

Journal of Proceedings

California State  
Grange

Patrons of Husbandry



1927

*Fifty-fifth Annual Session*

# Social Features of the Session

Reception, Tuesday Evening, October 18  
Civic Auditorium

## -- PROGRAM --

Chairman of the evening, Frank L. Hunt of Napa, Past Master California State Grange.

- (1) Address of Welcome—Chas. E. Ashburner, City Manager of Stockton.
- (2) Greetings—J. V. Mendenhall, President, Stockton Chamber of Commerce.
- (3) Response—Geo. R. Harrison, Master, California State Grange.
- (4) Messages from our Comrades in Arms:
  - (a) California Farmers Union, R. V. Garrod of Saratoga, President.
  - (b) California Farm Bureau Federation, Alex Johnson of Berkeley, Executive Secretary.
  - (c) Agricultural Legislative Committee, R. H. Taylor of Sacramento, Executive Secretary.
- (5) Greetings from Our Governor—Hon. Lyman M. King of Sacramento, Chief of Bureau of Service and Supply Department of Finance.
- (6) Scotch dialect vocalist—George Bossert of Lakeport, accompanied on the piano by Winnie Curry of Lakeport.
  - (d) California Development Association, R. N. Wilson of San Francisco, Manager Bureau of Agriculture.
  - (e) Rural California Broadcasting Station KQW, and California Farm Bureau Federation, Fred J. Hart of San Jose, Manager.
- (7) The Agrarian Movement in California, S. S. Knight of Petaluma, Chairman Legislative Committee, California State Grange.
- (8) Orchestra—College of the Pacific.

Thursday Afternoon, October 20, Automobile Trip  
to Lodi.



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Next Session In Marysville  
October 16-20, 1928

**OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE**  
**FOR 1927-1928**

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Master .....GEO. R. HARRISON  
Sebastopol, Sonoma County

Overseer .....H. A. CRAIG  
Gazelle, Siskiyou County

LECTURER .....MRS. IDA M. CLENDENING  
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Steward .....STANLEY B. SMITH  
Los Gatos, Santa Clara County

Assistant Steward.....W. HALBERT SMITH  
Greenview, Siskiyou County

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Gazelle, Siskiyou County

Pomona .....MRS. FAY LOOSLEY  
Pittville, Shasta County

Flora .....MRS. ELVA M. McBRIDE  
Antelope, Sacramento County

Pianist .....MRS. CORDELIA AYLWARD  
Santa Rosa, Sonoma County

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

ROY I. CHURCH.....Petaluma, Sonoma County

W. J. DORRIS.....Alturas, Modoc County

F. L. HUNT.....Napa, Napa County



# Fifty-fifth Annual Session of California State Grange

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## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY

In accordance with the provisions of Article IV of our Constitution, the State Grange of California assembled in fifty-fifth annual session Tuesday, October 18, 1927.

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 A. M. in the Civic Auditorium in Stockton, and Grange was opened in regular form in the Sixth Degree.

Sister Bailhache of Progressive Grange presented the flag of our Country; the members sang the "Star Spangled Banner." The Assistant Stewards were assisted in taking up the passwords by Brother and Sister Scott of Sebastopol Grange, they having been duly appointed by the Worthy Master to act in that capacity.

After Divine invocation by the Worthy Chaplain, the Grange joined in singing, "Bringing in the Sheaves."

Roll call of officers found all present and occupying their respective stations, except Worthy Pomona, Sister Eva Van Loan, as follows: Master Geo. R. Harrison; Overseer, H. A. Craig; Lecturer, Mrs. Ida M. Clendening; Steward, Stanley B. Smith; Assistant Steward, W. Halbert Smith; Chaplain, Mrs. Mary B. Lindley; Treasurer, J. N. Watt; Secretary, Mrs. Martha L. Gamble; Kate Keeper, F. W. Roberts; Ceres, Mrs. Florence Steinmetz; Flora, Miss Linde Hartley; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Grace Biggs; Pianist, Mrs. Cordelia Aylward.

Brothers F. L. Hunt and Roy I. Church of the Executive Committee were present, and the following Deputies: H. A. Craig, E. K. Clendening, Chas. J. Sutton, and A. L. Ford.

The Assistant Stewards were directed to retire and introduce the new delegates for obligation in the Sixth Degree.

While awaiting the entrance of the delegates, community singing was enjoyed.

The Worthy Master read a telegram of greeting from the National Master, Louis J. Taber. Also a telegram from Geo. H. Hecke, Director of Agriculture, regretting his inability to be present at this session of the State Grange.

The Assistant Stewards introduced the following named delegates who were duly obligated in the Sixth Degree: Mrs. Laura Kresge, C. W. Stewart and wife, Chas. J. Bacon, E. V. Griffith, A. P. Norton and wife, J. W. Stevens and wife, Geo. W. Swingley and wife, Mrs. R. Josephine Bosworth, Mrs. Lottie Wakeland, J. P. Gonzales, Thos. Hunter and wife, J. P. Petersen, Geo. Calkins and wife, Mrs. Pearl Newcomb, Vernon G. March and wife, H. C. Lolmaugh and wife, C. Joe Gordon, P. B. McGarva, Mrs. Allie Brown, H. C. Young and wife, John Whitsell, W. R. Parker and wife, L. J. Snow and wife, Mrs. May Baker, Walter Swindell and wife, E. R. Ostrom, W. L. Lewis and wife, Mrs. Dora Hall, L. L. Card and wife, Frank T. Welch.

Roll call of Granges found delegates from the following Granges present: Adin, Alturas, American River, Anderson, Antelope, Aromas, Bellevue, Bennett Valley, Beswick, Bogus, Cedar, Community, Coyote, Danville, Dinuba, Eagle, Eastern Yuba, East Palo Alto, Elk Grove, Fall River, Forestville, Fort Romie, Gazelle, Gilroy, Gold Hill, Greenhorn, Guenoc, Hallwood, Happy Camp, Hat Creek, Hornbrook, Likely, Little Shasta, Macdoel, McArthur, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Mt. Bolivar, Napa, Orangevale, Orchard City, Petaluma, Poplar, Progressive, Redwood Valley, Rio Linda, Sacramento, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Scott Valley, Sebastopol, Silverado, Sonoma Valley, Tulare, Two Rock, Valley Oaks, Western Yolo, Windsor, Mendocino Pomona, Modoc Pomona, Napa-Lake Pomona, Sacramento Pomona, Santa Clara Pomona, Siskiyou Pomona, Sonoma Pomona, Tulare Pomona.

There being no more business to come before the Grange in the Sixth Degree, the Worthy Master declared the Grange closed in the Sixth Degree and opened in the Fourth Degree.

To save time and confusion, the Worthy Master announced that delegates and officers only would be required to salute the Overseer on entering or leaving the hall.

The Worthy Master read a letter from Sister Eva Van Loan regretting that she was unable to attend this session of the State Grange and fill her station as Pomona. The Worthy Master appointed Sister Fay Loosley to act as Pomona during the session.



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The Committee on Order of Business made a partial report which was, on motion of Brother Libby, accepted.

In accordance with custom, the Assistant Steward and Lady Assistant Steward presented to the Worthy Master the Senior Past Master of California State Grange, Brother E. T. Pettit. The Worthy Master welcomed the Senior Past Master to this fifty-fifth annual session, and presented him to the members present. Past Master Pettit expressed his pleasure at being present at this session. He stated that it was an inspiration to meet with the State Grange, and especially so at this time. He congratulated the Grange on the goodly attendance of delegates, and admonished the members to forget selfish interests, and in their deliberations to think only of the Good of the Order and of humanity.

Past Masters Joseph Holmes and Frank L. Hunt were in turn presented to the Worthy Master who welcomed them, also, to this State session and introduced them to the members. Brother Holmes and Brother Hunt responded fitly to the words of greeting of the Master.

Brother Chas. J. Sutton, Master of Sonoma Pomona Grange, read an editorial written by A. W. Fitzgerald, editor of The Stockton Independent, welcoming the State Grange of California to Stockton.

Recess was declared until 1:30 P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grange was called to order at 1:50 P. M.

Brother Knight stated that the people of Lodi were anxious to have the Grange go to Lodi at 3 P. M. on Thursday to visit Lodi and inspect the packing plants.

Brother Barnes moved that the invitation from Lodi be accepted, and that we meet an hour earlier in the morning, and continue until 1 P. M. if necessary. Brother A. T. Jones seconded the motion.

Brother James Holmes and Brother Swingley thought the Grange could accomplish more by continuing in session all day.

A. T. Jones, Sister Steinmetz, Brother Parker and others spoke in favor of accepting the invitation, one brother making the point that a big delegation of Grange members on this trip would create a favorable impression, and might be the means of establishing granges around Lodi. The motion was carried.

Worthy Master Harrison appointed the following committees:

### STANDING COMMITTEES

The Worthy Master appointed the following committees:

Good of the Order—A. T. Jones, San Martin; Solon Bailhache, Rutherford; Lee Dudgeon, Soledad; Mrs. Nettie Holmes, Sacramento; Mrs. Thomas Hunter, Gilroy.

Legislation—S. S. Knight, Petaluma; Joseph Holmes, Sacramento; Thomas Jacob, Visalia; A. T. Jones, San Martin; Mrs. Ida M. Clendening, Campbell; Mrs. Amanda Bailhache, Oakville; R. H. Taylor, Sacramento.

Education—W. E. Lindley, Santa Cruz; Frank T. Welch, Windsor; Mrs. Mary Woodward, Visalia; Mrs. Minnie Church, Petaluma; Mrs. Mae Sutton, Sebastopol; Mrs. Elizabeth Sehlmeier, Elk Grove.

Constitution and By-laws—E. T. Pettit, Cupertino; John Hartley, Napa; Charles J. Sutton, Sebastopol; Mrs. Lula C. Eipper, Aromas; Mrs. W. F. Loosley, Pittville.

Home Economics—Mrs. Ella C. Braughler, Sacramento; Mrs. Dora Hall, Sonoma; Mrs. F. L. Roberts, Cedarville; Mrs. Minnie Eddie, Potter Valley; Mrs. Lydia Joiner, Lookout.

Co-operation—Granville Libby, Middletown; E. K. Clendening, Campbell; Charles Bacon, Bellevue; Mrs. Jennie Dudgeon, Soledad.

Order of Business—H. A. Craig, Gazelle; W. T. Eipper, Aromas; J. N. Watt, Marysville; Mrs. Mae Church, Petaluma; Mrs. C. W. Stewart, Anderson; Mrs. John Finne, Redwood Valley.

Welfare—Mrs. Clara E. Knight, Petaluma; Mrs. Carrie Holmes, Sacramento; Mrs. Mary B. Lindley, Santa Cruz; Mrs. Grace Biggs, Isleton; Mrs. A. T. Jones, San Martin; Mrs. Vina Bailhache, Healdsburg.

Feast of Pomona—Roy I. Church, Petaluma; Ray D. Gould, Antelope; L. F. Biggs, Isleton; Thos. Hunter, Gilroy; F. W. Loosley, Pittville; Allen H. Noyes, Sacramento; Erwin Hauschildt, Galt; Mrs. Henry Barnes, Campbell; Mrs. F. L.



Roberts, Cedarville; Mrs. Schmidt, Perkins; Mrs. Gonzales, Fort Romie; Mrs. Vina Bailhache, Healdsburg; Mrs. Mae Church, Petaluma.

Agriculture—Dwight W. Addy, Napa; F. L. Roberts, Cedarville; O. H. Carey, Dinuba; W. G. Lovejoy, Morgan Hill; John Whitsell, Mountain View; Mrs. H. C. Lolmaugh, Marysville; Mrs. Lucy Drysdale, East Palo Alto.

Roads and Highways—J. H. Rue, Dinuba; J. B. Rohrer, Montague; F. W. Caldwell, Canby; F. W. Loosley, Pittville; Mrs. Lucy Drysdale, East Palo Alto; Mrs. Laura Kresge, Adin.

Fire Insurance—Thos. Jacob, Visalia; S. L. Stice, Petaluma; Peter McGarva, Likely; Geo. W. Swingley, Marysville; Mrs. Geo. Davey, Rio Linda; Mrs. C. W. Stewart, Anderson.

Claims and Grievances—Peter Hanson, Santa Rosa; L. F. Biggs, Isleton; C. Joe Gordon, Happy Camp; Allen P. Norton, Cedarville; Mrs. D. W. Addy, Napa; Mrs. A. H. Noyes, Sacramento.

State Grange Music—Mrs. Cordelia Aylward, Santa Rosa; Mrs. Cora B. Shimer, Dinuba; H. L. Gunn, Napa; Frank T. Welch, Windsor.

Memorial—Mrs. Mary B. Lindley, Santa Cruz; Mrs. Alice S. Harrison, Sebastopol; Mrs. W. B. Smith, Greenview; Mrs. Vina Bailhache, Healdsburg; Frank T. Welch, Windsor.

Assessment and Taxation—Frank L. Hunt, Napa; J. N. Watt, Marysville; Wm. Armstrong, Alturas; Mrs. St. Clare Showalter, Santa Rosa; Mrs. Harry Barnes, Campbell.

Credentials—James W. Holmes, Sacramento; Victor Scott, Sebastopol; Mrs. R. Josephine Bosworth, Fall River; Mrs. W. E. Armstrong, Alturas; Mrs. J. B. Rohrer, Montague.

Conservation—Granville Libby, Middletown; John Hartley, Napa; C. R. Potter, Shellville; Mrs. Stevens, Coyote; Mrs. Alice Williams, Gazelle; Mrs. C. G. Martin, Sunnyvale.

Dormant Granges—H. A. Craig, Gazelle; J. L. Drysdale, East Palo Alto; C. W. Stewart, Anderson; Mrs. Ida M. Clendening, Campbell; C. Joe Gordon, Happy Camp.

Juvenile Granges—Mrs. Minnie Church, Petaluma; Mrs. Alice Harrison, Sebastopol; Mrs. M. E. Williams, Windsor; Mrs. C. J. Fulcher, Lookout.

Home Beautification—H. G. Keesling, San Jose; Mrs. J. H. La Rue, Dinuba; Mrs. A. Van Maren, Fair Oaks; Mrs. Clara E. Knight, Petaluma; Mrs. Belle Leroux, Geyserville.

Division of Labor—Lee Dudgeon, Soledad; J. N. Watt, Marysville; Asa Showalter, Santa Rosa; Mrs. Laura Stice, Petaluma; Mrs. Clyde Eddie, Potter Valley.

Resolutions—Roy I. Church, Petaluma; Louis A. Murz, Sunnyvale; Ray D. Gould, Antelope; Mrs. Florence Lovejoy, Morgan Hill; John Ellis, Geyserville; L. J. Snow, Petaluma.

Finance—George Sehlmeier, Elk Grove; W. G. Lovejoy, Morgan Hill; Mrs. Cora B. Scott, Sebastopol; Mrs. Nellie Norton, Cedarville, Mrs. Ray Gould, Antelope; Mrs. Nora Gonzales, Soledad.

Mileage and Per Diem—Henry Barnes, Campbell; Joseph Bone, San Jose; Clyde Eddie, Potter Valley; Mrs. Daisy Bray; Mrs. Amanda Bailhache, Oakville.

Fifth and Sixth Degrees—Stanley B. Smith, Los Gatos; W. Halbert Smith, Greenview; Mrs. Martin, Gilroy; Mrs. Ella C. Braughler, Sacramento; Mrs. Grace Biggs, Isleton; Miss Fannie Gamble, Santa Rosa; Miss Linde M. Hartley, Napa.

Press and Publicity—S. S. Knight, Petaluma; H. G. Keesling, San Jose; Mrs. Minnie May Elliott, Sebastopol.

The Worthy Master requested Past Master E. T. Pettit to take the chair. The Worthy Master then proceeded to read his annual address.

### MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

It was in this now hustling, busy, manufacturing city of Stockton, then an almost unknown country town, that the second Annual Session of the California State Grange was held, almost to a day, in eighteen hundred and seventy-four, with



J. M. Hamilton, Master. Eight years later it met here with Daniel Flint in the Chair. Then again some twelve years later, or in 1984, with A. P. Roach, Master.

Then there was an interval of thirty-three years before it is again assembled here. During that time what wonderful changes have taken place. Instead of the eight or ten mule team drawing the gang plow or harrow, we now have the large Caterpillar, Holt, Yuba, or Fordson tractor doing more work than three such teams. Instead of the reaper cutting the Golden grain and men putting bands around it and then waiting for the thrasher to come and separate the grain from the straw, we have the large combined machines doing the work. We then drove our sleek span of bays or blacks to town with our crops, or to do some shopping. Now we step into our Buick or some other make of car, turn the switch and then be back in about the same length of time we were hitching up the span.

Now we can sit in our easy chair after a hard day's work and get the very latest weather and crop reports; also Lindberg's safe overseas trip; you get all this over KQW. All of this has been brought about since the State Grange met here last.

### Agriculture

Agriculture in California today stands in a unique position. Probably in no other state in this Nation has the power of co-operation among farmers been as successful as it has been in this state under the leadership of our commodity marketing organizations. The farm influence of California is powerfully felt even in the halls of Congress, and in the regulatory agencies having to do with agriculture throughout the entire nation. With few exceptions, I believe I can safely say that the farmer in California is better situated today than one year ago, or for several years.

Just as the success of agriculture in this state has been for more than one-half a century intimately bound up in the accomplishments of this organization, so in the future it must necessarily be, not specifically on account of what we alone accomplish, but because we recognize the necessity and make the opportunity for co-operation along the widest possible lines, not only for all the farmers in the state, but for

all agencies who can, by any possible means, help us in placing agriculture upon a basis of economic parity with that of industry and commerce.

The greatest need of California agriculture is large leadership. Men who are willing to sacrifice the interests of self, and even community, to the end that more people and wider areas may profit by their efforts. We believe that the Grange can furnish this kind of leadership. It has done so in the past.

This month in Washington an attempt will be made to carry out the purpose of the resolution which was passed at the Sixtieth Annual Session of the National Grange. This resolution asked that the National Grange take the leadership in bringing all the National farm organizations together and having the farmers of the United States pool their efforts and influence upon those agricultural issues of vital importance to our farm folk, and with a united front do Nationally, what we have done in this state. As this resolution originated in the California State Grange, California stands obligated to lend every effort toward assisting in this movement.

### Co-operation Between Farm Organizations

While our organization has done much to help agriculture in this state, I am also mindful of the wonderful help given it by the agricultural Legislative Committee through its splendid secretary, Brother Ralph H. Taylor, in sending out the legislative news letters to all farm organizations, and in many other helpful ways has he assisted agriculture. Also the Farmer's Union and the Farm Bureau, as it is only by co-operating that we can hope to win. At the present time no one farm organization can do this single handed. This was fully demonstrated at the last election with the re-apportionment measure.

### National Grange

The 60th annual session of the National Grange was held in Portland, Maine. This was a well attended session, many coming from other states to take the seventh degree. There was a class of 7236 that took that degree, several hundred of those taking the sixth degree. There were fifty resolutions introduced at this session touching on many phases of agricultural betterment (of course many of these were duplicates).



One matter that received considerable attention, and perhaps drew out more discussion than any other, was the Export Debenture plan for disposal of surplus produce of the farm; this plan, for want of something better, was endorsed. Muscle Shoals also received considerable attention. The offer of the American Cyanamide Company was rejected, although I believe this offer was well worth considering. Another asked for an investigation of the report that American ships carrying the American flag and manned by American crews were, after passing the twelve mile limit, opening up bars and dispensing hard liquor. This was referred to a committee consisting of the National Master and Executive Committee.

Another favored co-operative commodity marketing on a plan similar to the Canadian wheat pool. Still another urged a better understanding between agriculture, industry, and labor and encouraged co-operation between all. There were also many other good resolutions.

### California Grange

The Grange in California during the past year has shown a very satisfactory growth, both in membership and financial strength. We have several new Granges for this year. A complete report of the year's work will be given by the Worthy Secretary.

The influence of this organization could hardly be greater. It has attempted to so conduct its affairs that before it spoke or suggested action it had thought its problems out to a certain conclusion which recognized all groups in the state as well as those engaged in agriculture. Perhaps no more outstanding instance of this could be found than our opposition to the passage of certain amendments which were on the ballot last year relative to the raising and disposing of funds relating to highway construction and maintenance, all of these measures were defeated. The last session of the legislature recognized the justice of our position and passed legislation which was signed by the Governor which was necessary, just and equitable.

### Juvenile Granges

It is a matter of deep regret that the Subordinate members take so little interest in the Juvenile Grange work. I feel they should give more time an attention to the children, as

the Juvenile Grange helps to develop and prepare them for greater usefulness. A full and complete report will be given by the Superintendent of that work, Mrs. Harrison.

### Grange Halls

I am pleased to report an increased interest in the Granges of this state in providing themselves with their own Grange homes. During the year we have dedicated four halls; Scotts Valley, Davis Creek, Lookout and Redwood Valley; and rededicated Bellevue Grange hall. I understand that Gazelle has theirs about done.

### Farmer's Radio Station KQW

The California farmer is indeed fortunate in having such a broadcasting station as KQW right here in our own Golden State. I do not believe it is appreciated as it should be by our farm folks. I do not believe they realize the time and effort given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Hart, to get the farm news to us. I hope this State Grange sees its way to assist in a financial way this dissemination of farm news.

I wish to thank the state and various county taxpayers associations for their earnest work in trying to keep taxes down to the minimum. But with so many of our state and county officers asking for an increase in salaries, and so many booster clubs asking for large appropriations for unnecessary things, together with so many tax exempt schemes proposed, makes the burden of the farmer (who cannot evade his taxes) a hard one.

### Recommendations

That this state Grange reaffirm its former position as opposing the expenditure of Federal or State money for reclamation or development work until there is a demand for agricultural products equal to the supply and the price of such products on a parity with the price of labor.

That we believe that branch banking, as it is called, is detrimental to agricultural prosperity in California.

That we again reaffirm our position as favoring LAW ENFORCEMENT.

That we are unalterably opposed to the repeal or modification, in any form, of the Volstead law.



That we are opposed to any letting down of the bars in our immigration laws.

We are fortunate in having such a valuable paper as the Napa Grange Bulletin, and I would recommend that the same plan be continued as we have been working under for the last two years.

### **In Memoriam**

As in former years the Grim Reaper has laid his hand upon many of our Brothers and Sisters with whom we were wont to meet. We shall miss them from this session. The Worthy Chaplain and the Memorial Committee will, as usual, have charge of our memorial service at the proper time.

### **In Conclusion**

Patrons, for six years I have tried to be your leader. I look back over those six years as the busiest, yet the happiest of my life, feeling that I, in my weak way, have done something for agriculture and our beloved order.

We face the future confidently hoping that the California State Grange will be able to maintain the splendid tradition and the high record of accomplishment which has been its privilege to occupy in the past in rendering service to the farmers of this state, and to the welfare of the state as a whole.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. R. HARRISON, Master.

On motion of Brother Showalter, seconded by Brother Stewart, the address of the Master was accepted and referred to the Committee on Division of Labor.

The Worthy Master then resumed the chair.

The Worthy Overseer, H. A. Craig, read his report. The report was accepted.

### **OVERSEER'S REPORT**

To the officers and members of California State Grange, Siskiyou county brings greetings and good-will to San Joaquin county.

We hope that the next time the State Grange meets in this county you will boast of as many or more Granges than

Siskiyou does now. We think this is a wonderful county with a great many good people who would enjoy the high ideals of the Grange.

In making this report as your Overseer for the sixth year I am pleased to say it has given me much pleasure to act as your humble servant and I thank you for the honor and confidence shown.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the many kind letters of sympathy from the numerous Granges and from the individual members that were received all the way from from Morgan Hill to the Oregon line at the time of my great bereavement last February.

Fraternally,

H. A. CRAIG, Overseer.

Sister Ida N. Clendening, Worthy Lecturer, read her report. The report was accepted.

### LECTURER'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

In presenting this, my second annual report as Lecturer of California State Grange, I wish to say that the work has been congenial and pleasant. My earnest desire to have Lecturers realize the importance of the office so as to give to their respective Granges the best possible service, has in a measure been accomplished.

It has been a pleasant duty for me to be privileged to visit six of the eight Pomona Granges of the State. My failure to visit the other two was on account of one of them meeting on the same date as another one I visited, and the other Pomona holding its meeting too far apart from the one I did attend in the northern part of the state.

At each of these Pomona meetings a Lecturer's conference was held, to instruct, encourage, and assist them in their work. In some instances, Lecturers do not fully comprehend the duties of the office and need the advice and encouragement of other Lecturers, hence the interchange of ideas and the enthusiasm of fellow workers have been of great benefit. The interest taken in this work has been very gratifying.

I wish to express my appreciation of the generous assistance and hearty co-operation of the Pomona Lecturers who have arranged for these conferences in advance.

As required by the Constitution and By-Laws of the California State Grange, the matter of reporting once a quarter



**ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT**

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

It is with pleasure that I take up the duties of Assistant Steward at this, the 55th Annual Session of California State Grange, assembled here in this city of Stockton.

I have not been in a position to take much part in Grange activities this year, but have always endeavored to keep the Grange principals in mind.

As the duties of my office require my attention only during the sessions, I have not much foundation for a report. I enjoy the work of this office during the sessions, and hope that my successor will also enjoy it.

Trusting that this will be a very pleasant and profitable session of our order, I remain,

Faternally yours,

W. HALBERT SMITH,

Assistant Steward.

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange. Greetings:

Another twelve months of seed time and harvest have passed and we are again assembled in State Grange Convention. May we remember to render grateful acknowledgment to the Giver of all good for the countless blessings we have received from His bountiful hand.

May our gratitude to Him take the form of more faithful service to humanity. May we use our utmost endeavor to overcome race prejudice and seek to establish more wholesome international relationships. Senator Borah says, "God and science has made us into a neighborhood of nations, Let Justice make us friends."

