration loans for actual disaster losses on farms the same as those offered by the FmHA, and restricting SBA farm disaster loans to cases declined by FmHA at similar interest rates.
- An act (PL 96-234) which raised the previous \$50,000 ceiling on farm storage facility loans to a new limit of \$100,000 per producer. This was part of the law dealing with reserve privileges for 1979 grain.

The Grange supported legislation to place a cap on disaster loan programs administered by the FmHA. The T.V. program *Sixty Minutes* pointed out the need for this change in its report on how wealthy farmers were receiving millions of dollars from FmHA. S.985 fixes ceilings under which Congress may set lending totals for FmHA farm and rural development credit programs through fiscal year 1982. The bill would allow Congress to authorize up to \$1.6 billion annually in farm real estate loans and up to \$1.2 billion in farm operating loans. Also, the bill places an initial ceiling on individual farm disaster loans of \$2 million, phasing down to \$500,000 by fiscal 1983. The bill has passed both Houses and awaits the President's signature.

Farm Credit Act Amendments

The National Grange, working closely with two other major farm organizations, was successful in its efforts to amend the Farm Credit Act of 1971. Several key changes had to be made in the original bill sponsored by the Farm Credit Administration before the National Grange added its support.

The original bill was a creation of the farm credit system, developed without the farm organizations having the opportunity to provide input. The bill did follow to some degree the recommendations of the Agriculture Task Force created to shape the 1971 Act. After the introduction of the bill, the Grange met with the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration and his staff on numerous occasions to review the provisions of the bill and to discuss the major objections of the Grange.

Following our testimony before the Senate Agriculture Subcommittee on Credit in the fall of 1979, the Grange met several times with the staff of the Senate Agriculture Committee to prepare for consideration of the bill by the Subcommittee. We were primarily concerned with the provisions dealing with insurance, marketing and processing facilities, and the percentage of farmer members necessary to maintain farm cooperative status.

Little progress was made in the Subcommittee, but prior to the full Committee markup we were successful in having a Grange amendment approved. The amendment prohibited the Farm Credit System from forming a corporation for the sale of insurance to its borrowers. It also limited the kinds of insurance lines that could be offered to credit, life, and disability insurance up to the amount of the loan; multi-pearl crop insurance; title insurance; and insurance necessary to protect the operations and facilities of the aquatic borrower.

Strong opposition by the Grange to the original bill led to the compromise by the Farm Credit Administration. In meetings with FCA Governor Donald Wilkinson, National Master Ed Andersen successfully obtained FCA support for the Grange position on the two insurance amendments. Other farm organizations were able to gain FCA acceptance of a third amendment to phase the FCA out of the collateral insurance business within two years.

The role of the Grange in obtaining a six-year objective to remove the Farm Credit System from the insurance business can not and should not be down-played. If the Grange had not taken a strong stand in opposition to the bill as introduced, it is doubtful that the other farm groups would have maintained their strong opposition.

The Grange agreed to support the Senate bill containing our three amendments when it reached the Senate floor. The Grange vowed to continue its opposition to the House bill until two other objectives were met. The National Grange worked with members of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Credit to perfect two amendments to make the final House bill acceptable to Grange membership. We successfully limited the reduction in coop membership eligibility to rural electric co-ops, service co-ops, and small farm supply co-ops that though no fault of their own found their membership reduced by urbanization of their market area. The Grange amendment required all other co-ops to maintain a membership comprised of 80 percent farmers, in order to be eligible to borrow from the Bank of Cooperatives.

A second Grange amendment to ban Production Credit Associations and Federal Land Banks from financing marketing and processing facilities was offered in the Subcommittee by Rep. Al Baldus (D-Wisc), but did not receive support. However, a similar amendment was offered in full Committee and discussed at length. Language contained in the amendment was incorporated into the Committee report, assuring that this new authority would be granted only to eligible borrowers under the definitions of the Act and also that all agricultural commodities passing through the facilities would be produced by eligible borrowers. In addition, twenty percent of the output of the facility must be from the production of the producer seeking the loan.

