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Independence, Dependence and Teamwork



Ed Luttrell, National Master

By Ed Luttrell
National President

I've spent a lot of time this year answering questions about Tyson Foods and their attempt to use our name. In fact, I've spent far more time than I anticipated dealing with questions, accusations, assumptions, and concerned members. This experience

has reinforced the principle of teamwork as a key component to our success.

Independence is a crucial part of our American experience. We grow up knowing that we have a great deal of freedom to voice our opinion, to pursue our interests and to win success and recognition as we view it. We hold up people who overcome obstacles to achieve success as heroes. We view dependence as the opposite and dread the times here we have little or no control and others determine our fate.

Teamwork blends independence and dependence together into a stronger and better union. We must acknowledge that we are stronger together. Our combined voices and our unified effort deliver strength that no single individual has. Teamwork lets each individual do what they do best and frees

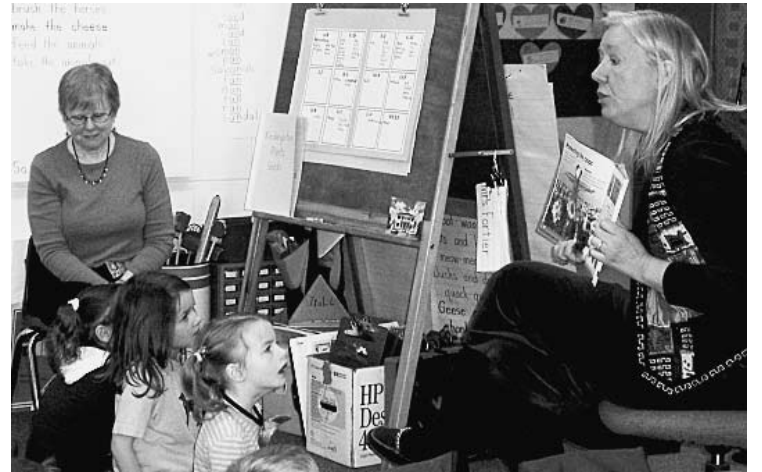
them from those things that they are not good at.

As early Grange members chose to take on the railroads, America's giant corporations, they did so knowing that as individuals they had little or no influence. Together they understood that they had power to influence legislatures and politicians for the public good. Each contributed what skills they had for the Grange cause and together changed the face of America for the better.

In the 1950's when a federal agency decided to take our National Grange headquarters, our members rose up in one loud voice and demanded that their elected representatives in Congress stop the action. It worked because of the unity and teamwork of our membership. We now are preparing to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our National Grange headquarters building due to the united efforts of our members at that particular point of time.

Today, we are faced with a number of companies wanting to take 141 years of Grange reputation, good will, and achievement for their own commercial profit. While we are grateful to Tyson Foods in recognizing our trademarked name, others still want to own our name for their own

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Maine's First Lady Karen Baldacci, right, read to the Kindergarten class at Albion Elementary on March 17

Karen Baldacci participates in Ag in the Classroom

To Celebrate National Ag Week Maine's First Lady, Karen Baldacci, joined volunteer readers in over 300 Maine classrooms. The project, called Read "ME" Agriculture, is sponsored by Maine Agriculture in the Classroom and funded by the new agriculture specialty license plate as well sponsorships from The Agway Foundation, Maine Potato Board, Hall Equipment and Hammond Tractor.

Students in each participating classroom heard excerpts from the book "All Around the Farm" by Heather Alexander. The readers shared information on some of the over 40 connections to agriculture represented in

the book and donated the book and additional lessons to the classroom. In 2008 over 3,500 Maine students participated in the program. This year over 6,000 students are participating and plans are already underway for a 2010 program to reach up to 10,000 Maine students.

Additional information available at www.agday.org or from Willie Sawyer Grenier, Maine Agriculture in the Classroom, 28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333, 287-5522, Fax 287-7548, maitca@maine.gov, www.maineagintheclassroom.org

"To have the harvest, we must sow the seed."

Annual Legislative Luncheon



State Master Jim Owens with Gov. John Baldacci at the March 31 Legislative Luncheon.

The Maine State Grange hosted its annual Legislative Luncheon on March 31. Members of the Legislative and Agriculture Committees plus several Deputies and State Officers served more than 200 legislators and their guests, making the event a huge success. Gov. John Baldacci and Commissioner of Agriculture Seth Bradstreet were in attendance and a varied buffet meal was enjoyed by all. Many said "thank you" along with an occasional "See you next year" as the legislators left Headquarters with full stomachs to carry on the important work of governing the State of Maine.