Some one has said, and we think truly, that the trouble with America today is that her development has not been symmetrical. Her moral and spiritual growth have not kept pace with her growth commercially and industrially. We need as a people to have a deeper reverence and respect for God and His laws, a keener sense of individual responsibility and accountability, and a more earnest consecration of our lives in service to humanity.

to the State Lecturer has been faithfully carried out by most of the Lecturers. Beginning with the September quarter in 1926 up to September 30, 1927, I have received reports from all the Subordinate Granges except three, and from all the Pomona Granges. Most of the Lecturers have sent their reports for all four quarters, while others combine two or three quarters or fail to report for an occasional quarter. The willingness of the Lecturers to fulfill their obligations makes it evident that they fully realize that the work is worth while, a credit to themselves and a benefit to the Grange.

From personal observation, a correspondence with Lecturers and a study of their reports, I feel that the lecture work throughout the state is of a high order of excellence. Great varieties of subjects have been discussed, educational work has not been neglected, the social and entertaining features are well taken care of and degree work has received special attention.

Through the medium of the Napa Grange Bulletin, the work of our Lecturers is given publicity that is quite satisfactory and for their mutual benefit.

As I close my term of office, I wish to express my heartiest appreciation for the assistance and co-operation given me by the Worthy State Master, members of the Executive Committee and other state officers, and most especially for the courtesies, friendliness and co-operation of the Lecturers throughout the state.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA M. CLENDENING,

Lecturer California State Grange.

Stanley B. Smith, Worthy Steward, W. Halbert Smith, Worthy Assistant Steward, and Sister Mary B. Lindley, Worthy Chaplain, read their reports, which were accepted.

### STEWARD'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

At this annual session we meet in a new city for most of us, but Grangers are always the same, and your Steward is always glad to serve you.

Fraternally submitted,

STANLEY B. SMITH, Steward.



May we, as Patrons of Husbandry, during the new Grange year strive to be alert along these lines.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY B. LINDLEY, Chaplain.

Worthy Treasurer, Brother J. N. Watt and the Worthy Secretary, Martha L. Gamble, read their reports. The reports were referred to the Finance Committee.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Treasurer submits the following report:

Balance cash on hand, October 1, 1926.....	\$ 4,360.77
Received from Secretary since October 1, 1926.....	5,899.47
Interest coupons maturing between October 1, 1926, and October 1, 1927.....	106.24
Interest on Educational fund.....	64.52
Interest on General fund .....	48.00

Total.....	\$10,479.00
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Total Disbursements.....	5,441.68
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Balance Cash on hand October, 1, 1927.....	\$ 5,037.32
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Balance in Bank in General fund.....	\$ 3,359.66
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Balance in Bank in Educational fund.....	1,677.66
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U. S. Government Bonds .....	2,500.00
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Total funds on hand October 1, 1927.....	\$ 7,537.32
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Fraternally yours,

J. N. WATT,

Treasurer California State Grange.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange of California:

In submitting this report of the Secretary's office for the year ending September 30, 1927, we wish to make a few com-

parisons. Ten years ago there were forty-four Subordinate and four Pomona Granges; now we have seventy-one Subordinate, eight Pomona, and eight Juvenile Granges.

There were 3257 members in the Subordinate Granges and 621 members in the Pomona Granges. Now there are 7387 members in the Subordinate, and 2575 members in the Pomona Granges.

The total receipts for the year ending September 30, 1917 were \$2317.47 with a balance in the treasury of \$3131.38. This year's total receipts were \$6118.23, with funds in the treasury amounting to \$7527.32, \$2500.00 of this amount being invested in U. S. Government Bonds.

While the growth in ten years has not been excessively large, it has been steady, and we think encouraging. The drain has come from suspensions for non-payment of dues. It is up to each Subordinate Grange to devise some means of curtailing these suspensions. It is better to keep the member you have than to secure two new ones in his place.

Five Subordinate Granges, viz: Western Yolo, in Yolo county, New Enterprise in Sacramento county, Eastern Yuba and Hallwood in Yuba county, and Macdoel in Siskiyou county were organized this year. Community Grange in Monterey county was reorganized, and two Juvenile Granges—Lookout and Fall River were organized.

The following itemized account will show the financial standing of this State Grange:

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### Receipts

For Quarterly Dues .....	\$ 4,496.23
For Fees .....	929.50
For Merchandise .....	323.74
From National Grange .....	150.00
For Interest (retained by Treasurer).....	218.76
Total receipts .....	\$6,118.23
Balance Oct. 1, 1926.....	4,360.77
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	\$10,479.00



## Disbursements

To National Grange—		
For Sixth Degree Certificates.....	\$ 198.00	
For State Grange Dues.....	567.42	
For Organization Work.....	640.75	
For Merchandise .....	319.71	
Mileage and per diem, State Grange Ses- sion, '26 .....	753.36	
Salaries for the year—		
Master .....	\$400.00	
Lecturer .....	100.00	
Secretary .....	420.00	920.00
Miscellaneous, including printing of Journ- als, Rosters, Grange Bulletins, etc., and mileage and expenses of Master and Lecturer while visiting Granges.....	2,042.44	
Total disbursements .....		5,441.68
Balance in Treasury Oct. 1, 1927.....		\$5,037.32

## Summary

Total receipts for dues, fees, merchandise and miscellaneous .....		\$5,899.47
Interest, retained by Treasurer—		
On General fund .....	\$ 48.00	
On Educational fund .....	64.52	
On Bonds .....	106.24	218.76
		\$ 6,118.23
Balance Oct. 1, 1926.....		4,360.77
		\$10,479.00
Total disbursements .....		5,441.68
Balance in Treasury Oct. 1, 1927.....		\$5,037.32

## Total Assets

In General fund .....	\$3,359.66
In Educational fund.....	\$1,677.66
In Bonds .....	2,500.00
	\$7,537.32

Fraternally submitted,

MARTHA L. GAMBLE, Secretary.

F. L. Roberts, Worthy Gate Keeper; Worthy Ceres, Florence Steinmetz; Worthy Flora, Linde M. Hartley; Lady Assistant Steward, Grace Biggs, and Worthy Pianist, Cordelia Aylward, read their reports. The reports were accepted.

### GATE KEEPER'S REPORT

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

As there has been but very little work for me to do, I have but very little to report.

However, I shall continue to perform the duties of my office and trust that the members will refrain from as little confusion at the Gate as possible.

Fraternally submitted,

F. L. ROBERTS,

Gate Keeper.

### REPORT OF CERES

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Patrons of  
California State Grange, Greeting.

Again we come from all parts of this beautiful State of California to meet in this Session of the State Grange, to work for the cause of agriculture, to learn how to make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before, and to improve the marketing conditions for the tired, overworked and underpaid farmer.

The duties of Ceres are not very arduous and consist mostly in being present at roll call.

I feel like a link in an unbroken circle of officers, but will try not to be a missing link at least, and will try to promote goodfellowship among the patrons that this fifty-fifth Session may go down in history as the most pleasant and profitable ever.

Faithfully submitted,

FLORENCE STEINMETZ,

Ceres.



**FLORA'S REPORT**

To the Officers and Members of  
The State Grange of California.

Once more Flora comes to greet you at this convention and wishes for a pleasant and profitable session.

We are in new territory and do hope our being here will add materially to our Great Grange Family.

I urge you all to beautify your homes and surroundings with flowers, as flowers are the gifts of God.

Flowers greet us at the sun rise,  
At noon they're fragrant in the sun,  
At night their beauty rests the weary,  
When our daily tasks are done.

Fraternally submitted,

LINDE M. HARTLEY,  
Flora.

**REPORT OF LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD**

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

It is with great pleasure that I meet with you and serve you again as your Lady Assistant Steward.

There being no Granges organized in San Joaquin County, I have wondered ever so much if there would be a great deal of interest manifested at this session. Let us hope that each and everyone present will do his part in making this a rousing session, full of business and pep, and be the means of making San Joaquin County a banner Grange County in the State.

In closing, I assure you I appreciate the many courtesies shown me during my six years in this position which has made my duties a pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

GRACE BIGGS,  
Lady Assistant Steward.

**PIANIST'S REPORT**

State Master and to the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange, Greetings:

Another year has rolled around and it gives me great pleasure to be with you again to perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability.

During the session last year at San Jose we were highly entertained by Palo Alto musicians, who were inspiring and gave us a treat along musical lines that was a great pleasure.

Everyone responded heartily to the musical part of the program. Many local Granges are giving more time to music and find that music creates enthusiasm. So let us enter heartily into song that we may catch the inspiration of the enthusiasm that music can create.

Fraternally submitted,

CORDELIA AYLWARD,

Pianist.

Brother S. S. Knight, as Chairman of the Legislative Committee, read the report of that committee. Report accepted.

Sister Knight, as Chairman, read the report of the Welfare Committee, which was accepted.

The following Deputies read the reports of their year's work: Brother H. A. Craig, Brother E. K. Clendening, Brother W. F. Loosley, Brother Chas. J. Sutton, Brother A. Ford. The reports were accepted.

### DEPUTY CRAIG'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

In making this brief report I offer no apology for adding only two new Granges to the list. God's will brought about the condition that prevented me from carrying out my plans and I humbly bow my head in obedience to His will.

One year ago, there were twenty-three Granges, more than one-third of all the Granges in the State, credited to me. Later Upper Valley Grange united with Scott Valley Grange, leaving one less Grange in Siskiyou County, one less to my credit.

I started with plans to organize enough new Granges so that I might have to my credit one-half of all the Granges in the State.

Yolo County was where I began and had to leave my work. There were no Granges in the County so I canvassed it carefully for some time and was promised support in several localities but decided to commence the organization of the first Grange at Madison.

Held the first organization meeting February 9, when the officers were elected and installed. Right here death entered



my once happy home and as my assistant postmaster was seriously ill in the Woodland Clinic from an operation, which took months for recovery, I could not at that time leave to continue my work.

Brother Harrison and Brother Hagen completed the organization of that Grange (Western Yolo No. 423) and Brother Hagen, who helped me in canvassing Yuba County, has since organized two other Granges there.

On September 28, I completed the organization of a Grange at Macdoel in Siskiyou County, with 49 charter members. Dorris Grange was the only one in Butte Creek Valley for six and a half years and the members of Dorris Grange welcomed Macdoel Grange No. 427 in the Valley.

Dorris Grange has offered to assist the new Grange in any way it can, and this State Grange is indebted to the members of Dorris Grange for their part in the successful organization of Macdoel Grange.

Siskiyou County now has twelve Granges, the same number it had one year ago.

I am pleased to state that Yolo County entering the list keeps the record of a new Grange County for each of the last four years, namely: Modoc, San Mateo, Shasta, and Yolo counties in order as mentioned.

Fraternally,

H. A. CRAIG,  
Deputy.

### DEPUTY CLENDENING'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

In accordance with the custom of former years, I hereby submit my report as Deputy, covering the duties performed during the past year.

Shortly after our last annual meeting, I spent three days in San Joaquin County looking into the possibilities of organizing any Granges in that territory.

Community leaders were interviewed, together with prospective members, but I did not find what I considered sufficient willingness to make it advisable to try for an organization.

A little later I answered a call from Rutherford Grange in Napa County. Three days were spent there, and with the assistance given me about thirty-five applications were secured.

In January I spent three weeks in Tulare and Fresno Counties. Forty new applications were secured for the three Granges in Tulare County and thirty-three on a charter list for a new Grange at Kingsburg, Fresno County. This organization was not completed, for notwithstanding the splendid assistance given by members of Dinuba Grange, and after two attempts to get the prospective members to attend a meeting for organization, it was decided to give it up. Probably too high a pressure was used in securing the sign-up. However, I was informed that other influences prevented the attendance necessary for success.

In May I reorganized Community Grange in Monterey County with forty-eight members, thirty-one of which were new members. I attended a meeting of Community Grange a few weeks ago, and I am of the belief that they have splendid prospect of becoming a strong and useful Grange.

These duties were performed by me at the request of the State Master and the Executive Committee. The results of my efforts seem small when I consider the large field given me in which to labor, and I am sure they do not measure up to the time expended.

As District Deputy my work was made easy by the splendid leadership displayed by the Master of the various Granges, all of which have taken in new members; some have been very active in this respect.

Demits and suspensions, however, have prevented most of the Granges from making any material gain in membership. Herein lies one of our greatest problems and one that Granges in other states have not found a solution for, as proven by the published statement that 40,000 members were dropped from the membership roll last year throughout the thirty-three organized states. Had we succeeded in holding even the majority of the members secured during the past ten years, I believe our membership would have doubled. In looking for a remedy, I have often felt that in our eagerness to secure new members, we have overlooked the greater need of holding our old ones. So much effort must be spent in keeping our ranks filled, the interest that prompted the members to join our order should be sustained.

It may be that we are lacking in the friendly interest we should show them, not only at the time they became members, but in our follow-up work. For deep down in the heart,



of each one of us, no matter how much we try to hide it, is the longing and thirsting for sympathetic fellowship. We may not always realize it, but it is human nature.

That fraternity which responds to the right struck chord—it is among the sisters and brothers of our order where we find the sympathetic co-operation for the making of better friends, and we must bring our share of enthusiasm and friendliness and smiles to win our reward.

Here in our annual session, the fraternal spirit finds a broader outlet as we greet the members from other parts of our great state. Only a part of our time, however, can be spent in promoting a closer social relation among the members, earnest efforts must be put forth to properly conduct the business necessary for us to carry on and command the attention of those whom we desire to become members of our order.

This can only be done by conscientious effort in trying to solve the various problems that have retarded the growth of our order, and affected our happiness and prosperity. This calls for constructive thought and action on our part and to this end it is my earnest hope that the session will result in some practical suggestions that will help to guide those who are delegated to represent the various Granges, in carrying on the work during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. CLENDENING,  
State District Deputy.

### DEPUTY CLIFTON'S REPORT

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

As Deputy Organizer of Tulare County, I have little to report.

At the beginning of the year, we installed the officers of Tulare, Poplar and Tulare Pomona Granges in a joint installation and later Dinuba and Dinuba Juvenile Granges.

Through the kind offices of the California State Grange, Brother Clendening, State Organizer, was loaned to us to assist in building up the Granges here and to endeavor to organize new ones. We accompanied him whenever possible and prospects looked bright for a Grange at the neighboring city

of Kingsburg, but through the opposition of the strong Farm Bureau organization already there, our efforts were in vain. However, our Granges were greatly strengthened through the efforts of Brother Clendenen.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. CLIFTON.

### DEPUTY SUTTON'S REPORT

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange, Greetings:

I have the pleasure to submit the following report as  
Deputy of Sonoma County:

Sonoma County, with its Pomona Grange and eleven subordinate Granges, is doing most excellent work. Throughout the County there seems to be a greater desire for and a better understanding of Grange activities.

There has been a steady growth in membership. Good fellowship and splendid co-operation with other farm organizations exist.

I visited most of the Granges during the year. The Grange inspection work has been taken care of for the most part by our State Master, Brother Harrison.

With best wishes for a successful State Grange session.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES J. SUTTON,

Deputy.

### DEPUTY FORD'S REPORT

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

My report as a Deputy is very short.

My appointment as Deputy of Mendocino County came rather late in the spring, and my work at home prevented my being able to get into new territory to organize new Granges, but I am sure more Granges can be organized in Mendocino County.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. FORD.



**DEPUTY LOOSELEY'S REPORT**

To Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

My office as Deputy has been an inspiration to me as well as a pleasure.

On account of the great distance two of the Granges are from us, I have not visited them, and owing to the infantile paralysis quarantine, it has been impossible to inspect two of our Granges.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. LOOSELEY.

Brother Watt moved that it be the sense of this convention that the various committees appointed by the Worthy Master act as individual units and not in conjunction with other committees. Motion seconded by Brother C. W. Stewart. After some discussion pro and con, the motion was carried.

Brother Sehlmeier asked permission to present a resolution. Permission being given, the following resolution was presented:

**Resolution**

"WHEREAS, there has been considerable confusion at all conventions of the California State Grange in voting on resolutions which have been referred to committees, when such committees report on such resolutions to the convention.

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following parliamentary procedure be adopted for this and succeeding conventions of the California State Grange, i. e.:

"That all resolutions referred to committees shall be reported with the report of the committee attached to the resolution and that the resolution itself shall be immediately before the Grange for action. No motion to adopt shall be necessary, but the vote shall be taken directly on the resolution with the recommendation of the committee attached to the resolution or report.

"When the resolution is reported back by the committee the Master shall say: 'The resolution or report is before the Grange for action,' and announce the report of the committee, whether favorable or adverse.

"The Chairman of the committee may then state the reason for the committee's action. The resolution will then be regularly before the convention for discussion and action."

Brother Sehlmeier moved the adoption of the resolution. Brother Watt seconded the motion. Brother Sehlmeier gave an explanation of his object in presenting the resolution. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

The roll call of Granges for the introduction of Master's reports and resolutions without debate was next in order. The following Granges reported: Adin, Alturas, American River, Anderson, Aromas.

At this point a recess was declared. Mr. R. V. Garrod, President of the Farmer's Union, and Mr. Fred J. Hart, Manager of K. Q. W., entered and were introduced; also Mr. Geo. Bossart and Mr. Winnie Curry. Mr. Bossart delightfully entertained the members by singing several Scotch songs, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Curry.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the gentlemen for the entertainment.

Grange again called to order, and reports of Granges continued:

Bellevue, Bennett Valley, Cedar, Community, Coyote, Danville, Dinuba, Dorris, East Palo Alto, Fall River, Forestville reported.

Grange was closed in regular form in the Fourth Degree.

### Evening

A reception was held in the Civic Auditorium during which a very interesting program was rendered. The program is printed on the inside of front cover.

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## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY—OCT. 19, 1927

Grange was called to order at 9:30 a. m. and was opened in regular form in the Fourth Degree. Our colors were saluted while the Grange members sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

The opening song was, "Sowing the Seed."

Roll call of officers found all present except W. J. Dorris of Alturas, member of the Executive Committee.

Roll call of Granges found delegates from additional Granges present as follows: Canby, Davis Creek, Geyserville, Potter Valley, Rutherford, Sunnyvale, Ukiah.

Minutes of the first day's session were read and approved.

At the request of the Worthy Master, the Assistant Stew-



ards conducted Brother R. N. Wilson of San Francisco, Secretary of the California Development Association, and Brother Ralph H. Taylor of Sacramento, Executive Secretary of the Agricultural Legislative Committee, to the Master's station, who welcomed the brothers and introduced them to the members. Brother Wilson and Brother Taylor addressed the Grange.

Brother James Holmes, Chairman of the Credential Committee, made a partial report which was accepted.

Brother Dudgeon, Chairman of the committee on Division of Labor, reported that the committee had considered the recommendations in the Master's address and recommended that that part on page two referring to bringing all National Farm Organizations together, and the following paragraph be referred to the committee on Co-operation.

That part referring to Juvenile Granges be referred to the committee on Juvenile Granges.

That part referring to expenditure of Federal or State money for reclamation or development, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That part referring to branch banking be referred to the committee on Good of the Order.

That part referring to immigration laws, to law enforcement and the Volstead law, and also that part referring to the "Napa Grange Bulletin," be referred to the committee on Good of the Order.

The report of the committee on Division of Labor was adopted.

Hon. J. J. Murphy, Past Master of Siskiyou Pomona Grange, and Sister Murphy, having entered, they were escorted to the Master's station and after being welcomed by the Worthy Master, were presented to the members. Brother Murphy expressed his pleasure at again being present at a State Grange session.

Brother Sehlmeier read a letter addressed to the Worthy Master, Brother Geo. R. Harrison, from Brother W. W. Deal, Master Idaho State Grange, in which he reported on his recent organization work in San Joaquin County, made some recommendations, and stated that the National Grange was willing to "go the limit" on organization work in California.

On the suggestion of Brother Hunt, the letter was referred to the committee on Division of Labor.

Roll Call of Granges for introduction of Master's reports and of resolutions was continued. Those reporting were Ante-

lope, Beswick, Bogus, Eastern Yuba, Elk Grove, Fort Romie, Gazelle, Geyserville, Gilroy, Gold Hill, Greenhorn.

The Master of Eastern Yuba Grange introduced three resolutions as follows: One referring to securing legislation limiting terms of office in all elective offices—municipal or state; one instructing the Worthy State Master to bring before the National Grange, for its consideration and adoption, a resolution making the Presidential term six years with no succession; one that the State Grange take the necessary steps to organize a Fraternal Life Insurance Company to insure all members. The resolutions were referred to the committee on Resolutions.

The special order of business, the election of officers, set for 11 o'clock a. m., was next in order.

The Master appointed Brothers S. S. Knight and William Copeland, and Sisters Ida M. King and Alice Williams as tellers, and the Grange proceeded to vote for officers for the ensuing two years. Those elected were: Master, Geo. R. Harrison; Overseer, H. A. Craig; Lecturer, Ida M. Clendening; Steward, Stanley B. Smith; Assistant Steward, W. Halbert Smith; Chaplain, Mary B. Lindley; Treasurer, J. N. Watt.

The time for another special order of business having arrived, further election of officers was postponed, and a recess declared.

Miss Edith N. Stanton of Asilomar addressed the Grange, extending a very cordial invitation for the State Grange to meet at Asilomar in 1928.

The Worthy Master read a telegram of invitation from the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce to meet in Sacramento in 1928.

Senator Boggs was introduced and addressed the Grange. On motion of Brother J. J. Murphy, Senator Boggs was given a rising vote of thanks for what he had done for agriculture in the California Senate.

Mr. A. C. Madden, President of the National Bank of Dixon and a representative of the Banker's Association of California, addressed the Grange on California's Agricultural Problems from the Viewpoint of a Banker. The Worthy Master thanked Mr. Madden for his valuable address.

The Grange was again called to order and Brother B. C. Young of Bellingham representing Brother A. S. Goss, Master of Washington State Grange, extended the greetings of the State Grange of Washington, and stated that Brother Goss



recommended continuing the meetings of the Masters and Executive Committees of the four State Granges, viz.: Oregon, Washington, California, and Idaho.

Another representative from the State of Washington, Brother P. S. Dicke of Puyallup, was introduced and addressed the Grange briefly.

It was now time for the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association meeting, so the Grange was turned over to the officers of the Association. The Secretary, Brother Frank L. Hunt, submitted the following report:

### ANNUAL REPORT

#### Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association

To the Officers and Members of  
The Grange Fraternal Fire Ins. Assn.

It is a real pleasure to be able to report another year of progress and prosperity for our Association. The fact that we have made a steady, consistent growth from the time we started to the present time, with the amount of insurance now on our books running in excess of a million and a quarter dollars, is attracting the attention of more and more of the Grange members. This is evidenced by the fact that although the greater number of Grange members we have insured, the less the number of uninsured would be. Still our business continues to increase in a very substantial manner as the following report will show:

During the year now closed our fire loss has amounted to only \$1,475.00, which was divided as follows:

Policy No. 407, held by Manuel Shelley of Yreka. Loss \$400.00. Adjusted by H. A. Craig.

Policy No. 952, held by W. D. Wayman of Adin. Loss \$75.00. Adjusted by R. P. Van Allen.

Policy No. 564, held by C. H. Morton of Yreka. Loss \$1,000.00. Adjusted by H. A. Craig.

These losses were promptly adjusted and paid. The low fire loss sustained by the Association speaks well for the care and judgment exercised by our agents in not taking unduly hazardous risks.

Following is the financial statement:

## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

## ANNUAL REPORT

## Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association

October 1, 1926, to October 1, 1927

Quarter Ending	New Business	Added Ins.	Renewals	Premiums
Dec. 31, 1926	\$ 72,595.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 23,490.00	\$1,256.20
Mar. 31, 1927	51,520.00	5,400.00	34,473.00	1,062.90
Jun. 30, 1927	82,515.00	4,940.00	18,975.00	1,220.92
Sep. 30, 1927	89,586.00	5,990.00	31,700.00	1,509.21
Totals	\$296,216.00	\$20,130.00	\$108,638.00	\$5,049.23

Quarter Ending	Expirations	Cancellations	Loss by Fire	Loss by Renewals
Dec. 31, 1926	\$ 9,685.00	\$17,900.00		
Mar. 31, 1927	5,980.00	6,100.00		6,115.00
Jun. 30, 1927	7,700.00	16,710.00	1,475.00	
Sep. 30, 1927	27,107.50	9,100.00		300.00
Totals	\$50,472.50	\$49,810.00	\$1,475.00	\$6,415.00

## Summary

Insurance in force October 1, 1926	\$1,095,707.50
New Business for year	\$296,216.00
Added Insurance for year	20,130.00
	\$316,346.00
Expirations for year	\$50,472.50
Cancellations for year	49,810.00
Loss by Fire for year	1,475.00
Loss by Renewals for year	6,415.00
	\$108,172.50
Gain for Year	\$ 208,173.50
Insurance in Force October 1, 1927	\$1,303,881.00
Amount turned over to Treasurer for year	4,900.00
Amount collected for premiums for year	5,049.23

Fraternally submitted,

F. L. HUNT, Secy.

While the Fire Insurance meeting was in progress, the State Lecturer, Sister Ida M. Clendening, was conducting a "Lecturer's Conference" in an adjoining room.

Grange was called to order and the election of officers was



continued. Those elected were: Secretary, Martha L. Gamble; Gate Keeper, F. L. Roberts.

The hour for closing having arrived, election was again postponed and Grange was closed in regular form in the Fourth Degree.

### Evening

The members re-assembled at 7:30 p. m. The Worthy Lecturer presented the following delightfully entertaining and instructive program:

Selection by Orchard City Grange Orchestra—

(a) "America First," by Losey.

(b) "Rose Buds," by Zamecnik.

Vocal solos, Miss Rozelle Edgle—

(a) "Indian Dawn," by Zamecnik.

(b) "Out of the Night," by Cecil Allis.

Encore, "Sort of Missed You," by Clay Smith.

Accompanied by Dorothy Hurd.