The Amendment to the Farm Credit Act of 1971, H.R. 7548, is currently pending before the House. It is expected that it will be one of the first orders of business when Congress reconvenes on November 12, 1980. Final passage is not assured as the American Bankers Association continues to mount a strong fight to either recommit the bill or to amend the bill to remove the sections on export financing and financial institutions from the bill.

Final passage of the Farm Credit Amendment Act will be a major victory for the National Grange. We continue our role as a strong supporter of the farm credit system, the primary supplier of credit to the Nation's farmers.

Federal Crop Insurance

The National Grange was active in securing the passage of legislation to authorize expansion of the federal crop insurance program. The Grange began four years ago to seek an all-county, all-crop, all-risk federal crop insurance program. Success was achieved with the signing into law of P.L. 96-365 authorizing such a program.

The new program will take effect beginning with the 1981 crop year and will eventually make all-risk crop insurance (with a portion of the premiums paid by the government) available to farmers in all parts of the country and for all crops. The legislation includes provisions stressing opportunities for the private insurance industry to participate in the program, a feature essential for Grange support. Producers have the option in 1981 of taking federal crop insurance if offered in their country, or adhering to the provisions of the disaster payment program contained in the 1977 Food and Agriculture Act. The disaster program will end with the 1981 crop year.

Rural Development

The National Grange was instrumental in securing the passage of the Rural Development Policy Act (H.R. 3580). The bill is designed to improve cooperation between USDA and state and local authorities in the area of rural economic development. Provisions include the creation of the office of Under Secretary of Agriculture for Small Community and Rural Development, and the authorization of \$15 million for rural development planning grants. The Secretary of Agriculture is designated to take

the lead role in developing a rural development policy. President Carter signed the bill into law (P.L. 96-355) at a ceremony in the White House attended by Susan McDowell of the National Grange legislative staff.

Food Stamps

The Grange strongly supported what began as a three-part legislative package that included: (1) an increase in target prices for wheat and feed grains; (2) a provision to maintain milk price support at eighty percent of parity through 1981; and (3) an increase in funds for the food stamp program. However, something happened to this package on its way through Congress.

First, the dairy provisions were split off and passed separately, with Grange support. The farm program provisions passed 18 months later, but with Grange support, the food stamp spending ceiling was "held hostage" until major reforms in the food stamp program were made.

In addition to continuing funding for the food stamp program in the 1980 and 1981 fiscal years, the bill adopted strong new anti-fraud and anti-error provisions. The new cost-cutting measures are expected to save about \$750 million over the next two fiscal years. The food stamp bill was signed into law by President Carter as P.L. 96-249.

School Lunch Program

The National Grange is opposing amendments to the Child Nutrition Act (H.R. 7664) that would replace the current commodity distribution program with a cash voucher or letter-of-credit system. The bill is currently pending in a House/Senate Conference Committee, and is expected to be brought up when Congress reconvenes on November 12, 1980. The Grange has expressed its opposition to the studies on cash-in-lieu-of-commodities to the Conferees, but has stated that a study on the letter-of-credit system could be of benefit for future considerations of the school lunch program.

FIFRA

The National Grange supported the one-year extension of the federal government's pesticide control program (H.R. 7018), effective through September 30, 1981. The bill includes authority for a Congressional veto of future Environmental Protection Agency regulations dealing with pesticides. The bill also requires EPA to set up formal procedures for "peer review" by independent scientist of major scientific studies that are used as the basis for regulatory action. The Conference report has been passed by the Senate and awaits final House approval before being sent to the President.

Preservation of Farmland

A legislative battle by the Grange was lost when the House defeated the Ag-Land Preservation bill. Introduced in the House by James Jeffords (R-VT) and in the Senate by Warren Magnuson (D-WA), the bill ran into trouble from the start. In fact, the Grange came out in opposition to the bill as originally introduced and worked with the Committee staff to remove the objectional provisions. Even with that effort, many Congresspersons from rural areas continued to oppose the bill, calling it unnecessary, or deciding to withhold support until the USDA Land Study Commission filed its report. A new major effort is already underway among interested Congressional staffs and farm organization representatives. The Grange will remain a major force on this important issue.