Grangers serve up the food at the Legislative Luncheon.



Commissioner of Agriculture Seth Bradstreet enjoys his lunch at State Headquarters.



A full house at the Legislative Luncheon at State Headquarters on March 31.

Lecturer's contest winners



Winners of this year's talent and skit writing competitions. See Lecturer's column for details.

The National Grange calls on FCC to ensure rural underserved gain broadband access

The National Grange, the nation's oldest general farm and rural public interest organization, called upon the Federal Communications Commission this week to ensure that underserved communities, particularly those in rural and tribal areas, are adequately served by broadband internet as part of that agency's Notice of Inquiry regarding the formation of a National Broadband Plan.

From its filing: "Rural Americans represent one of the

largest groups of Americans who physically do not have the option to subscribe to broadband service. To address the broadband access needs of these unserved rural Americans, it is critically important to first identify whom these individuals, family farmers and small businesses are and where they are located."

"A National Broadband Plan should also address the need for competition in delivering broadband to all Americans.

Competition will lead to wider access, lower prices and better service in answer to the inquiry in Paragraph #49 of the NOI. However, in response to Paragraph #48, we need to ensure that the federal, state and local governments do not adopt regulations that would discourage competition and investment by the private sector."

To link to the National Grange's entire filing: http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6520219836.

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Results have been coming in, but there are still Granges which have not responded to the poll as to how many of their members would probably purchase the Maine Granger at approximately \$20 per year for twelve issues. The price will be affected in part by how many are planning to purchase this publication. This information was sent to the Subordinate Grange Masters at the end of April. The Maine Granger Board will be meeting on June 28 to make some important decisions on the future of the Maine Granger. If you want to be counted, let us know the results of the poll at your Grange before the date of the board meeting.

The Past State Officers met recently with a very good attendance. For the last few years, including this year, a plaque has been, or will be, presented at State Grange by the Past Officers to the Subordinate Grange with the most new members. At least recently, the award has basically been going to the same Grange which wins the contest sponsored by the Membership Committee. The contest offered by the Past Officers will now be expanded this next year and will be entitled "Grange of the Year Award". The contest year will run July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Complete rules and sheets to complete for entering the contest are being mailed out this month. This contest is designed so that all of our Subordinate Granges in Maine can participate

if they wish. Points can be accumulated for members gained, opening in form in the fourth degree at least once a month, members attending other Granges, assisting with fund raisers at your Grange or other Granges, taking part in degree work, attending Pomona, having programs at your meetings, submitting articles about your Grange to newspapers, radio or television, inviting the Deputy to your Grange for an instructional visit, having a guest officers' night, inviting a State Officer or State Committee Member to your meeting, making a donation to some State Grange project and doing community service. We know that many of you are already doing this and hope that you will have some fun with this contest, while at the same time improving our Granges.

Most Granges have already had election of officers this month and I want to thank those who took the time to be an officer in your Grange and/or Pomona, and to also congratulate the new officers. Let's all give them the support that they deserve as they try to make our Granges grow.

Remember that the Grange family campout will be held on Fri., July 24 through Sun., July 26 at Silver Springs Campground, Route 1, 705 Portland Road, Saco. We look forward to seeing each of you there. This is a perfect time to relax and get to visit with your Grange friends as well as make new Grange friends. If you haven't made reservations and would like to, the campground's phone number is (207) 283-3880 and their web site is www.silverspringscampgroundandcottages.com.

State Secretary

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Well, Summer is on the way and so is the busy time for our granges.

Please remember the deadlines for getting your

Quarterly Dues Reports in and your List of New Officers. Dues Reports are due by July 10 and list of new officers by July 15. These are very important and should be sent in promptly. Quarterly reports are used in determining the Membership Awards so it is very important that I receive them in a timely fashion so that I can get the necessary information ready for our Membership Director. The List of Officers and Grange information is used to complete the Roster so, therefore, you should complete the form and return it as soon as elections are completed, which should be the end of June.