Vocal Solos, Peter Knoles—

(a) "Trade Winds."

(b) "Tommy Lad."

Encore, "Friend of Mine."

Accompanied by Dorothy Hurd.

Address, "The Most Modern Problem in Education," Dr. Tully Knoles, President of the College of the Pacific.

Selections, "Orchard City Grange Orchestra—

(a) "La Paloma," Spanish Serenade, by Chevalier de Yradier.

(b) "Our Boy's March," by Zamecnik.

At 9 p. m. the Worthy Chaplain took charge and the annual Memorial exercises were held.

### Memorial Program

Opening Hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer"—Audience.

Scripture Reading and Prayer—Chaplain.

Remarks—Chaplain, Sister Mary B. Lindley.

"Song, "Nearer My God to Thee"—Chorus.

The brothers and sisters who passed away during the year were eulogized and flowers were placed on the altar in their memory:

Brother H. T. Blohm, Past Master of Aromas Grange—Eulogy by Brother Geo. R. Harrison, flowers by Sister Murah Warner.

Brother L. J. Mann, Master of Orangevale Grange—Eulogy by J. L. Patterson, flowers by Sister Hannah Wickstrom.

Sister Lucile Owens, wife of Past Master of Sebastopol Grange—Eulogy by Brother V. C. Scott, flowers by Sister Cora Scott.

Vocal duet, "No Night There"—Brother and Sister Murphy.

Sister Lois Craig, wife of Past Master of Gazelle Grange—Eulogy by Brother W. Halbert Smith, flowers by Sister Fay Loosley.

Sister Jennie A. Bacon, wife of Master of Bellevue Grange—Eulogy by Sister Vina Bailhache, flowers by Sister Alice Harrison.

Brother John Trimble, husband of Master of Mountain View Grange—Eulogy by Brother A. T. Jones, flowers by Brother John Whitsell.

Song, "Somewhere"—Chorus.

Brother James Kenyon, Past Master of San Jose Grange—Eulogy by Brother Joseph H. Bone, flowers by Sister Mary Church.

All other departed members—Eulogy by Brother L. J. Snow, flowers by Sister Elsie Snow.

Song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"—Audience.

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### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY

October 20, 1927

Grange was called to order at 9 a. m. and opened in regular form in the Fourth Degree.

The "Star Spangled Banner" was sung while the members stood at attention.

The opening song was, "The Grange Is Marching On."

Roll call of officers found all present except W. J. Dorris, member of the Executive Committee.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and after a slight correction approved.

A quorum was noted present when the roll was called.

The roll of Granges was called for the introduction and reference of resolutions without debate.



A. L. Ford, Master of Mendocino Pomona Grange, introduced a resolution relating to catching fish in districts 2 and 2½. The resolution was referred to the Legislative Committee.

The Master of Modoc Pomona Grange, F. L. Roberts, introduced a resolution amending Sec. 1, Art. IV and Sec. 1, Art. VIII of the By-laws. It was referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

Chas. J. Sutton, Master of Sonoma Pomona Grange, introduced three resolutions, viz.:

One relating to the economic parity for our farmers as compared with our other industries and commerce. Referred to the Legislative Committee.

One favoring a national registration of all unnaturalized aliens in the United States. Referred to the Committee on Legislation.

One favoring increasing State dues to the National Grange. Referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

A communication from A. C. Dyer of Columbus, Ohio, was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

A resolution from Community Grange, presented by M. K. Pickrell, favoring a change in the coast road, eliminating the San Juan grade, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

C. W. Stewart, Master of Anderson Grange, presented two resolutions which were referred to the Legislative Committee, viz.: One requesting the Legislative Committee to draft a bill to regulate the selling of farm products; another making it a felony to sell intoxicating liquors, etc.

A resolution from Napa Grange, presented by Brother Addy, the Master, favoring nominations for officers in the Granges of California, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

A resolution from Orchard City Grange, presented by Brother Harry Barnes, Master of said Grange, regarding an export debenture plan was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Sister Dora Hall, alternate from Sonoma Valley Grange, presented a resolution relating to envelopes to be used on rural routes. It was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

F. T. Welch, Master of Windsor Grange, introduced a resolution favoring securing a Grange camp ground. It was referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

Roll call of Granges for the introduction of Master's re-

ports was continued. Those reporting were Guenoc, Hallwood, Happy Camp, Hat Creek, Hornbrook, Lilkely, Little Shasta.

The time for the selection of a meeting place for 1928 having arrived, the Secretary read invitations from Asilomar, Santa Cruz, Oakland, Sacramento and Marysville.

Brother Watt moved that the invitation from the Chamber of Commerce of Yuba County to hold the 1928 session in Marysville be accepted. Seconded by Brother Harry Barnes. Brothers Watt, Barnes and Swingley spoke in favor of the motion. Motion carried almost unanimously. Roll call of Granges, continued; Lookout, Macdoel, McArthur, Mountain View, Mt. Bolivar, Napa, Orangevale, Orchard City, Petaluma, Poplar, Potter Valley, Redwood Valley, Rio Linda, Rutherford, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Scott Valley, Sebastopol, Silverado, Sonoma Valley, Sunnyvale, Tulare, Ukiah, Walker, Western Yolo, Windsor, Mendocino Pomona, Modoc Pomona reported.

"A Tribute to Our Flag" was read by Sister Drysdale of East Palo Alto Grange.

Election of officers was continued, and Sister Alice E. Williams was elected Ceres.

The Committee on Order of Business made a further partial report which was accepted.

Grange was closed in full form in the Fourth Degree.

#### AFTERNOON

The members assembled in autos in front of the Auditorium at 2 p. m. and under the leadership of the Chamber of Commerce of Stockton, took a trip to Lodi and vicinity.

#### EVENING

Grange was opened in form in the Fourth Degree at 7:30 p. m. Grange was closed in the Fourth and opened in the Fifth Degree.

The officers of the State Grange surrendered their chairs to the Degree Staff of Sacramento Pomona Grange. The ladies of the staff, dressed in beautiful white robes, conferred the Fifth, or Degree of Pomona, in a most impressive manner on the following named candidates: Philip Gonzales, Mrs. Pearl Newcomb, Mrs. Ella S. Swingley, George W. Swingley, Elbert F. Lee, R. Josephine Bosworth, Vernon G. March, H. M. Whipple, Mrs. Elmina Whipple, Mrs. Betsy Rust, Mrs. Elizabeth Lolmaugh, H. C. Lolmaugh, Mrs. Eland Swindell, Walter F.



Swindell, Mrs. Elsie P. Snow, Mrs. Margaret Stewart, C. W. Stewart, Mrs. Eva Young, H. C. Young, A. Gunnison, Mrs. T. E. Fridley, Miss Annie Bailey, Mrs. Ibbie Marymee, Mrs. Gladys M. Kericher, Miss Mildred Lolmaugh, Mrs. Bernice Buchanan.

The State Grange officers then resumed their stations. Grange was closed in the Fifth Degree and opened in the Sixth Degree.

The Degree of Flora was conferred upon Mrs. Ida A. Martin, Mrs. Allie May Brown, Thomas Hunter, Mrs. Lelia Hunter, Philip Gonzales, Mrs. Murah H. Warner, Mrs. Pearl Newcomb, Mrs. Dora H. Hall, Mrs. Eliza A. Sutherland, F. M. Swim, Mrs. Verda Swim, Charles J. Bacon, F. T. Welch, Elbert F. Lee, Mrs. R. Josephine Bosworth, Vernon G. March, Mrs. Laura L. Kresge, Mrs. Nellie F. Norton, Allen P. Norton, Mrs. Ella L. Swingley, George W. Swingley, Mrs. H. M. Whipple, H. M. Whipple, C. Joe Gordon, Mrs. Leona Calkins, George Calkins, P. B. McGarve, O. H. Davis, Mrs. Betsy Rust, H. C. Lolmaugh, Mrs. Eliza Lolmaugh, Wilber R. Parker, Mrs. Eva H. Parker, Herschel Johnson, Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, Mrs. Clara D. Hitchins, F. W. Caldwell, Mrs. Eland Swindell, Walter F. Swindell, Mrs. Elsie P. Snow, L. J. Snow, Zelma Walter, C. W. Stewart, Mrs. Margaret Stewart, John Whitsell, F. E. Carey, Mrs. Alice Brooks, H. C. Young, Mrs. Eva Young, Mrs. T. E. Fridley, A. Gunnison, Miss Annie Bailey, W. T. Eddy, Mrs. Ibbie Marymee, Nox Boude, Edward I. La Rue, Mrs. Gladys McKericher, Oliver Costello, Benjamin Franklin Wright, Mrs. Carrie E. Wilson Wright, Mrs. Bernice Buchannan, Mrs. Addah G. Learned, W. L. Lewis.

After partaking of a bounteous feast of fruits and nuts, the members returned to the hall, Grange was closed in the Sixth Degree, re-opened in the Fourth Degree and closed in regular form.

#### FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY

Grange was called to order at 9:50 A. M. and opened in regular form in the Fourth Degree.

Our flag service was given. Opening song, "Sowing the Seed."

Roll Call of Officers found all in their places except W. J. Dorris, member of the Executive Committee.

A quorum of delegates was found present at Roll Call of Granges.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

A motion was made by Sister Harrison and seconded by Brother Pettit, that messages of regret be sent to Past Master Geo. W. Worthen, Past Master W. V. Griffith, Past Secretary, Nellie W. Hunt, and Past Executive Committee member, A. Van Maren. Motion carried, and Brother Pettit was appointed to send the messages.

Election of officers continued, resulting in the following elections: Pomona, Fay Loosley; Flora, Elva M. McBride; Lady Assistant Steward, Grace Biggs; Pianist, Cordelia Aylward; F. L. Hunt was re-elected a member of the Executive Committee for three years.

The tellers were excused with thanks for their faithful service.

Brother Sehlmeier introduced a resolution regarding maintaining Grange Headquarters at the State Fair. Referred to the committee on Good of the Order.

Brother Watt introduced a resolution relating to farm relief, the McNary-Haugen bill, etc., and requested that it be referred to the committee on Good of the Order. It was so referred.

Brother S. S. Knight introduced three resolutions as follows: One regarding substituting other forms of transportation service for those showing a net loss; one relating to including the farmers of this state in improvement districts; one relating to the crop debenture plan and requesting National Grange to reconsider action of 1926. The resolutions were referred to the Legislative Committee.

At Brother Murphy's request he was taken off the Legislative committee and Brother A. T. Jones was appointed in his stead.

Brother Knight brought up the question of the Master of California State Grange attending the conference meeting of the Masters and executive committees of Oregon, Washington, California, and Idaho. Brother Knight was requested to introduce a resolution regarding the matter. He did so, and it was referred to the committee on Good of the Order.

The Masters of Progressive, Sacramento, Morgan Hill, Two Rock, Sonoma Pomona, Valley Oaks, Napa-Lake Pomona, Sacramento Pomona, Siskiyou Pomona, Tulare Pomona, Santa Clara Pomona, Canby, Davis Creek Granges read their reports.



The Worthy Master thanked the Degree Staff of Sacramento Pomona Grange for having conferred the Fifth Degree Thursday evening, and praised the way in which the work was done.

Brother Roy I. Church and Committee were given a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful Feast of Pomona that they had prepared.

The following telegrams which Brother Pettit had been requested to send for this Grange were read:

To Brother George W. Worthen: "The California State Grange, meeting in its fifty-fifth annual session here, regrets your absence and extends to you its best wishes."

To Brother W. V. Griffith: "The California State Grange meeting here in its fifty-fifth annual session greatly misses your wise council and sends kindest regards and best wishes."

To Sister Nellie W. Hunt: "The California State Grange extends to you heartfelt greetings and sincerely regrets your inability to attend its fifty-fifth annual session and wishes you many happy returns of your birthday."

To Brother Van Maren: "The fifty-fifth annual session of California State Grange greatly misses your council and help and sends kindest regards and best wishes."

Sister Ella C. Braughler as Chairman, read the report of the Home Economics Committee. The report was accepted.

Brother La Rue, Chairman of the Roads and Highways Committee, moved the adoption of the Resolution introduced by M. K. Pickrell, delegate from Community Grange. After some discussion, action on the resolution was postponed.

The report of the committee on Juvenile Granges, read by the Chairman, Sister Minnie Church, was accepted.

Brother Libby, Chairman of the Committee on Co-operation, read the report of said committee. The report was adopted on motion of Brother Hanson, seconded by Sister Sutton.

The report of the Committee on Conservation was also read by Brother Libby, and on motion adopted.

The report of the Committee on Dormant Granges was read by the Chairman, Brother Craig, and adopted.

The report of the Mileage and per Diem Committee as read by the Chairman, Brother Harry Barnes, was, on motion of Brother James Holmes, seconded by Brother Sutton, adopted.

Brother Knight, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, reported on resolutions referred to said committee as follows:

On the resolution from Redwood Grange relating to catch-

ing fish in districts 2 and 2½ the committee reported favorably. Resolution was adopted.

On the resolution regarding substituting other forms of transportation for those showing a net loss, etc., the committee reported favorably. The resolution was adopted.

On the resolution from Anderson Grange regarding punishment for selling liquor, the committee reported unfavorably. The resolution was lost.

On the resolution protesting against any further inclusion of farmers in improvement districts, etc., the committee reported favorably. After much discussion the resolution was adopted.

On the resolution from Anderson Grange relating to regulating profits, the report was unfavorable. The resolution was lost.

On the resolution to request the National Grange to reconsider its action upon crop debenture as a means of farm relief, the committee recommended that the resolution be tabled. The resolution was lost.

On the resolution from Sonoma Valley Grange relating to envelopes to be used on rural routes, the report was unfavorable. The resolution was lost.

On the resolution from Sonoma Pomona Grange requiring the registration of all unnaturalized aliens, the committee reported unfavorably. The resolution was lost.

Brother Lindley, Chairman, read the report of the Committee on Education. Brother Snow moved that that part of the report relating to salaries of teachers be stricken out. Amendment carried. Brother Sehlmeier moved that that part referring to the average number of pupils for each teacher be stricken out. Amendment carried. After further discussion, the report was, on motion, referred to the Legislative Committee.

Brother James Holmes, Chairman, presented the full and complete report of the Credential Committee. The report was adopted on motion of Brother Pickrell.

Brother Roy I. Church, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, made the following report on resolutions referred to that committee:

On the resolution limiting term of office for municipal and state officers, the committee reported adversely. Discussion followed. Resolution was lost.

On the resolution making the Presidential term six years



with no succession, the committee recommended that it do not pass. Resolution lost.

On the resolution looking toward the organization of a Grange Fraternal Life Insurance Association, the committee recommended that the resolution be laid on the table. It was so ordered.

On the resolution from Orchard City Grange asking this State Grange to endorse the action of the National Grange in 1926, supporting an export debenture plan for farm products, etc., the committee recommended that since the resolution was similar to others before the Legislative and Good of the Order Committees that it take the same action and be laid on the table. Resolution lost.

Brother A. T. Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Good of the Order, reported for that committee as follows:

On the resolution regarding maintaining a Grange booth at the State Fair, the committee reported favorably. The resolution was adopted.

On the resolution regarding the joint annual conference of the Masters of four Pacific States, the report was favorable. Resolution adopted.

On the resolution from Windsor Grange pertaining to acquiring a Grange camp site, the committee recommended that the resolution be referred to the Executive Committee for investigation and report at the next session.

On the resolution increasing State dues to the National Grange, the report was favorable. Resolution adopted.

The committee recommended that the resolution introduced by Brother Watt regarding Farm Relief, be tabled. The resolution was lost.

The Committee on Good of the Order made recommendations as follows:

First—That in future sessions of the State Grange that the Pomona Granges be given the preference at all Roll Calls. Adopted.

Second—That Deputies be used more in installations, inspections, etc. Adopted.

Third—That all Lecturers be urged to educate their respective members in the traditions, history, and accomplishments of our Order, etc. Adopted.

Fourth—That some definite written standing, function, responsibility and duties be prescribed for Pomona Granges. Recommendation tabled.

Fifth—That that part of the Master's address relative to "Law Enforcement," and the modification or repeal of the "Volstead Act," be approved. Adopted.

Sixth—That that part of the Master's address relating to branch banking be eliminated. On motion of Brother Lovejoy, this recommendation of the committee was rejected.

Seventh—That that part of the Master's address referring to the "Napa Grange Bulletin" be approved, and that in future ten additional copies of the Bulletin be sent to each Grange. Adopted.

Eighth—That in future sessions of the State Grange, the necessary business be transacted the first two days, and that speakers and other forms of entertainment be had on the closing days, and that resolutions should be introduced the first day of the session. Recommendation rejected.

On motion of Brother Stewart, seconded by Brother Watt, the report of the committee as acted upon by the Grange was approved.

Brother Sehlmeier, Chairman, read the report of the Finance Committee, which was adopted.

Brother Church stated that a quantity of fruit had been left over from the Feast of Pomona and inquired what should be done with it. On motion, it was donated to the Salvation Army.

Brother Church, as Chairman, read the "Resolutions of Thanks" as drafted by the Resolution Committee. The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The report of the Committee on Assessment and Taxation was read by Brother F. L. Hunt, and adopted on motion of Brother Holmes, seconded by Brother Showalter.

The Committee on Constitution and By-laws, Brother Pettit, Chairman, reported favorably on the resolution from Napa Grange favoring nominations for officers in the Granges of California. This resolution was declared out of order because our Constitution and By-laws had not been complied with in submitting the proposed change to the various Granges.

On the resolution from Modoc Pomona Grange relating to the payment by the State Grange of the necessary traveling expenses of delegates to the State Session, the committee made the following report:

"In reference to this proposed change in our By-laws your committee would recommend that action be deferred for one year, and that the Executive Committee of our State Grange



be requested to estimate, as nearly as practicable, how much additional expense of State funds this will involve, and also approximately how much increase in the per capita dues this will involve, and also approximately, how much increase in the per capita dues will be necessary to meet this additional expense. And that such information be sent to each subordinate and Pomona Grange not later than July of next year, and that each subordinate and Pomona Grange discuss and act on the proposed change, to the end that intelligent action may be taken by this State Grange at its next regular session.

Brother Barnes moved to substitute the committee's report in place of the resolution. Seconded by Brother Jones and carried.

The resolution from Community Grange which had been referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways, again came up for action. After some discussion, Brother Pickrell, the introducer of the resolution, asked permission to withdraw it. Permission was granted, and the resolution withdrawn.

The Worthy Master made the following report on the Inspection of Granges:

### INSPECTION FOR 1927

Following out a vote of the State Grange at the San Jose session, that the State Master inspect as many of the Granges as possible this year, I have tried to do that, but have not inspected all, as many did not wish to be inspected. I wish to say that I believe there should be instruction early in the year. I believe that if in each county there was held a school of instruction, lasting at least two days or evenings, to which all of the Granges were invited, especially the officers, it would be much better than inspection. If the county was too large it could be divided and two meetings held. If the inspection is to continue it should be done early in the year; by so doing the officers would learn their work and be ready for it but where it is held at any time the officers keep putting off the learning of their parts until just before the inspector comes.

Adin, inspected .....85  
 Alturas, inspected .....88  
 American River, not in-  
 spected  
 Anderson

Antelope, not inspected  
 Aromas, inspected .....81  
 Bellevue, inspected, dedi-  
 cated hall

Bennett Valley, inspected but not scored	Morgan Hill .....98
Beswick, visited	Mountain View, not visi- ted
Bogus, visited	Mt. Bolivar, visited
Canby, visited	Mt. Lassen, visited
Cedar, visited	Napa .....99½
Coyote, visited	New Enterprise, visited
Community, visited	Orange Vale, inspected, not scored
Danville, visited	Orchard City .....99½
Davis Creek, dedicated hall	Petaluma .....87½
Dinuba, visited by Brother Clifton	Poplar, visited by F. S. Clifton
Dorris, not visited	Potter Valley .....87
Eagle, visited	Progressive .....97
East Palo Alto.....92	Redwood Valley, dedicated hall .....93
Elk Grove, not visited	Rutherford .....87
Eastern Yuba, visited	Rio Linda, not visited
Fall River	Sacramento, not visited
Forestville, visited	San Jose, inspected, not scored
Fort Romie, inspected, not scored	Santa Rosa .....91½
Gazelle, visited	Scotts Valley, dedicated hall
Geyserville .....86	Sebastopol, W. B.....99
Gilroy .....95	Silverado .....94
Gold Hill, inspected, not scored	Sonoma Valley .....88½
Greenfield, inspected, not scored	Sunnyvale, visited
Greenhorn, visited	Tulare, visited by F. S. Clifton
Guenoc .....87	Two Rock, inspected, not scored
Hallwood, visited	Valley Oaks, not visited
Happy Camp, visited	Walker, elected and in- stalled officers
Hat Creek, visited	Windsor, visited
Hornbrook	Western Yolo, visited
Lilekly .....90	Ukiah .....87½
Lookout, dedicated hall	
Little Shasta .....89½	
McArthur .....92	

Sister Harrison, Superintendent of Juvenile Granges, pre-  
sented her report as follows:



**MRS. HARRISON'S REPORT**

I herewith submit my report for the Juvenile Grange work for the year 1927:

We have seven Juvenile Granges doing splendid work with good officers, three that are not quite as active and two dormant. I sincerely hope that these will soon be in good working order again. I wish that the parents as well as the Subordinate Grange members would give the children more encouragement and attention and to assist them in securing a suitable Matron or Patron to take charge of them, as that is one of the necessary things for a successful Juvenile Grange.

Reports from eight Juvenile Granges show a total membership of 251 members, 40 gained by initiation and thirteen having joined subordinate Granges. There was a loss of thirty-nine during the year. Thirty-nine of the officers have their work fully memorized.

Anderson Juvenile Grange put on an exhibit at their district fair and received first prize of \$35.00, for best educational agricultural exhibit.

Nearly all of the Juvenile Granges have contributed to the Mississippi Flood Relief.

Fraternally submitted,

ALICE S. HARRISON,

Superintendent,

California Juvenile Grange Work.

Brother Pettit moved that the word three be changed to five in the thirteenth line of Article V of the State Grange By-laws. Brother Watt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On motion of Brother Pettit, the approval of the minutes of the last day's session was left to the Executive Committee.

A recess was declared to prepare for Installation of Officers.

When Grange was again called to order, Brother Joseph Holmes, Past Master of the State Grange of California, assisted by Sister Alice Harrison, installed into their respective stations the following officers: Master, George R. Harrison; Overseer, H. A. Craig; Lecturer, Ida M. Clendening; Steward, Stanley B. Smith; Assistant Steward, W. Halbert Smith; Chaplain, Mary B. Lindley; Treasurer, J. N. Watt; Secretary, Martha L. Gamble; Gate Keeper, F. L. Roberts; Ceres, Alice E. Williams; Pomona, Fay Loosley; Flora, Elva M. McBride; Lady Assistant Steward, Grace Biggs; Pianist, Cordelia Aylward.

There being no more business to transact, the members joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and the fifty-fifth annual session of the State Grange of California was closed in regular form in the Fourth Degree.

MARTHA L. GAMBLE,  
Secretary.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AS ADOPTED BY CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE CREDENTIAL

We, the Credential Committee beg to make final report, as follows:

1. Adin—Mrs. Laura Kresge, Master.
2. Alturas—W. E. and Zonetta Armstrong, Master and wife.
3. American River—L. F. and Grace Biggs, Alternates.
4. Anderson—C. W. Stewart and wife, Master and wife.
5. Antelope—R. D. Gould and wife, Master and wife.
6. Aromas—W. T. and Lula Epper, Master and wife.
7. Bellevue—Chas. J. Bacon, Master.
8. Bennett Valley—Peter Hanson, Alternate.
9. Beswick—E. V. Griffith, Alternate.
10. Bogus—Geo. W. Cheesbrough, Master.
11. Canby—F. W. Caldwell, Master.
12. Cedar—A. P. and N. F. Norton, Master and wife.
13. Community—M. K. Pickrell, Alternate.
14. Coyote—Hershel Johnson and wife, Alternates.
15. Danville—Mary Moore, Alternate.
16. Davis Creek—O. H. Davis, Alternate.
17. Dinuba—C. E. and Cora B. Shimer, Master and wife.
18. Dorris—Not represented.
19. Eagle—J. W. and Margaret Stevens, Master and wife.
20. Eastern Yuba—Geo. W. Swingley and wife, Master and wife.
21. East Palo Alto—L. J. and Lucy Drysdale, Alternates.
22. Elk Grove—Geo. and Elizabeth Sehlmeier, Alternates.
23. Fall River—R. Josephine Bosworth, Alternate.
24. Forestville—Mrs. Lottie Wakeland, Alternate.
25. Fort Romie—P. J. and Nora Gonzales, Master and wife.
26. Gazelle—Chas. Copple, Alternate.
27. Geyserville—Belle Leroux, Master.
28. Gilroy—Thos. Hunter and wife, Master and wife.
29. Gold Hill—J. F. Peterson, Alternate.