Motor Carrier Reform

The National Grange actively participated in an Ad Hoc Coalition of agricultural shippers, joined together to secure deregulation of the motor carrier industry to the benefit of agriculture. Our efforts were successful to a degree.

The Senate passed a bill (S.2245) that the Grange found to be acceptable. It expanded the agricultural exemption to include food items, and increased the amount of business farm co-ops could conduct with non-members to 35 percent on an annual basis. However, agricultural producers lost nearly all they had gained when the House Public Works and Transportation Committee reported a bill to increase the agricultural exemption to independent truckers only to limit the co-op exemption to only 25 percent of non-member business.

All of the Grange's attempts to amend the bill on the House floor met with defeat. Our last chance to influence the Congress on provisions of the bill was lost when the Senate accepted the House version, thereby making a Conference unnecessary. Farm groups pressed the Administration to hold fast to its position, but when it appeared that a compromise was necessary to secure House acceptance, the Administration backed down, leaving farm groups with a bill not totally to our liking.

The final bill does improve the regulation of the motor carrier industry, although not as much as the Grange had desired. The Grange will continue to work toward further regulatory reform so that agricultural shippers and rural areas can be better served.

Railroad Deregulation

The National Grange, while supporting the deregulation of the Nation's railroads, believes that a little caution is needed before completely freeing the railroads to set rates without Interstate Commerce Commission approval. Consequently, the Grange encouraged the effort of other agricultural shippers to amend the House bill to require the ICC to maintain its authority over rate increases in excess of 160 percent of a railroad's variable costs.

The amendment, introduced by Bob Eckhardt (D-TX), won approval by a narrow margin. The acceptance of this amendment was so upsetting to the House leadership that they pulled the bill from the floor. But, under pressure from the Administration, the floor managers of the bill, Rep. James Florio (D-NJ) and Edward Madigan (R-IL), agreed to try and reach a compromise with the Eckhardt amendment's supporters.

No bill can ever please everyone, but the compromise grants railroad interests the flexibility they want, and shipper and small railroad interests the protection they want. Railroads may increase rates on lines where they are "market dominant" by 60 percent over their variable costs in the first year. Any increases above this amount are subject to ICC review.

The Grange remains concerned with railroad deregulation. Our primary concerns are with the rates charged captured shippers, surcharges, and the potential of railroad line abandonment. The Staggers Rail Act of 1980 does not alleviate these concerns.

Alaska Lands

The National Grange, the only farm organization in Alaska, has worked with a coalition of Alaskan interests to secure passage of an Alaskan Lands bill that meets the approval of the residents of the nation's largest state.

The House and Senate have passed different versions of the Alaska Lands bill, H.R. 39. The Grange finds the Senate version more acceptable as it permits greater exploration and development of Alaska's natural resources, resources that are greatly needed by our Nation.

As passed by the Senate, H.R. 39 would impose various levels of development restrictions on 194.3 million acres of federal lands in Alaska, an area representing 28 percent of the state. The bill would more than double the national park and wildlife refuge acreage in the U.S., and would more than triple the amount of the U.S.

designated as wilderness, where any development (even road-building) is prohibited.

The Grange supports this compromise legislation. If the Conferees do not accept the Senate version, the bill should be defeated. The Grange has expressed its dissatisfaction with the Senate bill, but has concluded that it is better than no bill, which would leave the lands open to administrative rulings by the executive branch.

Reclamation Reform Act

The Grange has demonstrated a long-standing interest in the Reclamation Act of 1902. The delegate body of the National Grange has adopted a firm policy on reforms needed to make the Act more relevant to today's agriculture. However, both the Senate bill (S.14) and the House bill (H.R. 6520) go far beyond the recommendations of the Grange.