Requests for Membership Recognition are received daily so please remember that I must receive the necessary information and fees to accompany the paperwork. Request for Silver Star Certificates (25-yr.) are \$1.25 each, payable to the Maine State Grange. Golden Sheaf (50-yr.) are \$10 each, made payable to National Grange. Also you can order a 75-yr. certificate from National Grange for \$5. All paperwork with payment is

sent to me and I complete and forward to National Grange if the need arises. Please check and double check to make sure that all information is provided and that the correct checks are enclosed. All other certificates are free and issued by me but I still need all the same information. Delays in receiving your certificates can be reduced if all information is completed and correct and the correct fees enclosed.

Rada Cutlery can still be ordered and if you need a catalog, please contact me at Headquarters and I will mail one to you. I wish to thank all grangers and granges who have sent in orders.

State Grange will be upon us in no time and I am asking that all Directors of the State Committees that wish this office to help with the printing of your Committee Booklets for the coming year get them to our office either as a Word attachment or, if unable to do that, a high quality paper copy sent to us will do. These documents need to be received no later than Aug. 31 so that printing can be done. Our email address is mainestategrange@myfairpoint.net or our mailing address is 146 State St., Augusta, ME 04330.

So if you have any questions regarding anything relating to your job and responsibility as the Secretary of your Grange please contact me at 207-623-3421.

Have a safe and happy summer.

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The Skit and Talent Contest was held on April 18 with about 35 coming out for the activities. Lunch was served and the money

went to the Travel Fund. Ten different acts took part. Kary Coffin won first place in the talent with her vocal entry "Love In Any Language" and Sue Hackett received second place for "How Much Is That Doggie In The Window."

22 skits were submitted by 13 writers in four categories: Original-performed and non-performed; Non-Original-performed and non-performed. Performed means on the day of judging. 1st place Original-performed: "A TRUE TELEMARKETER STORY", Linda Deane, New Norland 580. Original-non-performed: 1st "WHAT IS IT?", Ceneretta Ward, New Norland 580; 2nd "NEXT HUSBAND", Sherry & John Ryan, Houlton 16; 3rd "SMALL BUT MIGHTY", Nora Thibideau, Houlton 16. Non-Original-performed: 1st "TWO LADIES IN HEAVEN", Ellen Heigham, Maple Grove 148; 2nd "THE THREE LITTLE PIGS", Laurie McBurnie, Nobleboro 369; 3rd "MEMORY LOSS", Sue Hackett, Merrymeeting 258. Non-Original-non-performed: 1st "APPLYING FOR A JOB", Sue Hackett, Merrymeeting 258; 2nd "LOST CONTACT LENS", Margaret Morse, John F. Hill 393; 3rd "THE TINY CABIN", Lois Zezima, Dirigo 98. Thanks everyone for participating. Thank you, judges for the day, Sharon Manley, Nate Pennell and Dot Brown. Complete skit books are available for sale for \$2 each.

Maine / New Hampshire Night May 16 was hosted by NH at Rochester Grange. Maine had 32 present and New Hampshire beat us this year. A turkey supper was served before the meeting. Introduction of dignitaries by both states. Before the program started a get acquainted game was enjoyed by all. Each person had to guess the name of the flowers on the list they had then find the person or persons in the room that had the answer on the corner of their list.

Program: "Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer" **Opening Thought:** "Gardening is healthy exercise--if you can straighten up afterwards." **Song:** Take Me Out To The Ballgame; **Quiz:** Old Glory; **Poem:** "A Soldier's Praise" written by Bettina Franciosi; **Game:** Spreading Manure (2 teams, 6 per team) (agility required); **Skit:** Small But Mighty; **Quiz:** Summer Songs; **Song:** I've Got That Good Grange Spirit by all; **Game:** Stepping Stones/Crossing the Brook (2 teams, 4 per team) **Skit:** The Tiny Cabin; **Quiz:** Baseball; **Game:** Shooting Stars (2 teams, 5 per team); **Skit:** Let's See Him Top That and **Closing Thought:** The best and more beautiful things in the world cannot be seen nor touched, but are felt in the heart. **Song:** The Happy Wanderer by all.

Note from Sherry: Sorry that I missed the activities this year but I needed to be in Florida Monday to meet a boat to go to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Needless to say, I took it. I missed all of you, take care and I will see

State Lecturer

you soon somewhere. Thank you to everyone for coming and participating. A very special hug of gratitude to Margaret for filling in for me and everyone.

Poetry Contest Deadline Date: July 1

Groups: All Subordinate Members and Juniors 5-9; 10-14 (age as of Jan 1). Three (3) prizes will be awarded in each category to each age group.