30. Greenfield—Not represented.
31. Greenhorn—Geo. Calkins and wife, Master and wife.
32. Quenoc—Pearl N. Newcomb, Alternate.
33. Hallwood—H. C. Lolmaugh and wife, Master and wife.
34. Happy Camp—C. Joe Gordon, Alternate.
35. Hat Creek—Vernon J. March and wife, Master and wife.
36. Hornbrook—Linnie Mueller, Alternate.
37. Likeley—P. B. McGarva, Master.
38. Little Shasta—Allie Brown, Master's wife.
39. Lookout—Not represented.
40. Macdoel—H. C. and Eva M. Young, Master and wife.
41. McArthur—W. F. and Fay Loosley, Master and wife.
42. Morgan Hill—W. C. and Florence Lovejoy, Master and wife.
43. Mountain View—John and Bertha Whitsell, Master and wife.
44. Mt. Boliver—W. R. Parker and wife, Master and wife.
45. Mt. Lassen—Not represented.
46. Napa—Dwight W. and Emeline Addy, Master and wife.
47. New Enterprise—Not represented.
48. Orangevale—W. P. and Minnie S. Bennett, Alternates.
49. Orchard City—Harry and Marie Barnes, Master and wife.
50. Petaluma—L. J. and Elsie Snow, Master and wife.
51. Poplar—Mae Baker, Master's wife.
52. Potter Valley—Clyde and Leona Eddie, Master and wife.
53. Progressive—Vina Ballhache, Master's wife.
54. Redwood Valley—Walter and Eland Swindell, Alternates.
55. Rio Linda—E. R. Ostrom, Alternate.
56. Rutherford—Mrs. J. C. Rust, Alternate.
57. Sacramento—Alden H. and Edith Noyes, Master and wife.
58. San Jose—J. H. and Phoebe Bone, Alternates.
59. Santa Rosa—Asa M. and St. Clare Showalter, Master and wife.
60. Scott Valley—W. L. and Lena Lewis, Master and wife.
61. Sebastopol—V. C. and Cora Scott, Master and wife.
62. Silverado—A. and Jennie Brucker, Alternates.
63. Sonoma Valley—Mrs. Dora Hall, Alternate.
64. Sunnyvale, Louis A. and Anna J. Wurz, Alternates.
65. Tulare—Thos. Jacob, Alternate.
66. Two Rock—Roy and Mae Church, Alternates.
67. Ukiah—F. M. Swim and wife, Alternates.

68. Valley Oaks—Erwin Hauschildt—Master.
69. Walker—Not represented.
70. Western Yolo—L. L. and Elsie Card, Master and wife.
71. Windsor—Frank T. Welch, Master.

### POMONA GRANGE

1. Mendocino Pomona—A. L. Ford, Master.
2. Modoc Pomona—F. L. Roberts and wife, Master and wife.
3. Napa-Lake Pomona—S. Bailhache and wife, Master and wife.
4. Sacramento Pomona—J. W. Holmes and wife, Master and wife.
5. Santa Clara Pomona—A. T. Jones and wife, Master and wife.
6. Siskiyou Pomona—Jas. B. and Helen Rohrer, Master and wife.
1. Sonoma Pomona—Chas. J. and Mae Sutton, Master and wife.
8. Tulare Pomona—O. H. and Elsie B. Carey, Master and wife.

J. W. HOLMES  
R. JOSEPHINE BOSWORTH,  
V. C. SCOTT  
MRS. W. E. ARMSTRONG  
MRS. J. B. ROHRER

Credential Committee.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Tuesday, October 18, 1927

10 A. M.—

Opening of Grange in Sixth Degree.  
Roll Call of Officers.  
Introduction of candidates for Sixth Degree.  
Roll call of Grange and presentation of credentials.  
Introduction of Past Masters.

1:30 P. M.—

Reports of Officers.  
Report of Executive Committee.  
Reports of Deputies.



- Reports of Granges and introduction of resolutions.
- 7:15 P. M.—  
Musical concert and reception at Civic Auditorium.
- 7:45 P. M.—  
Speaking.

### Wednesday

- 9:00 A. M.—  
Reading of Minutes of preceding day.  
Reports of Committees.  
Unfinished business.
- 11:00 A. M.—  
Election of Officers.
- 12:15 P. M.—  
Recess.
- 1:30 P. M.—  
Unfinished business.  
New business.
- 2:30 P. M.—  
Address by Mr. A. C. Madden.
- 3:00 P. M.—  
Lecturer's Conference and Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance.
- 4:00 P. M.—  
Mrs. Lucy Drysdale, address on Our Flag.
- 4:15 P. M.—  
Unfinished business.  
Reports of Committees.
- 7:30 P. M.—  
Lecturer's hour,  
Memorial exercises.

### Thursday

- 9:00 A. M.—  
Reading of minutes of previous day.  
Unfinished business.  
Committee reports.  
Introduction of resolutions.
- 10:00 A. M.—  
Selection of meeting place.
- 2:00 P. M.—  
Trip to Lodi.

8:00 P. M.—

Fifth Degree by Sacramento County Pomona Grange.

Sixth Degree by State Officers.

Feast of Pomona.

### Friday

9:00 A. M.—

Reading of Minutes of previous day.

New business.

Reports of Committees.

11:00 A. M.—

Final introduction of resolutions.

Unfinished business.

Installation of officers.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

We, your Committee on the Good of the Order, submit the following report:

1. That in all future sessions of the California State Grange Pomona Granges be given preference in all Roll Calls.

2. That Deputies be used more in installation, inspection and visitation work, thereby relieving the State Master of some of his many strenuous duties and labors.

3. That all Lecturers be urged to educate their respective members in the traditions, history and accomplishments of our great Order and that the State Lecturer furnish the necessary pamphlets, literature and instructions.

4. We recommend approval of that part of the Master's report on page 5, relative to "Law Enforcement" and the "Modification or Repeal of the Volstead Act" and Immigration.

5. The Committee reports favorably on that part of report referring to "Napa Grange Bulletin" and further recommends that 10 copies be sent to each Grange and that the Executive Committee provide the necessary funds.

6. Resolution for publicity recommended by Brother Schlemeyer be approved.

7. Resolution authorizing State Master to attend joint meeting Oregon, Washington and Idaho State Granges, approved.

8. Resolution from Sonoma County Pomona Grange increasing dues 4 cents approved.



9. Resolution of Windsor Grange on camp site be referred to Executive Committee for investigation and report to next session.

10. Resolution introduced by Bro. Watt be tabled.

A. T. JONES

THOS. HUNTER

S. W. BAILHACHE

MRS. NETTIE HOLMES

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Legislative Committee, during the last year has devoted its attention to abstracting and digesting the best information available to it, concerning the issues which were most prominently before the farmers of California and America.

You Committee has attempted to secure the widest possible publicity of such reports believing that the Founders of our Order were absolutely sound when they made EDUCATION the activity to be emphasized above all others and made it the foundation upon which our ritualistic work is based.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH HOLMES

A. T. JONES

IDA M. CLENDENING,

AMANDA BAILHACHE,

S. S. KNIGHT, Chairman.

### RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following:

As we draw near the close of this pleasant and profitable meeting here in the City of Stockton, it would not be complete without pausing to heartily and sincerely express our thanks and appreciation to:

The Citizens of San Joaquin County, and the citizens of Stockton through their City Manager, for the use of the Civic Auditorium and courtesies extended; to the Stockton Chamber of Commerce for their able assistance in arranging many details and for their financial support.

Further to the local and general press agents for their

attentiveness and generosity in the dissemination of news and principles of the Grange.

To the citizens of Lodi and the Lodi Chamber of Commerce for their entertainment on our trip to and through their community.

To Dr. T. Knoles for his address; to the College of the Pacific; and to the Orchard City Grange Orchestra, and to all others who have contributed to our entertainment and instruction.

Further, to the Sacramento Pomona Grange Degree team who so ably and beautifully conferred the Fifth degree.

ROY I. CHURCH  
LOUIS A. MURZ  
RAY D. GOULD  
FLORENCE LOVEJOY  
JOHN ELLIS  
L. J. SNOW,  
Committee.

## FINANCE

Officers and Members of California State Grange:  
Your Finance Committee have examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer and find them correct.  
We wish to suggest that Secretaries when making reports to the State Secretary exercise greater care in being certain they are correct.  
We also suggest that secretaries make separate returns for supplies purchased from the State Secretary.

GEORGE SEHLMYER, Chairman.  
CORA BELLE SCOTT  
W. G. LOVEJOY  
ELEANOR J. GONZALES  
NELLIE F. NORTON

## CONSERVATION

To the California State Grange:

In the general acceptance of the term conservation is the application on a large scale of the principles of economy and saving to the end that the natural resources of the country may be wisely and profitably used. Not many generations ago our forefathers, in their struggles to move westward the star



of empire, gave no thought to the future value of the forests or of the rapidly running streams. They sought only to clear the land in the quickest and most effective manner.

Later generations have inherited this tendency to destroy and take no heed for the morrow.

Our great natural resources were once considered inexhaustible, but the marvelous advance of civilization has changed all this.

The present generation has come to realize that the wasteful method of lumbering heretofore employed was rapidly and recklessly destroying the most magnificent examples of God's handiwork which could never be reproduced. And so, the preservation for all time of the great trees of California, a more judicious use of our forests and the reforestation of great areas already cleared and no longer productive has become a question of vital and national importance. The principle of conservation as advocated by the Grange applies not only to timber and timber lands but to all our natural resources which are the natural heritage of the people. Not only are our timber lands being rapidly depleted and left bare and unproductive, but the waters of the streams, of inestimable value for irrigation, and the white coal of nature embodied in the rapidly running streams of the mountain canyons are being rapidly brought under ownership and control of selfish interests for personal gain, at the expense of the public.

It is time to call a halt in this selfish and criminal exploitation of our natural resources. It is refreshing to learn that the people are being aroused and the state is moving to protect the public interests. But only a beginning has been made, much opposition is encountered and the Grange can perform no greater service for agriculture than to use its influence to the end that our public resources be wisely used for the benefit of all the people.

GRANVILLE LIBBY  
ALICE E. WILLIAMS  
JOHN HARTLEY  
C. R. POTTER,

Committee.

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws to whom was referred the resolution regarding the payment of delegate's traveling expenses by the State Grange, report that in

reference to this proposed change in our By-Laws your committee would recommend that action be deferred for one year. And that the Executive Committee of our State Grange be requested to estimate, as nearly as practicable, how much additional expense of State Funds this will involve, and also approximately, how much increase in the per capita dues will be necessary to meet this additional expense. And that such information be sent to each subordinate and Pomona Grange not later than July of next year, and that each subordinate and Pomona Grange discuss and act on the proposed change, to the end that intelligent action may be taken by this State Grange at its next regular session.

E. T. PETTIT  
JOHN HARTLEY  
LULU C. EIPPER  
F. W. LOOSLEY  
CHAS. J. SUTTON  
Committee.

## CO-OPERATION

To California State Grange:

Co-operation in its various phases is synonymous with the fundamental principles underlying all Grange teachings.

Today there is a positive and increasing trend toward mass production; a greater consolidation along industrial lines and of a more effective co-operation along all lines of human endeavor. Taking cognizance of this we are reminded of the profound wisdom and breadth of vision of the founders of our Order. With a far sightedness, which might well be termed inspiration, they laid the foundation of the Grange structure and proclaimed co-operation as the cornerstone.

From the common viewpoint co-operation is a mutual arrangement between interested parties to engage in business transactions for financial gain. This is an important phase of co-operation as applied to agriculture and wherever the need has been acute and the desire keen enough the Grange has provided the machinery for lightening the financial burdens of the members.

Many of the Grange states, both east and west are conducting today, and have for many years, co-operative stores for the benefit not only of its members, but for all the rural community. Many of the State Granges engage in com-



munity buying of farm supplies which are in general demand, making a very material financial saving for the members.

When we consider the tremendous mass production and large scale buying and selling now being carried on by the gigantic industrial concerns, it seems imperative that the agricultural interests must co-operate and use the same business methods which have made these organizations so powerful. Favorable legislation will help to make the farmer's burden lighter and should be demanded, but in the opinion of many students of economics a more complete and effective co-operation among the farmers themselves would be the most helpful and permanent form of farm relief. This would help maintain the high standard of rural life, for which holy purpose every Good Patron has dedicated his sacred honor.

This is indeed America's most high heritage, but will be lost forever unless something is done and that right speedily to relieve the distressing and discouraging condition of agriculture today.

Under existing conditions in California with its great diversity of products, the many commodity associations are quite successfully solving the problem of co-operative buying and selling leaving the Grange to apply its efforts along other lines of service. Notwithstanding this fact, there are many critics of the Grange who seem able to judge results only from a financial point of view and to whom the sign of the dollar obscures the brightness of the higher attributes of humanity. All such might be reminded that the Grange is a fraternity first and a commercial organization afterwards.

And so the Grange with its high moral teachings, its cheerful and uplifting influence, its lofty ideals and wholesome patriotism is lending its influence toward that co-operation which aims to develop character and to inculcate the principles of education, temperance and good government.

These are the attributes which must underlie all business activities and are indeed the essentials of good government.

There never was a time in the history of our Order when the teachings of the Grange were more needed than they are today.

The growing contempt of authority and the flagrant violation of constitutional law are threatening the very foundation of government.

The most important co-operation in which the Grange can engage today is that in which the army of Good Patrons

shall unite with all good citizens in example as well as precept in upholding the law of the land and condemning the violation not only of the written statutes but of what has long been considered the ethics of moral decency.

As we learn of the history of our Order and comprehend the splendid work going on today throughout rural America, developing character, helping the needy, building for good citizenship and civic righteousness, every member of the Order should be thrilled with pride in the Grange that we love.

All of these good works are the fruits of organization and co-operation. While the harvest truly is great, let us not be weary in well doing, but with an abiding faith in the Great Master of the Universe and with our eyes lifted towards the high ideals of the Grange, let us march on and on to new victories and greater achievements.

GRANVILLE LIBBY

MRS. JENNIE DUDGEON

CHAS. J. BACON

E. K. CLENDENING

CARRIE R. HOLMES

Committee.

## ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Assessment and Taxation finds itself in a rather unique position. So far as we know, this is the first session of the State Grange that no resolutions whatever have been referred to the Committee.

While a voluminous report could be written on the subject of taxation, we feel that no particular good could come from such a report at this time, so we refrain from submitting one, and content ourselves with making only a single recommendation.

Inasmuch as Governor Young has appointed a special commission for the purpose of studying our system of taxation with a view of distributing the amount of taxes to be raised in a more equitable manner than is now in vogue, we recom-



mend that the Worthy State Master appoint a Grange member to meet with the Governor's Commission and represent the Grange in its deliberations.

F. L. HUNT  
J. N. WATT  
W. E. ARMSTRONG  
MARIE L. BARNES  
ST. CLAIRE SHOWALTER  
Committee.

### WELFARE

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

"To pity distress is but human; to relieve it is God-like."

The subordinate Granges throughout the state this year demonstrate their unselfish character by contributing generously from their treasures for the relief of those who suffered in the Mississippi flood disaster.

At the same time they did not neglect their Grange service in their own communities, but gave freely of their time and money in helping work out state and national legislative problems, aiding neighborhood organizations, and ministering to individuals in need.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE R. HOLMES  
GRACE BIGGS  
VINA BAILHACHE  
MARY B. LINDLEY  
MRS. A. T. JONES  
CLARA E. KNIGHT,  
Chairman.

### HOME ECONOMICS

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

We have come together from many counties of our State, as loyal Patrons, to celebrate this, the fifty-fifth Anniversary of our Order, and as we think of the fifty-five years that have passed, and the growth of the Grange, the work that has been accomplished and the good things the Grange stands

for, we cannot help but think that we have been a little slow in placing before our Subordinate Granges the problems on "Home Economics."

There seems to be a failure to grasp the meaning of the term "Home Economics," for women as well as men fail to realize their need of training in the science and art of home-making.

The science and art of home-making to the matron living in a remote district means so much more than to her sisters in the city who have many more opportunities; but the opportunities afforded by the city may well be obtained in the country, if time and effort be given to the proper solution of the problems.

Every Grange woman wants to learn, in fact, is eager to become better educated in every branch of home betterment, for on the home foundation is built all that is good in State or individual.

Health welfare and child training is now commanding great attention. Never before has so much money been spent, and active campaigns planned for the education of the people to assist in these movements.

The undersigned committee recommends that for the promotion of this work that each Subordinate Grange appoint or elect a Standing Committee on "Home Economics" to study the needs and methods for conducting work according to local conditions.

ELLA C. BRAUGHLER  
BERTHA A. ROBERTS  
MRS. MINNIE EDDIE  
MRS. DORA H. HALL  
Committee.

### DORMANT GRANGES

Your Committee on Dormant Granges begs leave to report and recommends that.

The State Grange keeps up the organizing work more among the Granges that are slack in their work, as there has been no names of dormant Granges reported to the committee.

We recommend that Granges, in neighborhoods where there is slack work, visit those Granges and boost them up, and we also recommend that organizers be notified when there is work for them to do.



We object to the 30-day suspension clause sent out by the Secretary to the members, and recommend writing personal letters, and if no response is received, to call on members in person, or have a committee for that purpose.

And we recommend that Masters keep before their members the importance of paying dues three months or more in advance.

H. A. CRAIG  
C. W. STEWART  
J. R. DRYSDALE  
C. JOE GORDON  
IDA M. CLENDENING

Committee.

### ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

Your Roads and Highways Committee begs to submit the following report:

We wish to commend the State Highway Commission on its excellent program, which, if carried out, will give the state the much needed improved highways.

We recommend that each subordinate Grange appoint a Good Roads Committee whose duty it shall be to make recommendations to their Supervisor on the improvements necessary and get his opinion and report same to Granges. Criticisms are helpful if made to one's face, but harmful if made to their back or when one is absent.

We recommend the passage of the resolution handed us with reference to San Juan grade by Community Grange No. 288.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. LA RUE, Chairman,  
J. B. ROHRER  
F. W. CALDWELL  
F. W. LOOSLEY  
MRS. LUCY DRYSDALE  
MRS. LAURA KRESGE

Committee.

### JUVENILE GRANGES

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

We, your Committee on Juvenile Granges, wish to emphasize the importance of the Juvenile Grange work to the subordinate Grange and ask the subordinate Granges to take more interest in the Juvenile Grange and help and encourage the training of future Grangers; also Grange parents should help to keep their children interested and in attendance.

Twelve Juvenile Granges have been organized in the State but several are not actively working. We recommend that great care as to fitness be taken in the election of a Matron or Patron.

We suggest the Matrons of the State try a round robin letter as a means of help for Lecturer Hour suggestions, and also, it will interest the juveniles to know what others are doing.

MINNIE CHURCH  
CORA B. SHIMER  
HELEN L. ROHRER  
ALICE S. HARRISON  
R. JOSEPHINE BOSWORTH  
Committee.

### MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Worthy Master and Officers of  
California State Grange:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem find the following State Officers, Subordinate Masters or alternates and their wives or husbands, and subordinate lecturers entitled to payment as follows:

#### State Officers

Overseer, H. A. Craig.....	\$ 30.06
Lecturer, Ida M. Clendening.....	6.28
Chaplain, Mary B. Lindley.....	7.00
Steward, Stanley B. Smith.....	6.10
Assistant Steward, W. Herbert Smith.....	24.64
Treasurer, J. N. Watt.....	6.00
Gatekeeper, F. L. Roberts.....	44.96
Ceres, Florence Steinmetz .....	6.48
Pomona, Fay Loosley (Acting).....	33.20
Flora, Linde M. Hartley.....	7.00



Pianist, Cordelia Aylward .....	10.08
L. A. Steward, Grace Briggs.....	No charges

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\$181.80

#### Delegates From New Granges

Community, M. K. Pickrell, Master.....	\$ 15.75
Eastern Yuba, G. W. Swingley and wife.....	25.20
Hallwood Granges, H. C. Lolmaugh and wife.....	23.90
Macdoel Grange, H. C. Young and wife.....	65.52
Western Yolo, L. L. Card.....	7.50

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\$137.87

#### Lecturers Subordinate Granges

Beeswick Grange, E. V. Griffith.....	\$ 11.10
Cedar Grange, Mrs. F. L. Roberts.....	22.48
Greenhorn Grange, Zelma O. Walter.....	15.80
Guenoc Grange, Nellie H. Read.....	10.45
McArthur Grange, H. M. Whipple.....	15.60
Potter Valley, Mrs. Minnie Eddie.....	6.00
Progressive Grange, Mrs. Vina Bailhache.....	5.50
Santa Rosa Grange, Mrs. St. Claire Showalter.....	4.50
Scott Valley Grange, Laura M. Costello.....	15.80
Sebastopol Grange, Mae Sutton.....	5.30
Sonoma Valley Grange, Eunice L. Peterson.....	4.25
Sunnyvale Grange, Anna I. Wurz.....	2.75
Tulare Grange, Mrs. Martha W. Woodward.....	5.81
Tulare County Pomona, Mrs. H. H. Taggard.....	6.96
Elbert F. Lee, Fall River Grange.....	15.56

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..\$147.86

#### RECAPITULATION

State Officers .....	\$181.80
Delegates New Granges.....	137.87
Lecturers .....	132.30

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\$451.97

Fraternally submitted,  
 (Signed) HARRY BARNES, Chairman  
 AMANDA BAILHACHE  
 CLYDE EDDY  
 DAISY BRAY  
 JOSEPH H. BONE

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

### Protesting Against Any Further Tax Burdens Being Laid Upon Farmers By the Issuance of Bonds, Etc.

(Introduced by Chairman of the Legislative Committee)

Whereas, at frequent intervals, agitations occur whose purpose is to form districts and bring large numbers of tax payers into participation on some project which has for its aim to bring more land under cultivation through irrigation or reclamation or drainage or to build some public improvement, and

Whereas, the economic condition of American agriculture has been for some years and is now so distinctly unfavorable as to have attracted universal recognition and comment throughout this nation, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That we, the members of the California State Grange, in this, our 55th annual session at Stockton, California, October 18 to 21, 1927, do most vehemently protest against any further inclusion of the farmers of this state in such improvement districts or the laying of further tax burdens upon them or the mortgaging of their lands by the issuance of bonds for such purposes until such a time as those engaged in agriculture shall have had their economic condition brought into a state of relative parity with those who are engaged in other industries and commerce.

### Advocating Substituting Other Forms of Transportation For Those Showing a Net Loss, Etc.

(Introduced by Chairman of Legislative Committee)

Whereas, the Transportation Act of August, 1920, and subsequent decisions of the Interstate Commerce Commission state that a fair return to the transportation companies operating under the Interstate Commerce Commission's jurisdiction shall be considered to be 5% per cent upon their valuation (said valuation being determined by virtue of other federal legislation by the Interstate Commerce Commission), and

Whereas, the earnings of the rail carriers under this Act of Congress are considered as a whole for each separate operating company, all of the various services rendered in the matter of transportation being considered as individual factors in arriving at the whole net return, and



Whereas, this makes all business which is done without or at an actual loss by each separate carrier, act as an offset to just that amount of actual earning which accrued upon some other transportation service rendered, and

Whereas, the only hope which the farmers of America have in securing reductions in the very high rates of transportation which most agricultural products bear in moving from the localities where they are raised to those places where they are consumed is by showing that the individual carriers furnishing such transportation to each separate agricultural commodity are capable of having their rate or rates in question reduced and still make approximately the net return allowed under the National Transportation Act of August, 1920, and

Whereas, there are in the western states and particularly in California some classes of service which our common rail carriers are performing which are well known to be of greater cost than any possible return which they can hope to receive from the performance of such services, such as passenger business upon branch lines, or short haul business generally, therefore be it

Resolved, that we the members of the California State Grange, meeting in this our 55th annual session at Stockton, California, on October 18 to 21, 1927, do request the California Railroad Commission to do any and all things legally possible toward having our common rail carriers substitute other forms of transportation service of a less expensive, more modern and efficient type for any that may now be showing a net loss through operating, to the end that all possible economies may be practiced and losses avoided, knowing that only by this means will it be possible for reductions, in the transportation rates now applying to the movement of farm commodities, be able to be effected.

Furthermore, that we ask our Legislative Committee to carry this resolution before the other state-wide farm organizations of California, at the earliest possible date, asking their consideration of this matter and requesting their assistance in securing for agricultural more favorable transportation rates upon those commodities which are in economic distress but which the farmers of this state are forced to send so great a distance to reach the great consuming markets of the East.

**Resolution Regarding Fishing in Districts 2 and 2½**

(Introduced by Redwood Valley Grange)

Be it Resolved, that whereas, the fishermen along the coast of district 2½ are allowed to take as many salmon as they can catch in one day,

We, the Patrons of Redwood Valley Grange, No. 382, believe that the people of the interior in districts 2 and 2½ should have equal rights, and should be allowed to take three salmon or steel heads over three pounds in weight with spear or any other method, except explosives, whenever said fish are in the streams of said districts No. 2 and 2½.

**Relating to Increasing State Grange Dues to the National Grange**

(Introduced by Sonoma Pomona Grange)

Whereas, the Grange movement throughout this nation is in such a position and dignity that if a reasonable amount of extension work were done its membership and influence could be tremendously increased, and

Whereas, our National Master and his executive committee are anxious and willing to do this much needed extension work at the earliest moment, but are restrained because of lack of funds, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the members of Sonoma County Pomona Grange at this our regular monthly meeting at Two Rock on August 20th, 1927, do respectfully request our Master to bring this matter before the meeting of the California State Grange at Stockton next October and ask it to empower our State Master to request the National Grange at its meeting in Cleveland next November to amend our by-laws so that an increase of 4 cents per member annually may be made in Grange dues, to the end that the money so raised may be used for extension work and our order brought back to the position of importance and influence which it once occupied.

**Relating to State Master Attending Annual Conference**

(Introduced by S. S. Knight)

Whereas, the Washington State Grange has asked that the Master of the California State Grange meet with the Masters



and Executive Committees of the State Granges of Washington, Oregon and Idaho each year, whenever such annual conference is called, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the California State Grange in this, its fifty-fifth annual session at Stockton, October 18-21, 1927, do authorize our State Master to attend the annual conference called by the Masters of the State Granges of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

### **Relating to Publicity**

(Introduced by Geo. Sehlmeier)

Whereas, one of the greatest present needs of the Grange in California is greater publicity, and

Whereas, we believe that the publicity, as far as possible, should be such as to bring Grange literature directly to the attention of as many farmers as possible, therefore be it

Resolved, by the California State Grange that the Executive Committee of the State Grange be instructed to establish headquarters at the California State Fair in order that the farmers of this state, who may attend such fair, may have an opportunity of learning of the activities and value of the Order.

## **REPORTS OF POMONA GRANGES MENDOCINO POMONA**

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Mendocino Pomona Grange No. 10, sends greetings.