H.R. 6520, as reported by the full House Interior Committee, would virtually eliminate all of the requirements of the 1902 Law originally established to insure that family farmers are the beneficiaries of federally subsidized water projects.

The House bill would set a 960 acre per farm ownership limit and a 2400 acre leasing limit. According to a recent study, only one-half of one percent of all reclamation farms exceed the 3360 acre limit established by this bill. This extremely generous limitation makes a mockery of the intent of the reclamation law, that is, to spread the benefits of subsidized water to the maximum number of family-sized farms. Even this "limitation" can be side-stepped by various loopholes and exemptions written into H.R. 6520.

Perhaps the biggest loophole in the bill is a provision granting landowners the unrestricted right to transfer land title to anyone of their choosing, thereby opening the door to fictitious sales and other land deals intended to circumvent the law. New farmers are denied the opportunity to enter into the reclamation program by the elimination of the possibility of an impartial lottery-style land sales system. Ironically, one of the stated purposes of the reclamation bill is to provide maximum opportunity for individuals to get a start in farming.

Absentee landlords would be invited to profit from a subsidy at the expense of farm families. H.R. 6520 would repeal the requirement that owners of reclamation land live on their farms or in the neighborhood. Landowners would not even be required to be actual operating farmers. As a result, non-farm investment in farmland in reclamation districts would undoubtedly increase.

H.R. 6520 is now before the House Rules Committee. A major effort is being made there to kill the bill for this session of Congress.

Government & Public Affairs

Grain Embargo

The National Grange was the first farm organization to support the President's suspension of grain sales to the Soviet Union above the 8 MM tons agreed to in the U.S./Soviet Grain Agreement. However, the Grange repeatedly urged the Administration to protect farm prices so that the American farmer would not carry an unfair cost of the foreign policy of the United States.

The National Master met on numerous occasions with the President and his White House staff, and Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland and his staff, placing before them the recommendations of the Grange to offset the economic loss suffered by producers from the curtailment of the Soviet market. In addition, the Grange appeared before both Congressional Committees on Agriculture, to emphasize the need for Congressional action if the Executive branch failed to act.

We happily report that all of the Grange's recommendations were either ordered by the Administration, passed by Congress, or are waiting for approval at the present time. Unfortunately, some of our recommendations were implemented too late to help producers who were forced to sell on the down market between January and June.

Following up on our personal contacts, meetings, and testimony were numerous letters, telegrams and phone calls, all pushing for greater relief for grain and soybean producers. The USDA purchase program, initiated at the request of the Grange, started to turn prices upward prior to the drought, but this came too late for many.

Department of Agriculture

The National Grange continues its excellent working relationship with the Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, his Assistant Secretaries, and his staff.

The Grange, represented by Master Edward Andersen and the legislative staff, has met with the Secretary on dozens of occasions, often at his request, to discuss the issues facing the nation's farmers. These meetings are always backed up by letters which further set forth the Grange's positions.

The past year presented many opportunities for the Grange to present its views before the USDA. The issues ranged from the Soviet grain embargo to the credit crunch, high interest rates, and farm programs to the effects of the drought. The Grange was summoned to the USDA throughout the year for briefings on the major issues prior to farm program announcements or administrative changes in farm programs made to protect farm income from the loss of the Soviet grain market. The Grange's recommendations were never taken lightly and, in the majority of cases were incorporated into USDA announcements.

The National Grange has repeatedly called for a change in the on-farm storage facility loan program that would allow the construction of on-farm storage facilities to accommodate three years of production. With the authorization for a three to five year farmer-held grain reserve program stored on the farm, the need for increased on-farm storage capacity became evident. Farmers would face a difficult time committing themselves to a three-year storage reserve if they only had capacity for storing two years of production.