Categories: 1. Nature 2. Love 3. Grange 4. Patriotic 5. Other

Rules: The poem(s) must be written by a Grange member. There is no restriction on length of poem. Poems may only be entered in one category and you must choose which category. There is no limit on # of poems submitted, however, you can receive only one prize per category. Awards will be presented at Lecturers Conference Sept 26 in Augusta.

Entries must be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to the State Lecturer's home address by July 1.

Label at the top of each poem: Name; Address; Grange & #; Phone; Title; Category.

North East Lecturers Conference held Aug. 3-6, at Bridgewater State College in Bridgewater, Mass., with Rhode Island as the host.

The theme of the Conference is "Let's Celebrate". The cost will be \$185 double room, full conference, and \$195 single room, full conference, plus a \$10 registration fee. Complete info was sent out the middle of May to the Grange Secretary and more details to be shared. Registration with all money deadline date July 10. Workshops will be presented again this year including Rusty Hunt, National Leadership/Membership Director and Judy Sherrod, National Lecturer. Rehearsal for our program "Family Celebrations" will be held July 19, 2 p.m. in Augusta. Let me know if you cannot attend this rehearsal.

Complete Program Entries due Aug. 1 at my home address.

Groups: All Subordinate members (You do not need to be a Lecturer to enter)

Rules: Must be a Grange member to enter. Must be an original program consisting of: Recreation, Inspiration, Music and Education. Must include a theme and either an opening or a closing thought. (You may have both.) Program length would be no longer than 45 minutes. All parts should be included, not just the name of an item. (Poem, skit, quiz, etc.) (You do not have to include "who" did each part.) (Write the name of the music used, you do not have to include the actual music) There will be three (3) winners (based on the # of entries.) Creativity, relating to theme, originality, and content (how well-rounded is it?) will be factors in judging. There is no limit on # of programs submitted, however, you can

receive only one prize. Awards will be given Sept. 26 at the Lecturers' Conference. Label: at the top of program.

Grange Book Reading Club deadline date: Sept. 1 to State Lecturer at home address. All those submitting lists will join the "Grange Book Reading Club". This activity has been a great success in recent years and will be continued this year. Read 75 books or more and become a member of the 75+ Club and/or Read 25,000 pages or more and become a member of the 25,000+ Club. Receive a bookmark noting that you are a member of either and/or both! A special award for the individual who reads the most books and for the individual who reads the most pages will be presented. (You cannot receive these awards two years in a row.)

Groups: Subordinate members & Juniors 5-9 and 10-14 (age as of Jan. 1 current year)

Label at the top of the page: Please add the totals of books/pages read on your list. Name, Address, Grange Name & No., Total Number of Books Read, Total Pages Read. List all books read. Include on list: Title, author and number of pages.

Please recommend three of the books you have read at the bottom of your list, for others.

Awards and presentations at the State Lecturers' Conference on Sept. 26.

Audio books are allowed. Record them the same as above. Please note "Audio" after the title.

Subordinate and Pomona Lecturer's Reports are due Sept. 1.

Maine Lecturer's Conference Sept. 26 - 9 a.m., HQ in Augusta. Pick up new program books, workshops, then awards and other items in the afternoon. 2 X 2 X 2 Contest entries due at conference by 10 a.m.

Thank you

The Legislative Chair James Annis and the Agricultural Directors Jeanne and David Burnham wish to thank those who helped with our legislative luncheon on March 31. It was a great success as usual only with the cooperation of all. The state officers, the committee persons, the outside volunteers all deserve thank yous. We have a great relationship with those at the legislature and would like to keep it going for many years to come. Bless all of you and look forward to doing this another year.

Thank you

Thank you to all those folks who have sent cards, called, and remembered us in their prayers when Richard had the heart attack on Easter and more problems the following week. Thanks.

Richard and Sherry Harriman

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Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

We have managed another successful Dress Revue, Baking Contest and Dress-A-Doll Contest. Thank you to all who participated in the contests and those who attended the event, and congratulations to the winners.

I want to especially thank those members of the State CWA Committee who came and gave so freely of their time and efforts to make this the success that it was, again this year. Without them, I would be sunk, for sure. I also want to thank our Worthy State Flora, Vicki Huff, for leading us in the devotional and the Flag salute. She always brings out something special. Of course, I would be remiss if I neglected to thank our Worthy State Master, Jim Owens, and Worthy State Secretary, Sharon Manley, for hosting us for the few days we were camped out at State Headquarters. I wonder if anyone realizes all that these two do behind the scenes to assist the various committees' activities.