Our Mendocino Pomona Grange has held four regular meetings and one special, during the past year; much interest has been shown, with large attendance at the meetings.

The special meeting was called to initiate a large class. Mendocino Pomona Grange has a membership of 128, and more to be initiated at our next meeting.

A resolution was received from Redwood Valley Grange, No. 382, in regards to the fish law, the resolution was adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. FORD, Master.

## MODOC POMONA

It gives me pleasure, Worthy Master, to have the honor of reporting Modoc Pomona to you. All are well and happy, and I am glad to state, possessed with a real Grange Spirit.

We have had a very prosperous year, and I believe a very bright future awaits us.

We have held four very successful meetings this year, and it is with regret that I must report to you that we failed to have a meeting during our Worthy Master's visit to our territory owing to the fact that we were in the midst of our busiest season of the year. And also we were prevented from holding a meeting at Davis Creek, which was set for the eighth of this month, on account of the dreaded epidemic of infantile paralysis which was spreading over our county.

At this meeting several matters were to be considered, preparatory to this convention. Therefore, I am unable to report to you of our workings, as I would like to have done.

We have had a gain of membership of 31. We are pleased with our condition financially.

We contributed very liberally to the Mississippi flood sufferers. We purchased a new set of regalia and other working tools.

The Pomona Grange is the prime mover of the District Fair question in our county, and are also responsible for the appointment by our Governor of an agricultural board of directors, whose duty is for the advancement of agriculture and to secure financial aid from the county and state, for the district fair committees. This board is composed of eight members, one member from each subordinate Grange in the county.

I will further state that at a public meeting held at Cedarville, for the purpose of creating this board of directors and at which there was a good representation of farmers and business men, this board was unanimously endorsed.

Our Pomona has secured one column in one of our county newspapers for Grange classified advertisements.

The question of an agricultural course in our high schools has been taken up by our Pomona and the work of the committee is progressing very satisfactorily.

In conclusion will say I feel my report would not be complete without my mentioning to you of the most efficient manner our Worthy Pomona Lecturer Sister W. J. Dorris, conducts



the lecture hour. After the labors of the day have been completed, and to make our hearts glad for a return visit, our lecturer always has a very interesting program which always lasts from 1 to 2 or 3 hours, and is always open to the public. We find that this method has won us many friends.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. ROBERTS, Master.

### NAPA-LAKE POMONA

Worthy State Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Napa and Lake Counties Pomona Grange, No. 7, Patrons of Husbandry, sends greetings:

I have the pleasure to report our Pomona Grange meets on the fifth Saturday during the year with the different Subordinate Granges by Invitation. On October 30, 1926, Rutherford Grange entertained us. About two hundred members being present. The afternoon was taken up with the business of the Grange. In the evening the Worthy Lecturer, Mary L. Short, with the assistance of the Lecturer of each Subordinate Grange, put on one of the best programs of the year. The meeting being on Hallowe'en night the hall was decorated for the occasion and a real Hallowe'en spirit prevailed throughout the afternoon and evening. Part of the program was suggestive of Hallowe'en.

On January 29th, 1927, Silverado Grange of Calistoga entertained the Pomona Grange in their usual hospitable manner, at a well attended meeting during the afternoon and evening. During the morning the brothers enjoyed a game of Barn Yard Golf. At this meeting plans were made to organize a team from each Subordinate Grange to play horseshoes and to compete for a silver cup donated by a member of Silverado Grange. The speaker during the lecture hour was Brother S. S. Knight of Petaluma. The musical numbers were given by a men's quartet and a ladies chorus of Silverado Grange, and both were very much enjoyed. Silverado Grange is fortunate in having such talented members.

On April 30th the Pomona Grange was entertained by Napa Grange, which is now the largest Grange in the State, with a membership of 327. So it is needless to say we were well entertained. At this meeting the election of officers of Pomona Grange was held.

We were honored by the presence of State Master Geo. R. Harrison, Worthy State Lecturer Sister Clendening, Brother Clendening and the State Treasurer, Brother J. N. Watt.

During the Lecture hour, Rev. M. S. MacKerricher of Napa Grange, gave an interesting lecture on conditions in Mexico. Brother J. N. Watt spoke on "What the farmer must do to help his own condition."

On July 30th the Pomona Grange was again entertained by Rutherford Grange. We had a very busy session that afternoon and evening. After the regular routine of business was dispensed with the installation of officers, for the ensuing year, was held. Past Master Granville Libby acting as installing officer, with Sisters Malissa Wellman and Alma Evans of Rutherford Grange, assisting, installed the officers in a very impressive and pleasing manner.

In the evening the fifth degree was conferred on a class of seventeen candidates by the old officers, who were proud of the manner in which they put on the degree work. State Master Harrison and Mrs. Harrison attended this meeting, also visitors from Santa Rosa and Sacramento.

The different committees have done excellent work during the year.

Sixty-two members have been added to the roll during the year. Eight have been dropped, leaving a total membership of three hundred and two; one hundred fifty-five sisters, and one hundred forty-seven brothers.

During the last meeting a committee was appointed to arrange for an annual picnic to be held on one of our regular meetings.

Our next meeting will be held in Lake County, with Guenoc Grange on October 29th, and will be a day meeting.

We look forward to a splendid meeting and hope it will be well attended for these good people of Lake County always give the Pomona Grange a royal good time and a most cordial welcome.

We hope this session of the State Grange will be as interesting and instructive as the other sessions we have attended.

Respectfully submitted,

SOLON W. BAILHACHE,

Master Napa-Lake Pomona Grange.



**SACRAMENTO POMONA**

To the Worthy Master and Members of California State Grange:

Since my last report to the State Grange in San Jose, Sacramento Pomona Grange has held eight meetings, regular and special, and all were well attended.

The Traveling Gavel, which Pomona Grange started on its way last year is still traveling, and making an interesting record on its tour.

Pomona had its usual Xmas tree, to which all the members of the Grange in the county were invited. The annual Grange picnic held the first Saturday in May at Elk Grove Park, Sacramento county, was a great success both socially and financially.

We had much pleasure from a visit in April of Bro. Harrison and wife. It being Bro. Harrison's birthday the Grange remembered him with a slight token to express its love and esteem for him.

Very instructive programs were furnished at two of our meetings by our Lecturer, Bro. Geo. Sehlmeier, in which State and County officials gave instructive talks.

Sacramento Pomona is planning for some meetings in the near future at which some very important matters will be discussed.

Our next meeting will be devoted to revising our by-laws.

Sacramento Pomona has a membership of 313. Wishing the State Grange a successful and enjoyable meeting and a great increase in membership in the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES W. HOLMES, Master.

**SANTA CLARA POMONA**

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Santa Clara Pomona Grange No. 4, sends greetings to the State Grange with sincere wishes for a successful and profitable session.

Last year the State Grange was entertained in Santa Clara County, and I believe that past experience has taught us that there is generally a falling off in interest in Grange work following the enthusiasm of such a meeting of large proportions, but I am happy to report such is not the case

in our county. The Pomona and Subordinate Granges in our county have made good progress this year and I believe that much of the enthusiasm we acquired from the State Convention is being retained.

The Pomona Meetings are large, interesting and profitable. Annual membership is held in the Chamber of Commerce and in Radio Station KQW.

Pomona Grange, by special programs assigned to the large subordinates, has been able to assist the weaker Granges.

September 30th our membership was 495 and at our meeting October 15, 22 were added to our roll. One new Grange, Aromas, just across the border in Monterey county, has joined our happy family, giving us 9 Subordinate Granges. The Pomona Degree team puts on the work in full form twice during the year.

Pomona Grange chose for its major project for the year, "The elimination of the special 40c road tax levied against outside property." In this undertaking we received the help and co-operation of all farm organizations of the county, some chambers of commerce and other organizations together with the legislative representatives and several newspapers of the county. Under the County Government Act, this tax is optional with the County Board of Supervisors. Although our claim was recognized as fair and just, politics, and politics alone, prevented our success. We are continuing this fight and are gaining more support and expect to win next year; if successful, the farmers of our county will be saved some \$225,000 in taxes. We believe this is one of the most unjust taxes levied on the farms today, and we recommend that each Grange in the State take up the fight to have the County Government Act repealed.

In closing my report, let me say that I believe more definite work and responsibility should be assigned to Pomona Granges, thus giving them some real link in the great organization.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. JONES, Master.

### SISKIYOU POMONA

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

As Master, I bring you greetings from Siskiyou Pomona Grange No. 6.



Siskiyou Pomona Grange has held six interesting and well attended meetings, at which new members were taken in, totaling for the year, forty-seven. Every Grange in the county, of which there are twelve, contributed toward this membership.

At our meeting held at Hornbrook in February a cash prize of \$15.00 was offered to the Grange having the highest per cent of members in Pomona Grange at the end of the calendar year. This seems to have helped materially in our membership drive. At this meeting we were addressed on Legislative matters by State Senator James M. Allen and Assemblyman J. J. Murphy, both of whom are members of this Grange.

The Grange in Siskiyou County is being recognized as a power for good, and only recently all of the Grange Masters of the County were invited to meet with and assist the Tenth District Agricultural Association in formulating plans for the 1928 County Fair.

In June at Dorris we had the pleasure of having with us Mrs. Harrison, wife of the Worthy State Master.

We were disappointed in not having our State Lecturer, recently.

The Lecture hour is always interesting, always having good speakers. The Secretary is very faithful, traveling many miles to be on duty.

The meetings are well attended.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES B. ROHRER, Master.

### SONOMA POMONA

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange.

The Patrons of Sonoma Pomona Grange No. 1 sends greetings:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit the following report:

We have had a most successful Grange year. There has been a gain in membership and at present there are 434 members.

With the exception of December, we have held a meeting each month, meeting with nine of the subordinate Granges and will meet with the two others in October and November.

Our Worthy Lecturer, Sister Bailhache, has arranged most excellent programs which make good meetings possible.

At our April meeting held in Sebastopol the Lecturer's hour was dedicated to Brother and Sister Harrison in honor of Brother Harrison's 70th birthday. A very delightful meeting was held, and at the close of the program, Brother and Sister Harrison were each presented with a beautiful leather upholstered rocker, as gifts from the Pomona and the subordinate Granges of the County, Past Master W. V. Griffith making the presentation. It is needless to add that our good friends surely appreciated this honor and in fact I doubt very much if they have really gotten over the surprise.

On July 23rd the Pomona Grange and Sonoma County Farm Bureau held a joint picnic at Mirabel Park, which proved such a success that I am sure it will be an annual affair. Among some of the prominent men who attended were George R. Harrison, State Master; Charles H. King, President of Sonoma County Farm Bureau; Ralph Taylor, Executive Secretary of California Agriculture Legislative Committee. The splendid co-operation which exists between the farm organizations is one of the big outstanding features of the county.

During the year we have heard many prominent speakers. The financial condition of the Grange is good. We made a donation of \$50.00 to the Red Cross for the Mississippi flood relief, and also presented Geyserville Subordinate Grange with \$25.00 to go toward its new hall.

I feel that all resolutions presented have been acted on thoughtfully and carefully, to the best interest of the entire county and agriculture. While the crops throughout the county have in some localities been light, the price has been some better than last year, and more especially for the Gravenstein apple. We are in hopes that prices generally will advance.

With best wishes for a successful and profitable State Grange Session,

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES J. SUTTON, Master.

### **TULARE POMONA**

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

I am happy to bring the good wishes and greetings of  
Tulare Pomona Grange No. 5.



Our Pomona is riding along on an even keel, is not gaining as we wish, but holding its own. We hold meetings each alternate month, taking turns with each of our three Subordinate Granges.

Tulare Pomona takes keen interest in the public and moral issues and discusses them fearlessly and fairly. And a meeting seldom passes that they do not act upon and send out resolutions, to let the public know how our Grange feels about these questions.

During the noon hour a picnic lunch is enjoyed and a social time held which lends much to a fraternal spirit.

At 2:30 our Worthy Lecturer, Sister Taggard, takes charge and always has something of an educational, as well as an entertaining nature. Raisin and other grape crops are good, peaches and apricots were very light. Prices generally disastrous. The adverse conditions under which the rancher works has had a bad effect on the Grange work.

Fraternally submitted,

O. H. CAREY, Master.

## REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE GRANGES

### ADIN

Worthy Master and Members of  
California State Grange:

As Master of Adin Grange No. 414, I submit the following report:

Since the beginning of the year 1927 we have taken in six new members, and have one elected to take the degrees.

At the invitation of Lookout Grange, we agreed to put on the third and fourth degree work, and Lookout Grange put on the first and second degrees for all candidates. We look forward to having many sociable, get-together meetings. We now have nearly 90 members, losing two by demit.

Out attendance has not been as large as we would like to have it, owing to our busy summer season, but expect a larger attendance from now on.

At the vote of the Grange, our building committee appointed at the beginning of the year, was dissolved and a new committee appointed. We hope to hear a very encouraging report soon. The various committees proved faithful at their work.

Our Grange took an active part in the Fair at Bieber,

Lassen County, and had a booth which received many compliments. At this booth the Grange literature was distributed so that more may learn of the good accomplished by the Grange.

Our Worthy Lecturer has given us some very good programs.

In July we enjoyed a visit from Sister and Brother Harrison and received many helpful suggestions.

At a special meeting on September 29, Brother Leon T. Smith, District Deputy, inspected our Grange.

Many of our members have taken advantage of the club rates of the National Grange Monthly, also of the Grange insurance.

Fraternally submitted,

LAURA L. KRESGE,  
Master of Adin Grange No. 414.

### ALTURAS

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Alturas Grange No. 406 has 64 sisters and 72 brothers, a total of 136 members. For the year 1926-27, up to the present time, 17 candidates have joined by initiation and four others have been elected to take the degrees.

Our attendance is fairly good, and as a rule the majority of the members are becoming more interested in the work, and realize its benefits.

We held a bazaar on November 18, with a dance in the evening, the proceeds to go into our hall fund.

The great thing in our Grange is the congeniality of the members. There never seems to be any hard feelings. If there is a difference of opinion, the minority fall in with the majority, and all work for the good of our Grange and of the Order.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. ARMSTRONG, Master.

### AMERICAN RIVER

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

American River Grange No. 172 has not been very active during the last year. We did, however, have one particular



feature in giving a birthday party to Sister Martha Lanadison, who was a member of the first class over 50 years ago. Over 200 of her friends attended this meeting.

I wonder how many Granges can boast of having a member that has been active for over so long a time.

We have mapped out a program that will keep us very busy during the coming winter.

Fraternally,

L. F. BIGGS AND WIFE, Alternates.

### ANDERSON

To the Worthy State Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As Master of Anderson Grange No. 418, I beg to submit the following report:

We began our year by holding a public installation of officers with Brother Craig as installing officer.

We have held our meetings regularly every two weeks and have had a good attendance with the exception of a couple of meetings during the hottest part of the summer. Have had a very good attendance of officers. While we have lost a few members for non-payment of dues, we have taken in an equal number of new members by initiation. The members who were lost through non-payment of dues were some who came in as charter members and were carried through the entire year without having paid any dues. We lost one member by demit. Our present membership is 78.

Our finances are in a very satisfactory condition, although as yet we have been unable to make a start toward having our own hall. At the present time we meet in the Shasta County Fair building which makes very comfortable quarters for us.

The first step taken by the Grange this year was the activity of its members in helping Shasta County become a Tubercular Free Area County. Also through the efforts of the Good Roads Committee, we were able to get the crossings over the Southern Pacific right-of-way in good shape, which has been a benefit to the whole community.

I am unable to make any report on social activities as so far we have held only one social, which netted us around \$25.00.

We have purchased our own piano which has been a big help, especially during our Lecturer's program and the Degree work.

We were honored, during the year, with a visit from State Master Harrison and Sister Harrison, whose counsel is always so welcome and full of inspiration.

We now have our own Degree Team and have been called upon a few times to put on the work for Mt. Lassen Grange. We try to keep as near as possible to putting on the Degrees only on the first two meetings of each quarter.

Our Grange took first prize at the County Fair for the most attractive booth. Of this we were justly proud.

The members taken in this year are quality members, and the Grange spirit in this community is steadily growing, so we are looking forward to the coming year as one of real achievement through the Grange workers.

Last, but not least, I am pleased to report that harmony and good-will exists throughout our entire membership.

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. STEWART, Master.

### ANTELOPE

To Officers and Members of  
California State Grange—Greetings:

Antelope Grange No. 161 has a membership of 110; we have taken in 13 new members this year, lost two by demit and three for non-payment of dues. Our attendance is usually good.

We have a vacation through the summer months, as it is hard to get the members together during the harvest season.

On December 11, 1926, we held our anniversary dance, it being our 52nd birthday, which netted us \$72.65.

This year we bought a player piano and many rolls, which we have paid for in full, and which is enjoyed by all.

On May 14th, Rio Linda drill team put on the Third and Fourth Degrees for a class of 13. We had an attendance of 85 on this occasion and had a very enjoyable time.

On May 30th, Antelope Grange, in conjunction with the American Legion, held services and decorated the soldiers' graves in the Sylvan Cemetery.

Antelope Grange owns ten acres of Eucalyptus grove and a nice two-story hall which is entirely clear of debt.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. GOULD, Master.



## AROMAS

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Aromas Grange, Monterey County, has 146 members. Although we have not increased in membership, we have been quite active in our own work and community work. We have held all our regular meetings and the Lecturer always has something interesting for Lecturer's hour.

For several years we have been in communication with the Southern Pacific company, asking them to install a wig-wag warning signal at a dangerous crossing near Aromas. Finally by filing a complaint with the Railroad Commission, a date for a hearing was set. The Utilities department of the Farm Bureau co-operated with us at the hearing. We have just heard that the Railroad Commission has ordered the signal placed at the crossing.

We have held several social events during the year. We had a very elaborate mock wedding April 16, being the twentieth anniversary of the Master and wife. After the wedding they were presented with a very beautiful floor lamp.

On August 31, we had a real wedding when our Worthy Assistant and Lady Assistant Steward for the past two years were united in marriage. A committee from the Grange decorated the hall and prepared the refreshments.

On June 4, the children of the late Past Master Blohm and wife, presented the Grange with a beautiful oak Master's desk and chair, in memory of their father and mother, who were such active workers in Aromas Grange and through whose efforts we have our beautiful Grange hall.

A dramatic evening by Miss Rosamond Walton, on June 24, increased our bankroll.

Worthy State Master and Sister Harrison installed our officers in January and visited us again in September. On October 8 ten of our members joined Santa Clara Pomona Grange. After a very interesting meeting we were conducted to a wonderful feast of Pomona, at which the Aromas members were made guests of honor.

Gilroy Grange was invited to Aromas and its Degree team put on the Third and Fourth Degrees in a very able manner. During the year we have donated the use of our hall to the school for Christmas entertainments and graduation

exercises; to the Farm Center for entertainments, and endeavor to assist in every way in all community work.

Fraternally submitted.

WM. T. EIPPER, JR., Master.

### BELLEVUE

Worthy State Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I bring you greetings from Bellevue Grange No. 374.

Our Grange is in a good, healthy and prosperous condition. We have a roll call of 187 members in good standing, who are all faithful workers. We hold regular semi-monthly meetings and have a good attendance; perfect harmony prevails and we give special attention to visiting brothers and sisters.

We have a First and Second Degree drill team, also a Third and Fourth Degree drill team, which enables us to put the work on in full in all four degrees in a very impressive manner.

We aim to keep every member busy in some phase of our work, in order that they may conscientiously say "Our Grange." We have exchanged visits with several Granges this year, and have received numerous visits from neighboring Grange Masters and members in return.

A congenial friendly feeling with our Supervisors, and full co-operation with the Farm Bureau, enables us to keep our roads and drainage in perfect condition.

Our Grange was inspected this year by Worthy Brother Wesley Beach, Past Master of Pomona. Our Worthy Lecturer, a man of sterling quality and a keen observer, keeps well posted on both national and local questions and takes great pride in giving us a well balanced Lecturer's hour, ever remembering our Girl Reserves and Boy Scouts, in his programs. We have put on the program at several neighboring Granges and received return programs from same. We have put on two plays and a circus this year, which netted our treasury over \$200.00.

Our worthy Secretary and worthy Treasurer, both being capable and efficient in their respective duties, assure us a clean, well-kept record of all our Grange activities and finances, available at any and all times, their motto being "Service with a smile"—and, last but not least, the Worthy Master, upon taking his chair in January, suggested that our major pro-



ject for the coming year be that we enlarge our hall to befit the needs of our increasing membership. This was voted on and carried unanimously in regular form, so, on July 10, with all sails set, we started in to build an addition to our hall, 30x40 feet, two stories high, affording us an up-to-date dining room and kitchen upstairs, and a ladies' and men's cloak room, ladies' rest room, and men's smoking room down stairs, at a cost of approximately \$3,000.00, thus giving us not only a modern and up-to-date hall for the Grange, but also a fine community center. The labor was volunteer, given by the members of our own Grange—the ladies not only served and cooked the meals for the workers on Sundays, but with hammer, saw and nails, built the seats around the main hall, which will now accommodate 200 people. We are very grateful for their help.

On the evening of October 7, our ever-welcome brother, Worthy State Master Geo. R. Harrison and his good wife answered the call of the gavel and did themselves proud in the dedication services which followed. Our dedication was an open meeting, every Grange but two in the county being represented, with about 400 people being present. After the dedication services, a short program, dancing, and light lunch were indulged in, until 2 a. m., when all left with a very satisfactory feeling all around that much had been accomplished for the community in providing such a modern community center. With this encouragement, we hope to reach the 250 mark by January 1, 1928.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES BACON,

Master Bellevue Grange No. 374.

### BENNETT VALLEY

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange—Greetings:

As Master of Bennett Valley Grange No. 16, P. of H., I have the pleasure of making the following report:

Our Grange has met regularly twice a month in our Grange Hall. The attendance is not what it should be, but the members who do attend show great interest in Grange work, and have the real Grange spirit that goes with it.

We have demitted four members during the year, and have

made a total gain of fifteen members with three more to be initiated. We have 107 members at the present time, all of whom are in good standing.

On May 28, we held our 54th consecutive annual picnic, at which everyone enjoyed themselves, and we also had the extreme pleasure of entertaining Pomona Grange on the 18th of September.

On the first Saturday of every month, we conduct our business meeting, and during the Lecturer's hour, agriculture is thoroughly discussed, while the second meeting is adapted to a social event. We endeavor to have an interesting program for the Lecturer's hour, which is followed by dancing and refreshments, and a social time is enjoyed by all.

We have made several improvements on our hall during the past season, the most extensive of which was the building of an alcove for musical programs, etc. It is a splendid piece of work and makes an excellent and much needed improvement on the hall.

Grange work has been very interesting this year, and we are all more than glad to be with you all at another meeting of the State Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK KIRCH,

Master, Bennett Valley Grange No. 16.

By Peter Hanson, Alternate.

### BESWICK

To Members of California State Grange:

Beswick Grange sends greetings. It pleases me to say that we are getting along very nicely.

Our attendance is large in proportion to our membership. We have added one new member to our Grange this year.

The Lecturer's hours have been very entertaining to the members generally, consisting of speaking, singing and instrumental music.

We had a visit from our State Master's wife, Sister Harrison.

Our Grange is small, but we try to do our part.

Fraternally submitted,

MAJOR SPENCER, Master.

E. V. GRIFFITH, Alternate.



**BOGUS**

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Bogus Grange sends greetings.

Our membership has not increased, but the members we  
have are real Grangers.

We hold our meetings regularly and have very good times.

We made an exhibit at the County Fair and let them know  
we were on the map.

Bogus Grange is always willing to assist any Grange in  
community affairs.

We are hoping to have a better report next year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. CHEESBROUGH, Master.

**CEDAR**

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange—Greetings:

As Master of Cedar Grange No. 402, I have the pleasure of  
submitting the following report:

We have 102 members at present. Our membership is  
about the same as last year, having lost a few members and  
gained a few. Our membership drive for the month of Sep-  
tember netted us only four members, with ten prospective can-  
didates who have promised to join when the fall harvest is  
over.

During the months of June, July, August and September  
we held one meeting for each month on account of the busy  
season.

On May 14, with Eagle Grange co-operating, we enter-  
tained Modoc Pomona Grange at Cedarville. There were over  
two hundred members in attendance. A delightful and inter-  
esting program was given in the evening, open to the public.  
A number of able speakers were present who explained the  
benefits to be derived through the Grange.

On June 8 our Worthy Master of the State Grange and  
wife were with us. The State Master gave a very nice talk  
on Grange matters and Sister Harrison on Juvenile Granges.  
These talks were a benefit to the members and enjoyed by all  
present.

Our main project for the year was to make the Modoc  
County Agricultural and Livestock Fair a success. From a

small beginning a year ago Cedar Grange and Eagle Grange working together have built up a fair until it has become a regulation County Fair, of which we feel very proud.

We have subscribed for The National Grange Monthly to be sent to each family belonging to our Grange for one year. We believe that this is the best way to boost our Grange.

Our financial position is fairly good. While we feel that we have not accomplished as much as we would have liked to, we are still on the job to make our Grange a grand success.

Fraternally submitted,

ALLEN P. NORTON, Master.

### COMMUNITY

To Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Community Grange was re-organized the 3rd of May with 49 members and we now have 59. Our young folks are taking hold quite well and we older ones think we will have good Grangers to take our places.

We are bending our efforts to the building of a Grange hall and are working for electric service in our community. We are also working hard for a new State Highway to go through our community and do away with the dangerous San Juan grade.

Our State Master and his good wife, with State Lecturer and State Deputy, Mr. and Mrs. Clendenen, made us a visit which we enjoyed very much and which was a big help to our Grange and we hope they will come often.

We are located midway between Watsonville and Salinas, an ideal place for a thriving Grange. We hope soon to be able to have a Pomona Grange in our county again.

We join with Asilomar in urging the State Grange to meet in our county in October, 1928, and will do all in our power to make it the best State Grange ever held in the State of California.