The Grange supported legislation to drop the two-year limitation contained in the act and encouraged USDA to support this change. However, in meetings with Secretary Bergland, we learned that USDA would make an administrative change in the regulation covering the on-farm storage facility loan program. This change would assure that grain committed to the farmer-held reserve would not be counted against the two-year restriction imposed by the law. We are pleased with this change as it will benefit farmers by aiding them in the orderly marketing of their grain.

Executive Branch

The National Grange continues to enjoy an excellent working relationship with the White House, President Carter and his staff. National Master Edward Andersen has been received by the President on several occasions for discussions of issues facing the family farmer. In addition, Master Andersen and the legislative staff have been invited to the White House for briefings on energy, the Agriculture budget, farm policy, transportation, rural development, consumer programs, and inflation.

In addition to maintaining a close liaison with the White House, the Grange has continued its close advisory role to the Special Trade Representative's office on matters affecting international trade in agricultural commodities. The National Master has been asked to serve on the Agriculture Policy Advisory Committee for foreign trade, Legislative Director Robert Frederick will be serving on the Fruit and Vegetable Technical Advisory Committee, State Masters Russell Stauffer and Charles Wismer will be serving on the Grains and Dairy Technical Advisory Committee, and Glenn Bonar, a swine producer from Kansas, will serve on the Livestock and Meat Technical Advisory Committee.

National Farm Coalition

The National Farm Coalition has been in existence since it was re-established by the Grange in 1969. At the last general meeting of the Coalition, the members elected National Master Edward Andersen as Chairman. At the same meeting, Grange Legislative Director Robert Frederick was elected Treasurer.

The coalition will be active in developing a unified position on the 1981 farm bill for the membership to support. Meetings of the Coalition Steering Committee have been held in preparation for the forthcoming legislative action.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission

The National Grange Executive Committee, in a resolution adopted at their January 1980 meeting, asked the Chairman of the CFTC to appoint an Agriculture Producers Advisory Committee. The Chairman informed the Grange that it was Carter Administration policy to cut down on the number of Advisory Committees of the Federal government. Instead, the CFTC Chairman initiated an ongoing series of meetings with producer organizations, in order to receive their input into Commission decision-making.

As a result, meetings were recently held on the new commodity futures contract in sunflower seeds now trading in Minneapolis and the proposed rice futures contract in New Orleans. Legislative Director Robert Frederick represented the Grange at the most recent meeting with CFTC officials of the Economics and Education Division to register the Grange's reactions to the proposed contracts. Farmers, other farm and commodity organizations, agricultural economists, and other interested people were also in attendance. All comments will be shared with CFTC Commissioners who exercise final decision-making authority regarding contracts.

Land Use & Conservation

The National Grange continues its leadership role in the development of legislation and regulations dealing with land use issues. Jim Miller of the National Grange Legislative staff is working closely with several ad hoc committees composed of Congressional staff and farm organization representatives to develop a land use strategy for the 97th Congress.

In addition, Legislative Director Robert Frederick serves on the National Planning Association's special committee which is currently studying land use issues. The first paper published by the Committee is entitled "Federal Dynamics of Land Use" and is available from the National Grange headquarters.

The Grange became involved at all levels in the Soil Conservation Service study on new directions for future conservation programs. Members of the National staff have attended various meetings pertaining to the RCA program and have filed with the Department our comments on the results of the study.

Farm Structure Hearings

As a result of pressure from the National Grange on the Department of Agriculture and other federal agencies, ten hearings were held in different regions of the country on the structure of U.S. agriculture. The Grange had been calling for changes in farm programs and tax policy so as to benefit family farmers. The hearings were chaired by Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland and received testimony from farmers and farm representatives on all major issues affecting U.S. agriculture.

The National Grange met with USDA staff to develop the format for the hearings and to assure that a cross-section of farm people would appear at the hearings. The National Grange was honored to be the lead-off witness at most of the regional hearings. If not the first witness, the Grange was often represented on the first panel of witnesses at the hearings.

The final hearing was held in the spring of 1980 in Washington, D.C., where National Master Edward Andersen represented the Grange. In his statement, he stressed how various tax provisions of the U.S. Code affect farm numbers and farm size.

Other Public Affairs Activities

Legislation

The Grange was active in the following legislative issues: the repeal of the carryover basis of inheritance taxation (P.L. 96-233); subterminal storage facilities; eliminating mandatory federal weighing of grain moved into export elevators; the Energy Security Act (P.L. 96-924), the Great Plains Program (P.L. 96-263); the Federal Trade Commission Act (P.L. 96-252) to prohibit the FTC from studying or investigating agricultural marketing orders; the Telecommunications Act to protect rural phone rates; the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to exclude the Stanislaus River from its provisions; reserving the Big Sur area for administration by state and local government; the Food Security Reserve; the Synthetic Fuels Act; and food labeling legislation.

Regulatory Action

The National Grange expressed its views on a number of regulatory decisions, including the following: reconstituted milk and dairy price supports; 1980-1981 wheat, feed grains and sunflower seed programs; public participation in agency decision-making; the Small Business Administration's definition of livestock and custom feed lot enterprises; crude oil entitlement program for farm co-ops; the Ag-Land Trust funds; RARE II; the Farmers Home Administration; junk food in schools; the School Lunch Program; the oil import fee; and the aerial application of pesticides.

Organizational Activities

Representatives of the Grange served on the following committees: the Transportation Advisory Committee to the Highway User Federation; the Policy Advisory Committee to the Highway Users Federation; the Pesticides Users Conference; the Energy Users Conference; the Water Quality Conference; the Alliance to Save Energy; the National Cotton Council; the National Livestock and Meat Board; the Trade Action Coordinating Committee; the Agri-Trade Group; the Food Group; the Agricultural Round Table; the Watershed Congress Advisory Committee; the Agricultural Advisory Committee to the Congressional Rural Caucus; the Census Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics; and the Food Labeling and Nutrition Ad Hoc Committees.

Communications

Grangeline. The Grangeline, a two-minute tape recording updating the Washington activities of the Grange, started on June 12, 1978 and operated until July 31, 1980. The Grangeline was discontinued due to a lack of sufficient use by Grange members to justify its continuation.

Washington Update. The Grangeline has been replaced by the Washington Update, which is mailed out of Washington on Friday of each week. The Update contains detailed, concise information on the activities of the National Grange in the Nation's capital. The Update is designed to be of primary interest to State Masters, National Officers, State Legislative Representatives, and State Grange paper editors. The Update is intended as a supplement to the View From the Hill.

View From the Hill. The National Grange Legislative Department publishes a legislative newsletter, the *View From the Hill*. In past years the *View* has been published semi-monthly and mailed free to State Masters, National Officers, several officers of State Granges, State Deputies, Pomona Masters, Pomona Legislative Chairmen, and Subordinate Masters. In addition, the *View* is mailed to each member of Congress, top executive branch officials, and to newspaper, radio, and T.V. journalists.

In the future, the *View* will be published monthly and will contain a broader range of National Grange activities in Washington. Written in an informative style, it will appeal to the Grange membership that does not follow legislative activities on a daily basis. The same mailing list will be maintained.

Hotline Memos. Hotline Memos are sent to State Masters, National Officers and Pomona Masters when grass roots action is needed to influence Congress to support the Grange position. The memos outline the issue and ask members to contact their legislators.

If we are to improve our grass roots support, this method of communication should be improved. We need to be able to provide instant communication with state and local leaders, to inform them of the issue and the desired action. At the state and local level, we need a much quicker and easier way for Grange leaders to respond. We are looking into a mailgram service with central billing as a means of improving this vital area of Grange communications.

Conclusion

This is *your* report as it is your support that has made possible any success we have had. The report has been limited to only a few highlights, dramatizing the broad range of Washington activities undertaken by your national organization. We hope that our conduct warrants your continued support, and that you are able to point with pride and say, "This is our voice in Washington, the National Grange."

Fraternally submitted,

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