Fraternally yours,

M. K. PICKRELL, Alternate.

### COYOTE

To Our Worthy State Master and Members of  
State Grange—Greetings:

Coyote Grange No. 412 is in an active condition. Fairly



good attendance, and considered of much value to the ranch community.

The membership has increased by eight members. No demits. We lost one member by death, leaving a total membership of fifty-five.

We have been most fortunate in the Fraternal spirit of the neighboring Granges; namely, Orchard City, Morgan Hill and Gilroy, who have not only put on the Degree work for us, but also each in turn put on a full Lecturer hour. This was much appreciated by Coyote Grange.

We have enjoyed visits from our State Master and wife and from other State and County officials.

We are looking forward to a year of lively Grange work.

Fraternally yours,

BURT STEVENS, Master.

#### DANVILLE

To the Officers and Member of  
California State Grange—Greetings:

I beg to submit the following report for Danville Grange No. 85, P. of H.

The year just past could best be described by using the word "slow."

Our community has gradually become urban-minded. The agricultural appeal finds little or no response. Nearly fifty per cent of our membership are engaged in non-agricultural pursuits and care only for the social side of Grange activities. These social activities are paralleled by an over supply of social and fraternal orders.

Hence the year just past has yielded no increase in membership, and no outstanding Grange or community accomplishments worth mentioning.

We have, however, a handful of tried and true patrons who will no doubt do their best to make next year's report a more altruistic and cheering one.

This report is submitted in faith and hope with a plea for a large measure of charity.

W. E. STEWART,

Master Danville Grange.

**DAVIS CREEK**

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Davis Creek Grange No. 404 sends Greetings:

I am glad to report that our Grange is in a healthy and prosperous condition.

We have not missed a meeting this year, and our attendance has been very good. The Patrons all seem to take quite an interest in the Grange at present.

We have added 10 new members to our list, which makes a total of 74 members at the present time.

Our Grange has done fine this year. We have our \$200 piano all paid for, and own our own hall, and had it dedicated, at which time our Worthy State Master, Brother Harrison, and Sister Harrison were present, and performed the dedication ceremonies.

The Lecture hour has been very successful, and is very much enjoyed by all present.

Fraternally yours,

W. R. HERYFORD, Master.

O. H. DAVIS, Alternate.

**DINUBA**

Report of Dinuba Grange, No. 342, at the 55th Annual Session of the California State Grange.

Dinuba Grange is advancing slowly, but surely. At the last session of State Grange, we had 98 active members. Since then, we have taken in 26 new members. But as we have lost 16 members—11 by suspension, 3 'by demit, and 2 by death—we have at present 108 active members.

We have held regular meetings the 2nd and 4th Saturday nights of every month, except one meeting date in July. That date was used to work on the Grange lots at Grant Park.

We have initiated 3 classes since the last State Grange. The Ladies Drill Team put on the degree work at two of these, and the 1st and 2nd degrees of the others; the officers putting on the 3rd and 4th degrees. The Ladies Team also put on the 1st and 2nd degrees for a class at Tulare Grange. As a result of the recent drive, we have applications for four new members.



During the past eight months our average attendance at meetings has been 50. The treasurer and master have attended every meeting; the secretary has missed but one. All the officers and members have worked faithfully and harmoniously.

Our lecturer has had a program for every meeting. These have been varied and interesting, consisting of music, recitations, talks and discussions from our members, and from outside sources. The Lecturer had moving pictures, music, and speakers on vital subjects.

We have also a small, but growing, Grange orchestra, which plays at initiations and other occasions.

For our community project we are fixing up the Grange lots at General Grant Park. Thus far, we have dug a well, put in a pump, made a rustic sign and hung it, and cleaned up in general.

Dinuba Grange has advanced under difficulties. Crops have been spotted as to yield and quality, and prices have been low. There has also been another bank failure in Dinuba this year, which crippled many of our members financially.

But, notwithstanding these hardships, our members are going ahead cheerfully and steadfastly.

C. E. SHIMER, Master.

### DORRIS

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I send to you good wishes of Dorris Grange, No. 393.

We have a paying membership of seventy-six and have never missed holding our twice a month meetings. Have had a fair attendance so far this year, a mutual good feeling has existed among the members and all are trying to assist the others in all that pertains to up-lift, working in harmony to improve the industrial and agricultural resources for the good of all.

Our members have endeavored to make ours an honor roll Grange in the following manner:

1st. We have initiated a class of candidates twice during the year, using the full Grange ceremony for all four degrees.

2nd. We have completed a definite piece of community service by clearing and cleaning our cemetery.

3rd. We have maintained a worth while lecture hour at every meeting, except when our officers were installed.

4th. We open and close without the use of the manual.

5th. We have always made prompt payment of dues to our State Secretary.

We also derive much pleasure socially at Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners given by the Grangers for themselves and friends in our Grange hall, and on July the Fourth by having a picnic in a beautiful grove. At each event a literary program was put on for the entertainment of our guests.

For some time we have hoped for a neighboring Grange, and just recently our State and National Organizer, Bro. H. A. Craig, organized a new Grange at Macdoel, a distance of eleven miles from Dorris, and I am confident that this will keep Grange interest growing here.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY A. HOLZHAUSER,

Master of Dorris Grange, No. 393.

### EASTERN YUBA

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange,  
Greetings from Eastern Yuba No. 425:

Being yet in the Infant Class among the State Grangers, and having been started with a rather serious handicap, it affords me pleasure to report that our members are again being imbued with their original enthusiasm. Outsiders are manifesting an interest and desire to become members, so that by the time we have settled down to steady, active work, good reports will come from us.

Ours is the first Grange to be organized in Yuba County in over forty years, at which time a Grange at Mooney Flat went out of existence. Our county is a fertile field for a good organizer, and I trust that our example and growth will be the incentive for more Granges to be organized in our county.

In behalf of the Marysville Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and the Citizens of Yuba County, I bring greetings, and at the proper time will present an invitation for the next State Grange meeting to be held in the Hub City of Imperial California, Marysville.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. SWINGLEY, Master.



## EAST PALO ALTO

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange,  
Greetings from East Palo Alto Grange:

I regret very much that I will not be able to be present and present this report in person but it is impossible for me to get away at this time. Our Grange is growing all the time, having gained 39 members this year. We have met regularly twice a month, also held several special meetings. We are sorry to report that we have lost 3 loyal members by death; 4 by demit; 3 by removal; and 15 by non-payment of dues. During the past year the average attendance has been 100 members. All our degree work is put on in full form, third and fourth being conferred by the Ladies Degree Team which includes tableau work on the stage. This exemplifies the ritualistic work in an impressive manner.

We were very happy to have our Worthy State Master, Brother Harrison and wife, with us on January 15, at which time they installed the Pomona officers and subordinate officers of three neighboring Granges, as we were entertaining Pomona Grange.

Our Grange has also had the pleasure of the visits of three other State officers this year, as follows: Brother and Sister Clendenning and Brother Stanley Smith.

On April 19th we were favored by another visit of Worthy State Master Harrison and wife, at which time they inspected our Grange.

East Palo Alto Grange has lived up to the requirements of an "Honor Grange" this year and our outstanding community work has been to establish a branch county library near the schoolhouse which will serve 900 people.

Grange Boosters Week we held two public meetings. At one of these meetings Leon Whitsell of the Railroad Commissioners gave an interesting talk and music was furnished by the Grange Orchestra. The other public meeting was a program of tableaux given by the Degree team, other members of the Grange assisting. These tableaux represented patriotic events, pictures of note, and Biblical scenes.

The Grange feels greatly indebted to the committee who worked so hard to make our booth at the California Prune and Apricot Exposition bring to us the first prize of \$75.00. Also to the Degree team for winning second prize of \$15.00 in the parade held at the same place.

Part of our efforts this year have been put forth to doing something for our school where we hold our meetings. A beautiful Christmas tree was presented to the school, which is growing nicely, also a radio set and a sewing machine.

The Committee on Sanitation has done a helpful work for the community by securing the weekly service of a garbage company.

All the officers have been faithful in their attendance the past year. The Worthy Lecturer has furnished us with good uplifting and entertaining programs at each meeting. The Worthy Secretary has been loyal and thorough in her work. The Degree team and their captain and musician have been untiring workers throughout the year, putting on the work in a most able and impressive manner.

Fraternally submitted,

W. S. WARDLAW, Master.

J. L. DRYSDALE AND WIFE, Alternates.

### ELK GROVE

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

For many years Elk Grove Grange has been known as one of the most active and strongest Granges in California.

During the past year we have maintained that reputation.

We enjoyed fraternal visits from other Granges in our county on several occasions.

Elk Grove Grange is as active as usual in civic affairs in the community where it is located.

The membership joins their delegate in wishing this State convention every success.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE SEHLMAYER, Alternate.

### FALL RIVER

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange—Greetings:

The following is a report of the Fall River Grange, No. 422, from September 23, 1926, to September 29, 1927.

During the above period we held nineteen regular meetings and four special meetings; three regular meetings were missed; two on account of quarantine, and one on the night of the High School Commencement exercises.



Our Degree team conferred the Third and Fourth Degrees on seven different occasions, there being a total of fifty-nine candidates from various Granges, composed of Adin, Lookout, Hat Creek, and McArthur, also our own Grange.

Different movements were exemplified on the floor by a Degree team of twenty, also the tableaux at the proper times in the Degree work.

Our total membership at the present time is.....	99
Total gain by initiation during year.....	25
Average attendance of officers.....	9 1/3
Average attendance of members.....	48%
Total number of visitors.....	188

Our visitors came from the following Granges: Battle Ground, Wash., Cloverdale, Ore., Gazelle, Calif., Dorris, Calif., Sebastopol, Calif., Alturas, Calif., Adin, Lookout, McArthur and Hat Creek.

We had the pleasure of one visit from the State Master, Brother George R. Harrison, and wife, at which time the Third and Fourth Degrees were conferred. Also two visits from the State Overseer, Brother H. A. Craig.

We gave a free entertainment on November 11, 1926, putting on a war picture for a full house.

We received the first prize at the International Fair for the Grange exhibit, also entered a float at the Fair parade.

Our Road Committee has accomplished a great deal towards the improvement of our roads.

All committees have been faithful to their work and have accomplished a lot for our Grange.

We extend a cordial invitation to any and all members of the State Grange and Granges of California, to visit with us at any time.

H. F. CRICHTON, Master.

## FORESTVILLE

Worthy Master, Officers and Patrons of  
California State Grange—Greetings:

On behalf of Forestville Grange, No. 367, I submit the following:

Our Grange is not in quite as flourishing a condition as last year, due to so many moving away, also quite a number have been suspended for lack of dues and a number have asked for demits, but we have not lost courage and expect to in-

crease our membership this winter. Our membership now is one hundred and five. We have lost seventeen.

Our financial condition is in fair shape. We give dances and card parties to raise money and have a good attendance.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER B. HAVENSTRITE, Master.

MRS. LOTTIE WAKELAND, Alternate.

### FORT ROMIE

To the Officers and Members of  
State Grange of California :

As Master of Fort Romie Grange, No. 358, I submit the following report:

The officers of our Grange were installed by Past Master Attilio Binsacca, State Master Harrison being unable to install them. During the year we initiated five (5) new members, no demits and no death.

Our finances are in good condition, and our attendance very good and the meetings have been enjoyed. The worthy Lecturer deserves the most credit for good programs.

Fort Romie Grange has been instrumental in securing a fine new road, which is now being constructed, extending from the highway a distance of five miles.

The schoolhouse burning down, Fort Romie Grange tendered the trustees of the school the use of our hall, which was thankfully accepted.

Fraternally submitted,

PHILIP J. GONZALES, Master.

### GAZELLE

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

I bring you greetings from Gazelle Grange No. 380. While we are a small Grange of 72 members, we are the oldest in the county, having celebrated our tenth birthday with a card party the 6th of April.

Pomona Grange met with us for an all-day session on the first of October, with a good attendance from various Granges of the county.

We have taken in eleven new members by initiation and reinstated three since the first of the year, and at present have four applicants awaiting initiation.



I am very sorry to report that we lost one very faithful Grange worker by death, Sister Lois S. Craig.

We enjoyed a pleasant visit from our Worthy State Master Harrison and Mrs. Harrison early in the year.

Gazelle Grange is happy to report that its new hall is nearing completion, the work being donated by loyal members of other Granges, as well as many of the home Granges, and donations from several non-members.

We especially appreciate the help we received from Greenhorn, Little Shasta and Mt. Boliver Granges. During the harvest months, while all were busy with their crops, the attendance was very small, but we anticipate a better attendance now that the rush season is over.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES M. COPPLE, Alternate.

### GEYSERVILLE

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

I have the honor to submit the following report of Geyserville Grange No. 312.

Our Grange has taken on a new lease of life in the past year, having the best attendance of members, and officers, enjoyed in a number of years, owing, I am sure, to two causes, that of owning our own home, and to the splendid work of our Home Economics Committee, and interestingly splendid reports of the Agricultural Committees. Also our Decorating Committee deserves special mention as no meeting this year has been held in an undecorated hall.

Because of the falling off of attendance in the past few years and lack of interest of the members, and the failure to respond to the call for dues, we have made this year, especially, one of bringing in the old members, rather than the taking in of so many new ones, and have succeeded.

We have now 103 members in good standing, and have earned, during the year, \$164.64. Gave \$15.00 to flood relief, purchased and paid for a piano, 40 chairs, one table and four other chairs. Have entertained Pomona Grange with dinner for 250 members. Pomona Grange presented us with \$25 for our new home, and Progressive Grange gave us \$6.00 for a kitchen shower. October 28 we will have a raviola supper, to begin a fund for the building of a larger hall on our land.

We celebrated our 28th anniversary with a wonderful party with a huge birthday cake that gave us a great deal of publicity. Had as guests, State Master Harrison and Mrs. Harrison, and the wife of the founder, and several charter members.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BELLE LEROUX, Master.

### GILROY

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Gilroy Grange No. 398 started the year's work with a joint installation of officers with Morgan Hill and Coyote Granges, Worthy Master Geo. R. Harrison installing.

Early in the year it was decided that the major project for the year should be an attempt to eliminate a certain unjust special 40c road tax which we think has been superceded by the recently devised gasoline tax. Our committee visited every Grange in Santa Clara county, together with three Farmers' Unions and one Chamber of Commerce. In every meeting we received the unqualified endorsement of the meeting, only three persons speaking in the negative during the whole series of meetings. We met with the Board of Supervisors at two special meetings at which our proposition was rejected; however, the General Committee, composed of three members from each of the organizations endorsing our proposition, resolved itself into a permanent committee for the purpose of scrutinizing taxation under the new Budget Law, which will come into effect in 1928. Although our proposition was rejected, we feel that we have made enough progress in explaining the injustice of the present system of taxation to justify the efforts that we have made and have every reason to expect that the 1928 and subsequent assessments will be more equitable.

Our Legislative Committee has been especially active in keeping in touch with the various bills as they progressed through the legislature.

Meetings have been held regularly twice every month at each of which we have had a Lecturer's program and refreshments.

Penny drill has been the means of raising funds for the purchase of flowers for such of our members that have been reported ill.

Gilroy Grange as an organization has taken out a mem-



bership in Gilroy Chamber of Commerce and in Radio Station KQW.

The year's business has been generally satisfactory; we have accomplished certain objects which could not conceivably have been accomplished without an organization striving for the improvement of living conditions among rural people. With this kind of a start we feel that the future will take care of itself.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS HUNTER, Master,  
Gilroy Grange No. 398.

### GOLD HILL

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

In making the annual report of Gold Hill Grange, I beg to submit the following: We have held 22 meetings during the year, with fairly good attendance. Brother Clendenning was up to help us get more members with good success. The Degree team from Rio Linda came up and gave the Third and Fourth Degrees to 23 members on December 14. We had a visit from the Worthy Master and his wife on May 24. We also had visitors from Sacramento County Pomona Grange. Every suggestion from the Master of California State Grange we have discussed, and other things we have taken up. We had a picnic in Gold Hill, the first time in twelve years. We own the hall in which we hold our meetings. In Grange Fraternal Insurance we have done fairly well, with a good prospect of more applications in the near future.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN P. PETERSEN, Alternate.

### GREENHORN

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

I beg to submit the following report:

Our order has held its regular meetings; there has been a net loss of eleven owing somewhat to the members being of a transient class, though good workers while they stay.

We have a series of card parties each winter, giving the members pleasure as well as the public.

Our order heartily backs the County Fair Association in its work and this year put in an exhibit as a Grange Community booth which won the \$100 cash prize awarded by Peter B. Kyne, as well as the silver trophy cup given by the Fair Board.

We have \$921 in the building fund and \$123 in the general, which we feel is a good showing for a membership of 138.

On the third of June we enjoyed a visit from our Worthy State Master, George R. Harrison, and wife, who are always welcome visitors.

On the 14th of May our Grange met with Little Shasta Grange, our Lecturer putting on the program.

Visitors are always welcomed at our meetings on the first and third Fridays.

GEORGE CALKINS, Master

Of Greenhorn Grange No. 384.

### GUENOC

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Guenoc Grange No. 373 has been doing very well the past year. We have not gained in membership as much as we would have liked to, but we have had initiation once every quarter on a small class of candidates each time. We have lost a few by dimit and a few for non-payment of dues. At present we have 82 enrolled.

We have a Degree team that put on the Degree work each time and it is always looked forward to with much pleasure.

The past year we have put a new roof on our hall, and also a new floor in, and after the new floor was laid we held three dances which netted us a very nice fund. Our building fund is growing slowly.

We have held our meetings regularly with a very good attendance. Very much interest is taken at our meetings and our social events are always enjoyed by all.

Our Worthy Master, Brother Harrison, and Sister Harrison paid our Grange a visit in April, and it was very much enjoyed and greatly appreciated by us all.

We are looking forward to the meeting of the Napa, Lake Pomona Grange with us on October 9. We hope this event will be a pleasant meeting for all of us.



The Master sincerely regrets that he is unable to be with you at this session.

Fraternally yours,

C. M. MORIN, Master.

PEARL NEWCOMB, Alternate.

### HALLWOOD

To Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange,  
Fifty-fifth Annual Convention:

Greetings from Hallwood Grange, No. 426:

Having been organized in July, this year, with fifty-one charter members, we have little to report.

We hold meetings twice each month on the first and third Tuesdays and have had good attendance considering it being the busiest time of the year with us.

State Master and wife visited our Grange in August and helped us in getting started in the proper way; their visit was very much appreciated by all the members.

One hundred and thirty-five dollars have been raised by voluntary donations to be used to purchase necessary equipment for our work. The ladies have the robes nearly completed.

Our hall is small and equipped with home-made fixtures, including benches and tables, which we thought more preferable than purchasing new and going in debt.

We feel that we will soon be ready to put on a membership drive and hope by next annual state session to be able to report a substantial increase.

Our Lecturer is a nurse and has had no time to devote to Grange work, so we have been deprived of the Lecturer's hour.

Our Grange extends a cordial invitation to any Grange or members to visit us and coach us in our new duties.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. LOLMAUGH, Master.

### HAPPY CAMP

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Happy Camp Grange No. 395 sends greetings:

Our Grange is holding its own; there are 29 members in

good standing with two applicants to be initiated at our next meeting.

Our Treasurer's books show a good balance in the general fund and an entertainment is to be given by us on October 29 to add to this fund.

Through the efforts of our Grange a dry constable was appointed to fill a vacancy and the Grange pledged its support to him in enforcing the prohibition laws.

We are working on a means of fire protection for Happy Camp and hope to have it perfected by next fire season.

HORACE PHILLIPS, Master.

C. JOE GORDON, Alternate.

### HAT CREEK

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Hat Creek Grange No. 421 sends greetings:

As Master of Hat Creek Grange, I am happy to report that our Grange has passed a healthy and prosperous year. We have accomplished much in the way of community betterment and neighborliness.

We have initiated seventeen new members but have lost eleven by non-payment of dues, two by demit, and two by death and we now have four applications to vote on.

On July 1 we were honored by a visit from our Worthy State Master, Brother Harrison, and Sister Harrison.

On July Fourth we gave a dance and a picnic which were both successful affairs. The proceeds were donated by the Grange to a needy brother.

We have been very unfortunate in getting a Lecturer who would stay with us. During the year we have had two who both resigned. Due to an epidemic of infantile paralysis in the community we have had no meetings since the last resignation, therefore are without a Lecturer.

Only a few weeks ago a very sad fire loss occurred in which Brother and Sister Jones lost their house and contents and Brother Jones was so badly burned that he passed away a few hours later.

In the coming year we hope to accomplish more than we have in the past.

Fraternally submitted,

VERNON G. MARCH, Master,

Hat Creek Grange No. 421.



**HORN BROOK**

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Hornbrook Grange No. 391 sends greetings for a successful meeting

We have not had a very busy year on account of illness and members going away. We have lost a few members and gained a few.

Our drill team is still on the job. We expect to put on the work in the Third and Fourth degrees for a class of candidates.

We have started our new hall, which we hope to get finished in a month.

All of our meetings have been well attended with much interest shown.

We enjoyed a visit from State Master and Sister Harrison.

We very much regret not having been inspected this year, but will get in the ring next year.

Our Juvenile Grange is still growing and will soon have a home of its own.

Fraternally submitted,

LINNIE MUELLER, Alternate.

RUSH GRIEVES, Master.

**LIKELY**

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Likely Grange No. 405 sends greetings.

As Master of Likely Grange, I beg to submit the following report:

Our Grange has not been increasing much in members, as most of the people in the community have been taken in.

We have taken in six new members, however, and several have dropped out.

We have not had very good attendance for the last few months, owing to the busy season of the year, but they have been better lately.

Fifteen hundred dollars was appropriated by the Supervisors of Modoc county toward holding county fairs by request of the different Granges of the county.

On January 10 we held joint installation of officers with Alturas Grange at Likely.

The officers were installed by Deputy Leon T. Smith.

The Alturas drill team put on the work in a very impressive manner, also the Alturas Grange orchestra favored us with a few favorite selections.

On February 28 Likely Grange donated \$1.00 to each child in the neighborhood under 14 years of age to start a saving account. There were fifty-one children.

On July 5 we had the pleasure of a visit from our Worthy State Master and his wife.

Our Worthy Lecturer, Sister Flournoy, has rendered very instructive and interesting programs during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

P. B. McGARVA, Master.

### LITTLE SHASTA

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Little Shasta Grange No. 399 has continued its regular meetings with fair attendance, with the exception of July and August, during our harvest season.

Our membership is about the same as it was last year. We have appointed a Membership Drive Committee and hope to be able to make a more favorable report in this respect next year.

On February 18 we gave an Old Time Hard Time dance, the proceeds from which enabled us to pay our hall rent for the current year with a margin left for our treasury.

On February 4, a chicken pie supper was given and well supported, the proceeds therefrom, upon vote of the Grange, being turned over to the Little Shasta Hall Corporation, the membership of which is comprised mostly of Grange members.

We are doing considerable community work well worthy of comment, such as cleaning up of cemetery and church grounds, and painting of parsonage.

Our Lecture hours have been instructive and interesting, with something for each and all, as have also the discussions on matters concerning the welfare of our community, county and state.

On June 7 we were honored with an official visit of the Worthy State Master, George R. Harrison, and wife, our Ladies' Degree team exemplifying the Third and Fourth degrees.



On May 14 we entertained Greenhorn Grange, our Degree team exemplifying the Third and Fourth degrees to a class of six candidates of Greenhorn Grange; Greenhorn Grange in turn putting on a very delightful lecture hour.

Our Grange subscribes for the National Grange Monthly for all officers, many articles being read therefrom during our lecture hours, and several of our members have taken out Grange insurance.

Fraternally,

LEO L. BROWN, Master.

By Allie May Brown.

### LOOKOUT

To the Worthy State Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Lookout Grange No. 415 sends Fraternal Greetings:

Upon examination of the Secretary's records and my standing Committee's reports I am pleased to issue the following report:

We have held our regular meeting twice a month without the loss of a meeting; meetings were called practically on time with a fair attendance present at each meeting.

We have held one special meeting for initiation.

Our membership is now ninety-two members. We gained six by initiation, three by affiliation and have nine candidates that have taken the First and Second Degrees and will soon be full pledged members. We have lost five members by non-payment of dues, but our records show a gain of four members, not counting the nine that have taken the First and Second Degrees.

Our Lecture hour has been well observed except on nights of initiation.

Many of our members have paid their dues in advance, and we have no members that are far in arrears with their dues.

The Home Economics Committee has had a good report at each regular meeting and if the members followed the suggestions offered some good was derived from these reports.

The Farm and Stock Committee has encouraged the importation of thoroughbred stock and were successful in getting a few head of thoroughbred stock in the community. They caused to be planted three test crops, one of Trebi

Barley, and two of White Federation Wheat, and have reported on the progress of these crops and also gave good reports at the various meetings on other subjects relative to farm and stock.

The Orchard and Garden Committee circulated a pledge and secured from the members and residents of this section pledges to plant trees, flowers, gardens, shrubs, build new yard fences, build walks, paint homes and other improvements about the home. I find nearly 75 per cent of the pledges are now fulfilled resulting in over seventy shade trees planted, several flower gardens, two lawns, one house painted and other improvements.

The Roads and Highway Committee has been very active. They have mailed out over one hundred sixty letters to the large civic bodies of the State in promotion of The Dalles-Reno Highway, have sent special representatives before the Governor, Highway Commissions, and the Legislature; and attended many important road meetings held at various places.

They placed at a cost of \$60 three large road signs on the three important roads leading into our valley. They secured the resurfacing of one-half a mile of road leading into Lookout. They secured a survey of two miles of road and have succeeded in getting one and one-fourth miles of this new road graded and properly drained with the promise of the entire completion next year.

The Education Committee visited the Trustees of our Grammar School and succeeded in getting the schoolhouse and out-buildings repainted, school furniture repaired, new front fence built, well bored, and drinking fountain installed.

The Insurance Committee has insured three members this year.

The Refreshment Committee has furnished us with good eats at nearly every regular meeting.

The Legislative Committee was active during the Legislative session and had representatives before the Legislature in the interest of various bills that our Grange was promoting.

The Fish and Game Committee sent a special representative to San Francisco to appear before the Fish and Game Commission and secured the promise to get planted China Pheasants in Big Valley; but so far their efforts have failed.

The Orchestra Committee has done good work and has a



class of twelve members taking lessons. The Orchestra is now able to play in concert. The Committee is to be recommended as they raise their own funds to defray their expenses.

The Hall Committee has succeeded in raising sufficient funds to buy our own hall and our Worthy State Master, Brother Harrison, and Sister Harrison dedicated our hall when here on their official visit in July. They have offered plans for a new hall, have submitted a building plan and a plan to finance building; and I feel that by this time next year the new hall will be well toward completion.

The Entertainment Committee has raised \$170.90 giving plays, dances, etc.

I find we have a fair balance in the treasure to defray any necessary expenses that may arise.

All officers are able to open and close the Grange without the use of a manual and some of the officers know all the initiatory work, but I feel this is our weakest point in Grange work.

I regret my inability to be present with you at this important meeting and wish you success in all your undertakings.

Faternally submitted,

CLINTON J. FULCHER, Master.

### MACDOEL

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Macdoel Grange No. 427 sends greetings, and best wishes for a pleasant and profitable meeting.

Macdoel Grange No. 427 was organized on September 21, 1927, by National and State Organizer Brother H. A. Craig.

Brother Henry M. Andrus was elected Master at our first meeting, but conditions were such he could not continue, so at our second meeting, September 28, Brother Gilmer was elected.

The charter was closed with forty-nine members.

On October 5 Master Gilmer sent in his resignation, which was accepted. I was elected and duly installed.

Owing to the short time our Grange has been organized I have nothing much to report, but believing ourselves a real

live bunch of Grangers will assure you a better report next time.

The only committees that have reported are the Hall and By-laws Committees.

Our Grange meets twice a month, the first and third Wednesday nights.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. YOUNG, Master.

### McARTHUR

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange—Greetings:

The McArthur Grange, situated in northeastern Shasta county, held every regular meeting this year until the last two, which were impossible on account of an infantile paralysis quarantine.

Fall River Grange and McArthur co-operated in putting on the degree work which we find very successful.

We have also co-operated on our Road Committee work, and have put over a great deal of useful and needed work. One thing being, putting the highway between Fall River and McArthur on a permanent survey. It has always been the worst link in the Redding Alturas lateral.

Brother and Sister Craig installed our officers last January in a joint meeting with Fall River and Hat Creek.

We sent out \$10.00 to KQW for a sustaining membership. A number of our members enjoy the programs and profit by them a great deal.

During the flood disaster we contributed \$25.00 toward their relief.

Also donated \$87.50 to the suport of our local Fair, which was held last September, at which time many contests were held between our local Granges—a tug o' war, a booth exhibit contest, and each had a float in the parade.

Our birthday being June 14, we gave a fine show and dance and invited the general public and interested a good many in this way.

Our Worthy State Master and his good wife paid us a visit in June, and much helpful advice and many kind suggestions were given us by them.



Our attendance has been unusually good the past year, and we feel a lot of good is to be accomplished in the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. LOOSLEY, Master.

### MORGAN HILL

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Greetings from Morgan Hill Grange 408.

I can report with pleasure that Morgan Hill Grange has made progress throughout the year. Our meetings are held regularly and are full of interest, our attendance is always good, our standing committees perform their duties regularly and well, but I feel I should make special mention of our Legislative Committee, which is always alive to the best interest of the Grange.

We have made some gain in membership. We began the year with 157 members, our present membership is 172. We lost during the year 29 members by expulsion, demit, and death; up to the present time we have taken in 44 new members. We put on all four degrees in form; the officers of the Grange put on the First and Second Degrees, and our Degree team conferred the Third and Fourth. We have a very efficient Degree team under the leadership of Sister Norton, our Lecturer.

Feb. 11—Our meeting was very interesting. Conferred the First and Second Degrees. We were visited by our Deputy State Master and his wife, our State Lecturer. They both gave us good advice and much encouragement.

April 22—Congressman A. M. Free gave an interesting talk on Legislation as it effects the farmer.

May 13—Received a visit from our Worthy State Master and his wife, also Brother Dudgeon and his wife of Fort Romie Grange, and Brother Jones, Master of Pomona Grange. The Home Economics Committee put on a coffee cake contest and the program for the evening. The refreshments consisted of coffee cake and coffee. The Grange was presented with a birthday cake, it being our anniversary. Addresses by Brother Harrison and his wife added much to the interest of the meeting.

May 27—The Grange started a contest to increase attendance, create a greater interest and add to our membership. The colors chosen by the captains were red and orange.

June 9—Morgan Hill and Coyote Grange entertained Pomona Grange in San Jose.

June 24—Morgan Hill Grange was inspected by our State Master. The Third and Fourth Degrees were conferred.

July 3—In line with recommendations from our State Master, Gilroy, Coyote and Morgan Hill Granges gave a basket picnic to which all Granges and the public were invited. It was a day to be devoted to publicity for the Granges, but we were unfortunate in being unable to secure a good speaker, but we had a very enjoyable time and hope to repeat it again each year.

June 10—Enjoyed a visit from our Deputy State Master and his wife, Brother Barnes, Master of Orchard City Grange, and a number of their members. Orchard City Grange put on the program, which was enjoyed by all.

Sept. 23—The Grange celebrated the closing of our contest. The Orange, captained by the Master, won the contest. The losers were to provide the feast and the winners to put on the program. The evening was given over to having a general good time and it was enjoyed by all.

During the contest we increased our attendance, and secured 52 new applications. Every one concerned thought they were well paid for their effort.

We feel grateful to our State Master, Deputy State Master and their wives, also to Brother Jones, Master of Pomona Grange, for their kind words of encouragement and the good advice given during their visits.

Our financial condition is good. At the present time we are organizing a Degree team of young folks for the First and Second Degrees.

Fraternally

W. G. LOVEJOY, Master,  
Of Morgan Hill Grange.

### MOUNTAIN VIEW

Worthy Master and Officers of  
California State Grange:

Mountain View Grange, No. 332, sends greetings:

The year 1927 began with a joint installation of officers of Mountain View Grange and East Palo Alto with our



Worthy State Master, George R. Harrison, and Mrs. Harrison present to officiate.

Work in our own hall has gone on about as usual except for a change in the opening exercises.

The Worthy Master of Mountain View, Mrs. Emma Trimble, was compelled to resign in May owing to illness in her family, therefore, a new Master was installed in the middle of the year, being a handicap to progress in a way.

All regular meetings except one, July 2, have been held with a fair attendance.

The discussions from the floor regarding fruit growing, care of orchards, etc., are one of the most interesting features of our meetings.

Good programs have been prepared for each meeting. There has been splendid co-operation among both officers and members during the year and we are looking forward to a busy winter.

Membership January 1, 1927.....	223
Loss by demit .....	5
Loss by non-payment dues.....	18
Loss by withdrawal .....	5
Loss by death .....	2
Admitted .....	5

Five are now ready to take the degrees and eight applications were voted on at our last meeting.

We are grieved to report the death of our Worthy Master's husband, Mr. John Trimble, who passed away June 19, after an illness of six months.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WHITSELL, Master.

### MT. BOLIVER

Report from Mt. Boliver Grange No. 218, represented by Wilber R. Parker and Mrs. Eva H. Parker, Master and wife.

We have done some good communitiy work and our members have taken a great deal of interest in Fair work.

Our Grange is in good financial condition and only a few members are in arrears for dues. At the present time we have two new members to be initiated and applications to be turned in for more. We have 74 members at the present time.

W. R. PARKER, Master.

## NAPA

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Napa Grange sends greetings.

We are still gaining in membership; one year ago we had 311, today 327 members; we have gained 48 by initiation and lost 32—one by death.

The average attendance for the year has been well over the hundred mark.

On the second meeting of November we celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the organization of the National Grange with appropriate exercises; first the lights were turned out and a large birthday cake was wheeled to the center of the hall with sixty lighted candles surrounding it. While the candles burned the four Past Masters of the Napa Grange gave talks on the history and accomplishments of the Grange. We were honored by a visit from Brother Libby, Master of Napa-Lake Pomona Grange, at this meeting.

The exercises at Napa's community Christmas Tree were held during Christmas week, but owing to the extreme cold weather prevailing at the time, there was not as large a gathering as at the dedication.

At the second meeting of January, a joint installation of the officers of the three Napa county Granges was held. We also had the pleasure of a visit from the Worthy State Master and his wife and Brother M. T. Hunt, Past Master of the Sacramento County Pomona, and his wife at this meeting.

Upon the invitation of Rev. M. S. McKerricher, a member of the Napa Grange, to visit his church in a body when he would choose as his subject, "Earth's First Granger," about 75 members attended.

At the request of the family of our departed Brother F. L. Gunn, the services at the cemetery were conducted by the Grange.

The April meeting of Napa-Lake Pomona Grange was held at Napa. Brother and Sister Harrison, Brother J. N. Watt, our State Treasurer, Brother and Sister Clendening, State Lecturer, were present at this meeting.

The second annual picnic was held with a large gathering from all Napa County Granges.

We had the pleasure of several visits from the Worthy Master and members of Sonoma Valley Grange during the year



so it was decided to return these fraternal visits in a body so about 50 of us journeyed to Sonoma where a very enjoyable program was rendered during the evening.

We have also received visits from the Masters and members of Rutherford and Silvarado Granges and various members from Napa have visited them.

At our last meeting our Worthy State Master and Sister Harrison were present to conduct the annual inspection. We were also honored by the presence of the Worthy National Chaplain, Brother Deal, Brother S. S. Knight, Brother George Sehlmeier, Brother Bailhache, Pomona Master and his wife, Brother Stice, Rutherford Master and his wife, and members from various surrounding Granges.

The National Grange Monthly is still supplied to each Grange family.

At the Agricultural Fair held in Napa we placed a float in the parade and while it did not capture first prize, was a very creditable display, representing agricultural products, fruit and flowers, presided over by the three Patron Goddesses.

Napa also contributed a year's membership in the Radic Station KQW.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. ADDY, Master.

### ORANGEVALE

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange—Greetings:

We see by the year book we had 36 members October 1, 1926. The latter part of September, 1926, Brother Clendening visited us. When he arrived we thought he had a barren field to work in, but that great scout enthused Brother Patterson and myself to a point where we got into the automobile and rolled up our sleeves and went after new members, with the result that fifty applications were brought in and on October 13, forty candidates were initiated in the First and Second Degrees by the American River Degree team in a very nice manner.

On October 16 the Third and Fourth Degrees were conferred by the Rio Linda team with much credit to themselves. Since then we have our own organized team, which does the work to our satisfaction.

February 9 we organized an automobile drive for members. The Overland, led by Brother Shackleton; Ford, by Brother

Leonard, and Studebaker, by Brother Patterson, supper to be served by losing teams. Near the close of the six weeks' limit, some of the other teams inquired of Patterson what he was going to serve for the supper. Brothers Patterson and Bennett took a Studebaker and went out after applicants. It is needless to say the other teams had to put up the feed.

March 23 we celebrated our seventeenth birthday—had a few Past State Officers with us, also present Pomona officers.

We exhibited at the Sacramento Flower Show held in Sacramento's beautiful Memorial Auditorium in April, and carried off first and third prizes. The prize being \$5.00, was voted for the providing of the Orangevale arches.

Worthy State Master George R. Harrison and wife were with us on May 25 and inspected our Grange.

We assisted the various War Veteran's organizations of Roseville and Antelope Granges in Memorial exercises at Sylvan Cemetery.

Initiations were held every meeting from February 2 through to August 10, work exemplified by Ladies' Degree team.

We have worked on agricultural interests and community affairs. Donated to Mississippi flood relief; sponsored an entertainment given to raise funds for Orangevale arches; these arches to be built by the Orangevale Womans Club assisted by all local organizations. Have had interesting programs with the exception of three meetings, and have not missed a meeting this year; the attendance has been good. Our membership October 1, 1926, was 36; received during the year 101, making 137; net gain nearly 400 per cent, which we challenge the State to beat.

On October 7 we lost Brother George W. Bailly by death.

On October 12 we entertained the Sacramento County Pomona Grange, at which time the Fifth Degree team put on the work, initiating ten members.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. BENNETT, Alternate.

### ORCHARD CITY

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Orchard City Grange No. 333 of Campbell, Santa Clara County, sends greetings:

It is with pleasure that I submit this report:

Our Grange has had a very successful year in growth, at-



tendance, and interest shown by the members. It has a membership of two hundred and eighty-five with an average attendance of seventy-eight, and hope to increase our membership to three hundred before 1927 passes into history.

Our outstanding work for the year is to build our own hall. We now own our lot and have a substantial amount in the building fund. All the members have worked faithfully in helping to raise funds by giving card parties, fairs, etc. We hope to soon have our own home; then watch us grow.

Our Worthy Lecturer has presented some fine programs. On one occasion we celebrated our 24th anniversary; the twelve Masters having served during those years were present and each presented with his Past Masters pin properly engraved. The eleven charter members present were each given a basket of flowers. It was an evening of pleasure long to be remembered by all.

An evening was given over to Goddess Flora and all the Floras of the county were invited to take part. Each Flora was presented with a beautiful large bouquet of flowers, and our own Flora gave a history of the Goddess Flora.

Another date was Goddess Pomona's, to which all Pomonas of the county were also invited and each presented with baskets of different kinds of fruits, each responding with appropriate remarks regarding their respective fruit. A large cornucopia filled with apples was placed beside Pomona, and as the line of members passed in front of her, each was presented with an apple.

These are a few of our Worthy Lecturer's many fine programs.

Our Grange has its own orchestra, consisting of nine members. It has been quite an inspiration to our Grange, and also visited and played for two other Granges in the county, Morgan Hill and another evening with Coyote.

We entertained Pomona Grange in May with a large attendance. The fifth degree work was put on by the Pomona degree team.

On September 27th we were favored with a visit from our Worthy State Master, Bro. Harrison and Sister Harrison at which time Bro. Harrison inspected the Grange.

On September 11th our Worthy Secretary was honored with a program, at the closing our Lecturer presented to Sister Edna Keesling a beautiful rose in the center of which rested a lovely diamond set pin, a gift from the Grange mem-

bers for the twenty years of faithful service as secretary to Orchard City Grange.

We are looking forward to 1928 as a year for much Grange activities in our community.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY BARNES, Master.

### PETALUMA

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, Greetings:

As master of Petaluma Grange, No. 23, I submit the following report:

On September 30th, 1926, our Grange had one hundred and sixty-two (162) members on the roll. Of this number two, Bro. John Ladis and Bro. Thomas Roche, were taken from us by death. Two members have been received by transfer and thirty by initiation, making our present membership one hundred ninety-two (192).

Our Grange held twenty-five meetings during the year. We missed one meeting to accommodate another organization which wished to use our hall for a very special occasion, but during the day on which we passed over our meeting we all went to Mirabel Park, on the famous Russian River, and had a glorious picnic. Our average attendance for meetings during the year has been about sixty-five, not so large as it should have been, but a far larger proportional attendance than can be boasted by any other organization or lodge in our town.

Our excellent Lecturer, Sister Julia Gregory, has been furnishing us with some very excellent programs in a very happy manner. Many of us would never miss a meeting for fear that we should miss something which we should always regret having missed.

Our Worthy Secretary, Sister Ida King, is one of the best in the State, and by always keeping the Master straight she keeps the Grange running smoothly. The minutes are always kept in perfect condition.

We always have some sort of refreshments at every meeting. This is an attraction for the tired ranchers who have to drive several miles home after the close of the meetings.

Finally our Grange is always interested in all public ques-



tions, and is ready to take the lead, or to help forward in any way matters which will be of help to our community, or to further the interests of agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. SNOW, Master.

### POPLAR

To our Worthy Master, Officers and Patrons Attending the California State Grange, Greetings:

It is with pleasure that I make out this report for Poplar Grange, No. 359, as I feel we have truly made progress this year.

We have initiated about fourteen members I think, but have had to suspend a few for non-payment of dues. Our Committees have been very active and have performed their duties in record time. We have planted shade trees, re-decorated our hall inside, and are now raising money to paint the hall outside. We are buying, and will install in the Church Annex, where we have a good stage, a new drop curtain free of charge to the church and will have left, from the sale of advertising space, between \$150 and \$200.

We have also erected in co-operation with the church and Farm Bureau, a large board nicely painted and lettered for the use of each organization for notices, for sale signs and so forth, which has proven very useful. But the best of all is, we have had more regular meetings, better attendance, and the spirit and general condition of the Grange is very much better. I feel we have enjoyed each other more, and I know we are working together better. We enjoyed the visit and labors of Brother Clendenen the early part of the year and feel that he was able to give us a helping hand. It is with regret that I am unable to be with you at this time.

Fraternally submitted,

L. C. BAKER, Master.

Read by Mrs. L. C. Baker.

### POTTER VALLEY

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Another Grange year is drawing to a close and it gives me pleasure to report Potter Valley Grange in good standing.

During the year we have taken in 11 new members, the

third and fourth degree being put on by the Ladies Degree Team. We have lost a few members by demit and other causes, and I am sorry to report we have lost one by death.

We have not had as good attendance as in previous years, which I believe was caused by so much sickness among our members.

At different meetings we were entertained by some of the members from Redwood Valley Grange and the Boy Scouts.

The Lecturer has observed all the lecture hours and has made them both interesting and instructive.

In the Spring a committee was appointed by our Grange to urge the people of the community to assist in cleaning the cemetery, which was done.

Among other improvements, we have added a fine new cement porch, which improves the appearance of our building.

All of our officers have the opportunity to read the National Grange Monthly, which keeps the spirit of Grange goodwill among us.

In the early part of the year we enjoyed a visit from Worthy Master and wife, accompanied by State Secretary Martha Gamble and Sister Fannie Gamble. At this meeting the officers of our Grange were inspected. We have also had visits from Ukiah and Redwood Valley Granges.

The Pomona Grange has met twice in our hall this year, and are always welcome.

Fraternally submitted,

CLYDE EDDIE, Master.

### PROGRESSIVE

To the Worthy State Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange, Progressive Grange of Healdsburg, Sonoma County, Sends Greetings:

It is a pleasure to be able to report our Grange in good condition. We have enjoyed a pleasant and profitable year and are hopeful for continued success. We have not undertaken any big projects, but feel what we have accomplished has given a good impression of the order to the community.

During a three-day celebration in our town over July 4, we conducted a food booth, which was not only a financial success but gave us favorable publicity, and good standing with the local service clubs, who were sponsoring the celebration. Earlier in the year we gave a chicken pie dinner, and the two affairs netted us \$175.00.



In response to the request of the Worthy State Master, we made plans for a new membership drive and designated August 24 to September 14th as a Grande period for doing intensive soliciting. Realizing that competition sometimes adds more interest to work of this kind, we divided the members into two groups, each with a captain. The side securing fewer applications was to treat the others to a supper. In spite of the fact that this was our very busiest season, we went out to win and as a result 58 applications were turned in. Of this number 52 have taken the first and second degrees and at our last meeting 42 were given the third and fourth degrees. The losing side lost no time in giving their supper, and accordingly candidates and all were invited to a wonderful raviola supper September 14th preceding the conferring of the first and second degrees. We have some splendid people among our new members, and we feel they are going to be a great help in the order.

During the year we have encouraged visiting among the nearby Granges, which we think brings about friendly relations and is productive of much good. It seems always a more interesting meeting when visitors are present.

Our Ladies degree team continues to do good work and we think adds much to the conferring of degrees.

We are looking forward to the pleasure of entertaining Pomona Grange November 26th.

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. BAILHACHE, Master.

### REDWOOD VALLEY

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Redwood Valley Grange No. 382 extends to you her greetings and best wishes for another most successful meeting.

The Master regrets very much his inability to attend this session, but thinks we are fortunate in being so capably represented by our regularly elected alternates, Mr. and Mrs. Swindell.

We have had a very successful year and our membership has increased considerably over last year.

Our attendance has been very good, and the interest manifested both by the officers and members has been very gratifying.

Our Lecture hour has been closely observed and we have had some splendid programs which were enjoyed by all, for which we want to thank our Worthy Lecturer.

I want to further state at this time our Worthy Lecturer had a very bad auto accident and that is the reason she is not with us at this session.

Our Worthy State Master, Brother Harrison, and Mrs. Harrison were with us on the night of October 12 and dedicated our hall. The ceremony was very impressive and enjoyed by a goodly number of our members as well as members of Ukiah Grange.

We regret very much to report the loss of one of our most faithful charter members, by death, Brother J. M. Woolley.

Fraternally submitted,

By W. F. SWINDELL, Alternate.

JOHN FINNE, Master.

### RIO LINDA

Worthy Master, Officers and Delegates of  
California State Grange:

Rio Linda Grange No. 403 is answering her fourth annual roll call at the State Grange session.

Our Grange has not been quite as active the past year as we like. We have taken in a few members and have also lost a few, so our membership remains about the same as when we last reported.

Our standing committees have been working for the good of the Grange and our community. Through the good work of our Past Master, Brother George Wilson, this community was able to get one mile of paved road completed this year, and expect to have one mile done each year until we have a good paved road across this district.

Our Grange has made three visits to other Granges in the past year. Our Degree team put on the Third and Fourth Degrees on a class of candidates at Gold Hill Grange and also at Antelope Grange. We also visited Sacramento Grange when we presented them with the Travelling Gavel.

We have started the formation of a Men's Drill Team to confer the First and Second Degrees and hope during the fall and winter to get this going actively. We are looking forward to some competition and rivalry between this team and our ladies' drill team of the Third and Fourth Degrees.



Our Grange meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, When there is a fifth Wednesday in the month we hold a social meeting which is open to the public. By this we hope to gain some publicity for the Grange and also increase our membership.

Our Lecturer has been very active, having some form of entertainment each meeting night. We serve refreshments once a month, generally on the second meeting night, at which time we usually have our largest attendance.

We have a membership contest on now, which is Sisters against the Brothers. This contest closes on November 16 and the losers have to treat the winners and the Grange to a supper, which will be held on the fifth Wednesday of November.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. DAVEY, Master.

By E. R. OSTROM, Alternate.

### RUTHERFORD

To the Worthy State Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As Master of Rutherford Grange No. 371, I herewith submit my report of the past year.

Since the last State Grange session in October, 1926, we have initiated 32 members. Twenty-seven of these came in in December, 1926, and five more were initiated this year. Four members were reinstated. We have lost 28 members, two by demit and 24 were suspended for non-payment of dues, several moved away and others refused to pay; and two of our Worthy Brothers have passed away, leaving a membership at present of 103 members.

We are happy to report that we have held regular and interesting meetings and several special meetings.

A joint installation of Silverado Grange, Napa Grange and Rutherford Grange was held at Napa in January. Worthy Past State Master Frank Hunt, assisted by Sister Hunt of Napa Grange, installed the officers in a very creditable manner.

We met twice a month and our officers have been very faithful in their attendance. Much credit is due them for the interest they have shown in their work. Our average attendance of members is 30.

We have had several interesting programs put on by our Worthy Lecturer. One in particular was Miss Dowdell of

St. Helena, Naturalization class, who instructs applicants for naturalization, preparatory to their examination. She brought her class to Rutherford and furnished a very interesting program, the applicants giving short talks in regard to the examination. The County Clerk and others who were connected with the work also gave some very instructive and interesting talks. This meeting was very well attended and was one of our most successful meetings of this kind.

In May we had the honor of an enjoyable visit from our Worthy Master, George R. Harrison, and Sister Harrison, who inspected our Grange when we conferred the First and Second Degrees on two candidates. We are always glad to welcome Brother and Sister Harrison.

For financial support we give monthly old-time dances and are planning on giving card parties again in the near future. In June we gave a benefit dance for the Mississippi flood sufferers which netted us \$118.50, which we turned over to the Red Cross. We also gave a donation to the Boy Scouts.

We have visited and sent flowers to the sick and also donated our hall to the school in which to hold their graduating exercises, which were very good and exceptionally well attended.

On July 30 we entertained Napa-Lake Pomona Grange. It was a largely attended meeting. Out-of-town visitors were: State Master Harrison and Mrs. Harrison of Sebastopol Grange; G. L. Hagan, Mr. and Mrs. Reese and Miss Reese of Sacramento Grange; and Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Hall and Mrs. Nettie Harris of Santa Rosa Grange.

We are planning on a day to be set aside as a Grange Day or a get-together picnic with the three Granges in the county and all meet and have a big family gathering. Much good can be obtained through these meetings.

Two of our most faithful workers, Worthy Overseer Brother Moore and Sister Moore, have moved from our neighborhood and we miss them greatly as they were very active members.

I sincerely regret that it was impossible for me to be with you at this Grange session and hope that this session will be a successful and instructive one to all who attend.

Faithfully submitted,

GEORGE M. STICE, Master.



### SACRAMENTO

Worthy Master, Officers and Members:

We bring you greetings, and best wishes for a harmonious and constructive session.

Sacramento has been a busy Grange this year so far. We began the year right by having a joint installation conducted by our State Master and wife. We have been holding regular meetings except one, the night of the Grangers' picnic.

We adopted a Flag Service based on ruling by National Master Taber, with some additions.

We got behind a movement to have the city build a Farmers' Free Market. Also had a committee at work on the Klamath Road project. The new survey from the Air by the Assessors has had our attention also.

Among the visitors this year, I note State Master Harrison and wife, State Overseer Craig, State Secretary Gamble, Brother Clendening and wife, Brother Knight, Brother Murphy. Each of them gave us much good information. We had a fraternal visit from Rio Linda Grange, the occasion being the presentation of the Travelling Gavel. They put on a good program. The "eats" came last but not least.

Later we went to Valley Oaks with the Gavel. The Sacramento Grange Kitchen Band gave a good program; also the "eats" came in due time.

We paid a fraternal visit to New Enterprise Grange and put on the First and Second Degrees. Later we had a return visit and put on the Third and Fourth Degrees with tableaux and red lights.

We went over to Western Yolo Grange and put on the First and Second Degrees. We have a good Lecturer, who stages the tableaux used by us in our degrees, and by using colored lights, we think that we do very well.

Fraternally,

A. H. NOYES, Master.

### SAN JOSE

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

San Jose Grange No. 10, P. of H., now in its 55th year, brings greetings.

Our Grange numerically is not especially strong, but the numbers we have are real live Grangers.

During the past eleven months we have held 37 meetings and dispensed with five during this period in order that Santa Clara Pomona Grange might use our hall.

Our average attendance at meetings during the eleven months has been better than 35 per cent.

Nine new members have been initiated since the first of the year, and a number of applications were received at our last meeting.

It is with regret that I have to report the passing of two of our members, Brother James M. Kenyon and Brother F. W. Bader. Brother Kenyon was a Past Master of our Grange and was dearly loved by us all. He was a Brother who could and would fill any position he was requested to take. His passing was a great loss to our Grange and to the Order.

Our Grange has changed its meeting hour from 10:30 a. m. to 2 p. m., but meets every Saturday as heretofore.

At a recent date, State Master George R. Harrison and Sister Harrison visited our Grange, and both of them gave us interesting and instructive talks.

We have also at various times received visits from Deputy State Master, E. K. Clendening, and our State Lecturer, Ida M. Clendening. These visits were timely and appreciated.

Our Worthy Lecturer, Mary L. Brown, in conjunction with the standing committees of the Grange, have provided good programs, which have made it possible for us to enjoy many pleasant and instructive hours.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. GAGE, Master.

Presented by

JOSEPH H. BONE, Alternate.

### SANTA ROSA

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Santa Rosa Grange No. 17 sends greetings and wishes to report a very satisfactory year.

All officers and members working hand in hand, peace and good will reigns among our members.

The Lecturer's program has been very interesting and instructive as well as entertaining.

Senator Slater discussed the various amendments which were to be voted on at the general election. The Home



Economics Committee put on the program and the Brothers answered the roll call, "How I think my wife could save on something."

In November our Grange entertained Sebastopol and Bennett Valley Granges.

In January, Worthy State Master Harrison and wife installed our officers.

The Grange Sisters Club donated \$50.00 to the Grange.

In February our Grange visited Bennett Valley Grange No. 16 and the Degree staff put on the Third and Fourth Degrees for a large class of candidates.

The Lecturer provided a suitable program for all holidays and an attendance prize for each meeting.

Our Grange has been honored by several visits of our Worthy State Master, George R. Harrison, and wife, and by our Worthy State Lecturer, Ida Clendening, and State Deputy Brother Clendening; and our Worthy State Secretary, Martha Gamble, has attended all meetings, as she is a member of our Grange.

Our Pomona Grange Master has visited us several times during the year, and Masters and Members of other Granges as well.

The Grange Sisters Club has one meeting a month in the afternoon for fancy work on Club material, which is sold at a bazaar in December, and one evening meeting a month for the entertainment of husbands.

For community work the Grange donated to the Flower Lovers' Club toward a memorial plaque of Luther Burbank. Planted a redwood tree in Burbank Park here in Santa Rosa.

A membership was taken in the Radio Club KQW.

The Sisters filled twelve dozen containers with jelly for the disabled war veterans at Letterman Hospital.

The Grange joined with the Farm Bureau in a county picnic which was very successful and Grange members won in many of the contests.

At our last meeting in September, our Worthy State Master inspected our Grange.

The majority of our members are members of the Pomona Grange and Santa Rosa Grange is well represented at all Pomona meetings.

Fraternally submitted.

ASA M. SHOWALTER, Master.

## SCOTT VALLEY

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Scott Valley Grange No. 386 extends greetings to each and all represented in this, our Fifty-fifth Annual State Grange Assembly.

The year just closing has been a fairly successful one for our Grange. All regular, and one special meeting, were held, with a good attendance even during the busy harvest time. With two exceptions our officers' attendance has been nearly perfect.

In January, Upper Valley Grange thought it best to surrender their charter and consolidate with Scott Valley Grange, as their Grange was small and the members widely scattered. A number took out demits, some going to Mt. Bolivar Grange, and we gained a few loyal members.

We have initiated seventeen new members, and gained two by affiliation, former members of Darby Grange, Ohio. Six applications are in and more expected at next meeting. We expect to initiate a good class the first meeting in November. We have lost a number during the year, as we have many transient members, especially teachers; splendid workers while with us, but soon gone to other fields. We lost by death a dear Sister, Alice E. Cory. Have a net gain of twenty during the year.

Each spring we join with other Orders in having a clean-up day at the cemetery.

This year we gave \$20.00 in prizes to the first and second winners in the Etna and Greenview Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Clubs.

In June, Brother and Sister Harrison visited us, and dedicated our Grange hall in a beautiful and impressive manner. We look forward with pleasure to their visits, as the advice and instructions they give are helpful in many ways.

In April we joined with Mt. Bolivar Grange in entertaining Pomona Grange in Greenview.

Our Worthy Lecturer, Sr. Laura Costello, has given us good programs, and secured a number of prominent speakers who have given us instructive talks along agricultural lines.

We are planning a series of whist parties during the winter months, to raise funds for fencing and beautifying the Grange



lot. We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month, and visitors are always welcome.

We hope this session of the State Grange will be a pleasant and profitable one to all.

Fraternally submitted,

W. L. LEWIS, Master.

### SEBASTOPOL

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Sebastopol Grange No. 306, P. of H., extends greetings and wishes you a successful session. Our Grange meets regularly on the first and third Monday nights of each month, always opening promptly on time; a few special meetings have been held. The average attendance at our meetings is very good. Within the year we have lost several members by suspension, one by demit, and one by death.

We have initiated and re-instated 29. Our present membership is 231, with 21 applicants awaiting initiation. Our officers confer the First and Second Degrees in full, without the use of manuals. The Third and Fourth Degrees are conferred by our Ladies' Degree team under the efficient supervision of our Drill Master, Mrs. Berdella Dodds. This work is also conferred without manuals, as is also the business meetings.

Our team has conferred the Third and Fourth Degrees for Forestville, Bellevue and Windsor Granges this year. We entertained Pomona Grange in April with an attendance of 250 members.

We are very fortunate inasmuch as our Worthy State Master, George R. Harrison, and our Worthy Pomona Master, Charles J. Sutton, are both members of our Grange. At this meeting of Pomona Grange, to show the appreciation of the Subordinate Granges of Sonoma county, and the Pomona Grange for the splendid services rendered by them, Brother and Sister Harrison were each presented with a beautiful overstuffed fireside chair, which was a great surprise and very much appreciated by them.

We have entertained several of the neighboring Granges at different times during the year, also have been guests of several of the Granges in the county, from which we have derived much benefit, as well as enjoyed many pleasant evenings.

One night each quarter is set aside for the "young people's

night" when the evening is given over for special entertainment for the young folks, after the business session. We subscribed \$10.00 to the "Mississippi Relief Fund," also renewed our Chamber of Commerce membership.

Sebastopol Grange and Forestville Grange put on the Fifth Degree work for Pomona Grange in July, when the Degree work is conferred in full in Santa Rosa.

Sebastopol Grange also took an active part in the Sonoma County Grange and Farm Bureau picnic, held at Mirabel Park on Russian River in July, which was voted a great success by both organizations. We are always ready to co-operate with other farm organizations whenever possible. Our Grange paid strict attention to all agricultural letters sent out by Executive Secretary Ralph Taylor, many of which were discussed. These letters were very much appreciated by us and we feel very grateful to Mr. Taylor for this valuable information. We have ten standing committees, which are called on separately for reports at each meeting. Almost always a good report is given from each committee.

All resolutions and correspondence are carefully handled. Our good road committee has met on several occasions this year with the Supervisors, from whom they received excellent support.

Death has deprived us of one of our most faithful Sisters, who is greatly missed, Sister Lucille Ownes, wife of Past Master Henry Owens.

Our Grange is striving to become an Honor Grange. One piece of "Community Work" which has been done this year is helping to advertise the Granvenstein apple, by supplying the Chamber of Commerce with twenty-two packed boxes of Gravensteins, which are in cold storage; one box of evaporated apples and thirty quarts of canned apples, all of which is to be used at the banquets when visitors from out of town are present, or, whenever they can be displayed to the best advantage. Our Worthy Lecturer, Sister Mae Sutton, has provided us with good literary programs; several able speakers have been procured at different times.

Fraternally submitted,

V. C. SCOTT, Master.



**SILVERADO**

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Silverado Grange No. 370, Napa county, sends greetings.

On October 1 we had a membership of 114, showing an increase for the year of eight members. Many new members came in through the year, but demit cards, and those dropped for non-payment of dues, lowered the increase in membership considerably.

Our average attendance, for the past three months, has been lighter, but the harvest over, we expect to be back soon to a regular average attendance.

Our educational Committee is doing good work, and we have been fortunate in having a live Legislative Committee. Silverado went on record as being opposed to the Golden Gate Bridge district. Our Worthy Overseer did some valuable work in opposing said district in his capacity as chairman of the Legislative Committee.

At our last meeting a committee was appointed whose duty it will be to consider local problems of the membership as farmers. Each Subordinate Grange has its own problems to solve and there never has been a time when there was a greater need of co-operation than there is today.

Silverado relies on holding and increasing its membership through a closer unity and a clearer understanding of the mutual problems which face us as farmers, and which can be solved only through the right kind of co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

By A. BRUCKER, Alternate.

J. P. WINKELMAN, Master.

**SONOMA VALLEY**

To the Worthy State Master and Officers of California State Grang:

Sonoma Valley Grange No. 407 sends greetings.

The attendance at our meetings has been good with much interest shown.

During the sessions of the State Legislature we studied and discussed the proposed amendments pertaining to agriculture, writing our Legislators and expressing approval or disapproval. Both the Senator and the Assemblyman from our district wrote, congratulating us on the interest manifested.

Our Grange is a member of the United Organizations of Sonoma Valley which, as the name implies, is composed of delegates from Civic, Social and Fraternal orders of the Valley of the Moon, whose objectives are local improvement.

Many of our members are regular attendants at Pomona Grange, our Lecturer serving as Pomona. A goodly delegation attended the dedication of Bellevue's new Grange hall.

The Worthy State Master Harrison, assisted by Mrs. Harrison, installed the officers at the beginning of the year and have been honored guests at other meetings, always bringing messages of cheer and inspiration, generously giving aid and advice.

Windsor Grange visited us, putting on an excellent program, and Napa Grange afforded the same pleasure at another meeting.

At our next meeting we will initiate a class of ten. During the social hour at the December meeting we plan to celebrate our third anniversary.

DORA H. HALL, Alternate.

### SUNNYVALE

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange—Greetings:

Sunnyvale Grange is just completing its second year of existence and while there has been no sensational increase in membership, the Grange has won some new material in whom there is a strong enthusiasm for the Grange and what it stands for. This fact appeals to the Master as a prophecy of better things to come, and the fact that seven of our members are planning on attendance at the State meeting indicates that the sentiment for the Grange is real.

During the past year we have received twelve new members and passed several up to Pomona.

Together with San Jose Grange we entertained the Santa Clara Pomona, the grandmother and baby continuing to serve valiantly. For as you will learn from Santa Clara Pomona's report, it is some job to entertain the "mighty hosts" advancing "on the tables."

As our Grange project, we have attempted to secure better telephone service for the community and in this accomplishment have worked with the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce. Also we have labored with the other Granges of the county to secure tax reduction and water conservation.



The Master anticipates that with new Granges and new blood at the head of the Grange, the coming years will see vast improvement in attendance and interest and the accomplishment of many benefits for the community of which we are a part.

Respectfully submitted,

C. G. MARSHALL, Master.

### TULARE

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Tulare Grange No. 198 is unable at this time to present a very optimistic report. We are holding on with what courage we can summon, and hoping for a turn of the tide that seems to be setting against us.

Our membership at present is 36—13 Brothers and 22 Sisters. They are widely scattered, some of the most faithful living upward of 20 miles from our meeting place. During the past year we have added four by initiation, and voted favorably on one more at our last meeting.

The finances are a matter of some difficulty, and we contemplate raising our dues with the coming of the new year.

Our time of meeting is the first Saturday of each month, having lunch together at noon and calling to order at 1:30 p. m. Place of meeting is the W. O. W. hall, Tulare, and we would appreciate a visit from any member of the order who might happen to be in the vicinity on our meeting day.

Fraternally submitted,

F. H. STILES, Master.

### TWO ROCK

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

Two Rock Grange No. 152 sends greetings.

The year has been a successful and prosperous one for our Grange. The attendance has been very good and the interest of our members unflagging. Twenty-six new members have been taken into our Grange and a class of ten is waiting. Our membership now is 188. We have lost three members by demit and mourn the loss of Brother William Irwin, who passed away last May.

Our year has been well filled with splendid social events that have been a benefit to our community and a credit to our Grange. We have started a fund for the improvement of our hall.

In August we entertained the Sonoma Pomona Grange, when a chicken dinner was served to about 180 people. We were visited and inspected in September by State Master Harrison and Sister Harrison, who gave us many valuable suggestions.

Our Lecturer has served us faithfully and prepared splendid programs of interest to all with many novel features that helped hold the interest of our members.

Under the leadership of its faithful and capable Matron, Sister Minnie Church, our Juvenile Grange is doing excellent work and is a source of pleasure and pride to Two Rock Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

ROY I. CHURCH, Alternate.

HENRY NISSON, Master.

### UKIAH

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

I bring you greetings from Ukiah Grange No. 419. Our Worthy Master, Franz Grothe, was unable to attend.

Our Grange is not yet two years old, and was organized by Brother Clendenen. We have gained in new members very rapidly during the past year, and lost none by death or non-payment of dues.

We enjoyed a visit from State Master Harrison and wife, which left a new Grange spirit.

We put on one basket social which netted us about \$48.00.

We have a real live Lecturer, Mrs. Lillian Thomas, who has furnished some fine entertainments as well as some fine educational work.

Our meetings have been fairly well attended, and during the winter, with the interest and good fellowship that exists in our group, we are looking forward to a more prosperous year to come.

Fraternally submitted,

F. M. SWIM, Alternate.



### VALLEY OAKS

To the Patrons and Friends of the Fifty-fifth Annual Convention of California State Grange:

Valley Oaks Grange of Galt wishes to send greetings and the following report:

Meetings are held regularly every second and fourth Friday nights of each month, with a very good average attendance. We granted demits to five members, lost two by death, and initiated three members into the order. Seven candidates were voted on and are to be given the First and Second Degrees next meeting.

The Grange, in conjunction with the Farm Center, held their Third Annual Fair August 26-27 with a more and bigger display, than in any previous years. More attractions and entertainment were given to the public. The main feature was the cow milking contest for women, which was handled and put over with wonderful work by the committee in charge. A beautiful rocking chair was given as first prize. The fair, on a whole, is gradually growing each year, and proved to be a great success in every way.

July 22 Sacramento Grange presented the Traveling Gavel to Valley Oaks Grange, which was followed by a well received program given by the Sacramento Grange and also refreshments were served later in the evening.

September 17 Valley Oaks Grange held a picnic at Lockeforde Grove. A large dinner was served at noon and the rest of the day was well spent playing games and a horseshoe pitching contest was held.

October 2 was another picnic held at Thornton Orchard farm, which was educational as well as social. Dinner was served at noon and later, followed by field trys through different sections of the farm. Every section was explained in every detail by the manager of the farm.

Valley Oaks in every way had a prosperous year.

Fraternally submitted,

ERWIN HAUSCHILDT, Master.

### WALKER

To the California State Grange:

Walker Grange No. 401 sends greetings.

Walker Grange No. 401 has had an average year, having both lost and gained some members.

Walker Grange now has thirty-eight members in good standing. During the year we have initiated nine members.

The financial condition is good. Our Grange was visited by the Worthy State Master and his good wife on June 4, which visit was greatly enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. ROGERS, Master.

### WESTERN YOLO

To the Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

For the first time, Western Yolo sends greetings, having been organized but a short time. The organization of this Grange was commenced by Brother Craig and Deputy G. L. Hagan and finished by State Master Harrison and Deputy Hagan as Brother Craig, on account of Sister Craig's illness and death, was unable to finish it.

Our first Master later left the county and a short time ago I was elected to take his place and we are hoping to soon get into good working order.

We hope soon to have some more Granges in this county as we believe that it would be a great advantage to us all, as we are the only Grange in the county.

Sacramento Grange visited us and exemplified the degrees in a splendid manner, which was a great help to us.

Early this month our Worthy State Master and Sister Harrison visited us and gave us many helpful suggestions.

Hoping that Western Yolo will be able to give a better report at the next Annual Session, we invite Patrons to visit us.

Fraternally submitted,

L. L. CARD, Master.

### WINDSOR

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of  
California State Grange:

I bring you greetings from Windsor Grange. Our Grange is in a satisfactory condition, at least.

We are growing in numbers and interest. We were in rather a discouraging condition at the beginning of the year, but through the efforts of an interested corps of officers we have taken on a new lease of life.



We have a little more than 60 new members so far this year and number now about 130. We have been instrumental in several community improvements which are enjoyed by everyone.

Our Lecturer provides a good program every meeting. We have light refreshments after every meeting, and enjoy a good social hour while around the banquet table.

With but one or two exceptions, every officer has responded to roll call at every meeting, of which we are proud.

We are living in a rented hall but are now agitating the question of a new home for our Grange.

We are constantly growing, receiving new applications for membership at every meeting.

Our financial condition is good and everything points to a successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. WELCH, Master.

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### STANDING COMMITTEES

GOOD OF THE ORDER—E. T. Pettit, Cupertino; Lee Dudgeon, Soledad; F. W. Loosley, Pittville; Mrs. Carrie Holmes, Sacramento; Mrs. Cora B. Scott, Sebastopol.

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## TABULATED REPORT OF POMONA GRANGES

NAME OF GRANGES	No. of Members Oct. 1, 1926		GAINS						LOSSES						Totals to Oct. 1, '27
			By Initiation			By Demit	By Reinstatement	By Error	Withdrawal or Demit	By Death	From Other Causes	By Error			
			Brothers	Sisters	Brothers	Sisters	Brothers	Sisters	Brothers	Sisters	Brothers	Sisters	Brothers	Sisters	
Mendocino Pomona	47	55	8	12	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	55	67
Modoc Pomona	156	130	19	24	---	---	---	13	42	1	2	1	---	7	9
Napa-Lake Pomona	123	124	29	35	1	---	---	1	---	6	2	---	5	3	1
Sacramento Pomona	170	188	3	3	---	---	---	---	---	13	9	1	14	16	---
Santa Clara Pomona	224	252	25	29	2	1	---	1	1	13	9	4	4	4	---
Siskiyou Pomona	268	252	17	17	1	---	---	41	---	1	1	3	4	2	5
Sonoma Pomona	173	243	24	32	---	---	1	3	---	2	8	3	2	12	15
Tulare Pomona	42	63	1	2	---	---	---	---	---	2	1	1	1	7	7
Totals	1203	1307	126	154	4	1	1	3	55	44	23	31	12	1301	1295



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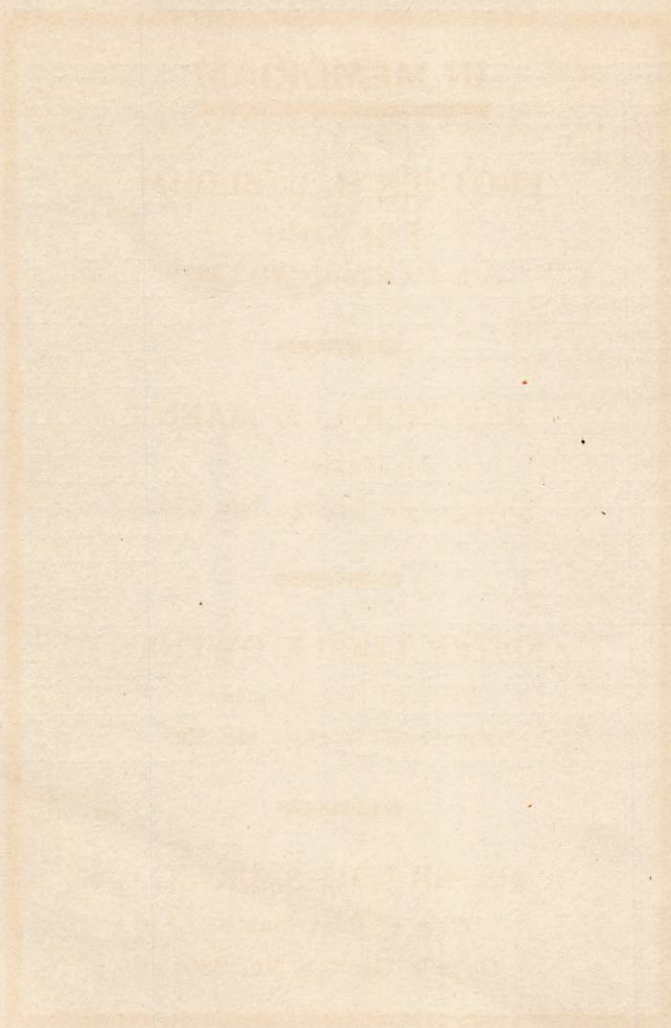




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## JUVENILE GRANGES

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**IN MEMORIAM**

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**BROTHER H. L. BLOHM**

Past Master

Aromas Grange No. 361

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**BROTHER L. J. MANN**

Master

Orangevale Grange No. 354

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**SISTER LUCILE OWENS**

Wife of Past Master

Sebastopol Grange No 306

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Husband of Master

Mountain View Grange No. 332

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**BROTHER JAMES M. KENYON**

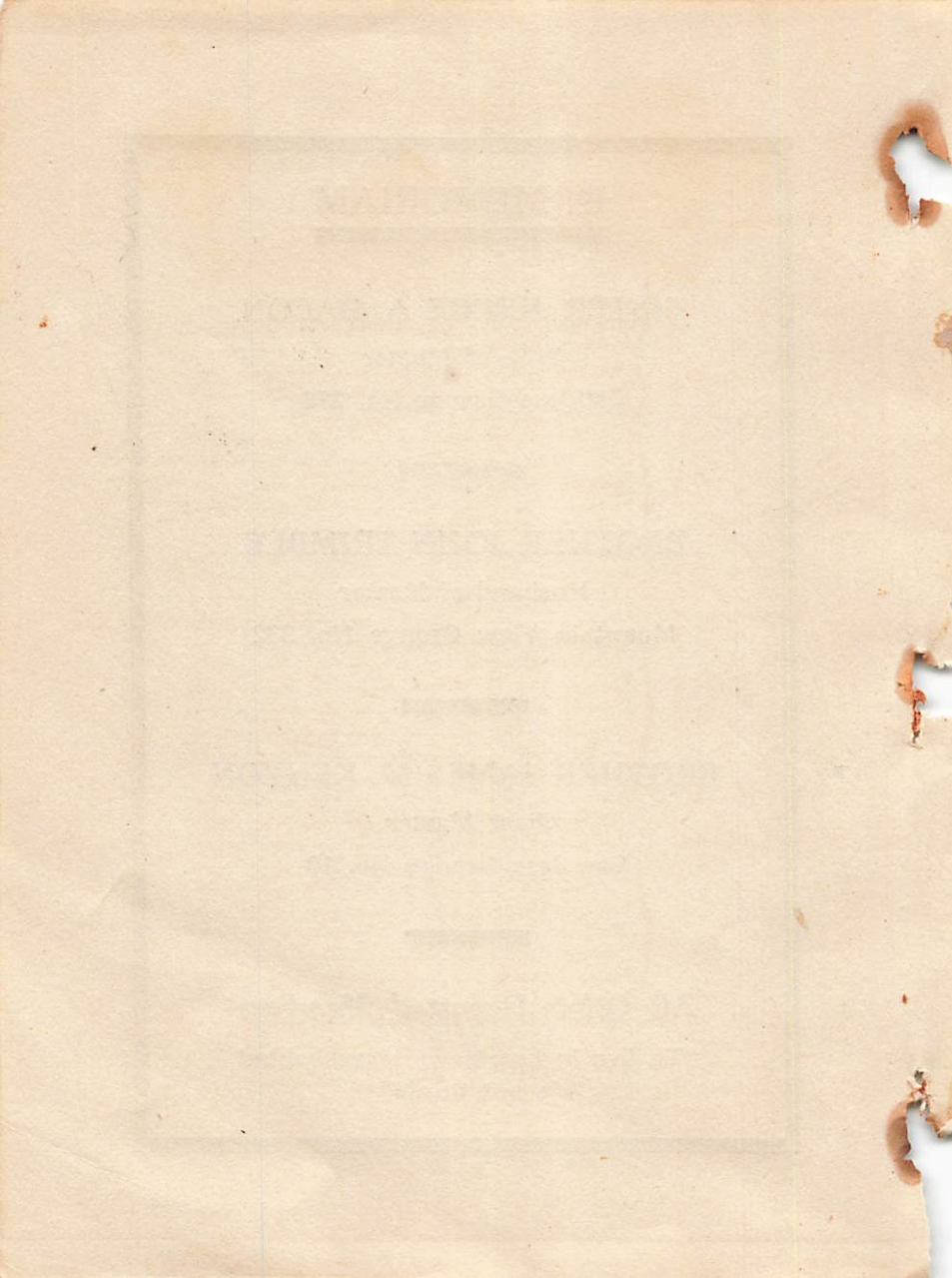
Past Master

San Jose Grange No. 10

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***All Other Departed Members***

**"To live in hearts we leave behind  
is not to die"**





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