We are looking forward now to our First Annual CWA Craft and Yard Sale at State Headquarters on Sat., June 20. We would appreciate any new or gently used items in salable condition that anyone would care to donate. A really big draw to the sale will be all those lovely books of craft, sewing, knitting and crochet patterns that Karen Flagg has so generously donated. The patterns are in individual sheet protector sleeves in large binders, and will sell for 25 cents per sleeve. Come on down and take a look. We would appreciate the support.

Speaking of support, we are still looking for members to make cool-ties for the Troops; if we think summer is hot here, we should consider those brave men and women in harm's way for the sake of the freedoms and principles which we hold dear, and do what we can to offer them a modicum of comfort. If you do not sew, you might consider donating fabric. We need 100% cotton, ONLY, and we can get 5 cool-ties from 1 yard. The troops

on the ground need tan color fabric only, but any masculine color can be used by those on ships. There is also a need for hats and slippers for wounded troops recovering in hospitals. We have been informed that due to the sensitivity of their healing skin that ONLY Caron brand yarn is soft enough for these particular projects. Caron brand is made from recycled plastic bottles. I found it at Walmart. This is only one of the many projects that we have ongoing. This really is some way for everyone to help. If you cannot make, you can buy so others can make more. Other projects include "Mainers for Babies" and "No Sun for Babies" hats, cancer turbans and caps for hair loss, breast cancer post-op pillows and drain bag covers, pillowcases for children in treatment, and the Linus project blankets.

Let us not forget the items for sale needed for the upkeep of the New England Grange Building at Eastern States Expo. One of the needs mentioned was the hanging kitchen towels. There are several methods of making these, either with a knitted or crocheted top, or a fabric apron-type top, or a folded pot holder as the top. We even came up with using the knitted dishcloth in place of the potholder. Also needed are the larger men's sizes of mittens and 3 piece baby sets.

Please keep in mind the date of the CWA Conference, Aug. 29. It is early this year, to avoid Labor Day weekend and be in time for the start of The Big E. We plan to have demonstrations of several of these projects. I would appreciate having in attendance every CWA chair and committee member at each level if at all possible. We will have a luncheon for a minimal donation plus door prizes and raffles, as well as disseminating information for the various contests and patterns for the projects we ask you to support.

Until we meet again, Be Well and Do Good. Thank you for all you do for and in the name of the Grange.

Fraternally,
Diane Carol Pinkham
Director of Women's Activities
Maine State Grange

Caroline & Dana Coffin



The Youth Department is continuing to try to update contact information for our youth-aged members, especially to include e-

mail. If you have a youth-aged member in your Grange (14-35 yrs.), please send in their name, grange, address, phone number and e-mail address to Caroline Coffin, 13 Highland Ave #1, Auburn, ME 04210, or e-mail it to krayline@aol.com; we want to let them know about upcoming events!

A central purpose of the Grange is to encourage a better manhood and womanhood. In keeping with this, the theme of Grange Youth Leadership Camp (for youth age 14-18) this year is "Building Ourselves," and will focus on cooperation, team building, and leadership development. At camp, we will participate in the daily routines of farm life, and practice skills in leather craft and wool craft. Hiking, swimming, campfires, and other traditional camp activities join the ritual work to complete the program. Here are the details for camp; please share them with the youth you know:

Who: Youth ages 14-18 (and caring adult counselors)
What: Grange Youth Leadership Camp "Building Ourselves"

Cost: \$75 per camper
Where: A Wrinkle in Thyme Farm in Sumner, ME
When: Tues., July 14, 4 p.m. to Fri., July 17, at 5 p.m.

All grangers are welcome and encouraged to visit A Wrinkle in Thyme Farm on Fri., July 17 at 5 p.m. for a tour of the farm and supper (RSVP so we have enough food!), followed by the model meeting at West Paris Grange.

The cost is \$75 per camper, but please let me know if a campership is needed and we can work something out. Registration forms are available online or through your Grange's secretary; if you need one, let me know and we can mail it to you. Please fill out the form and send it to us at 13 Highland Avenue, Apt. # 1, Auburn ME 04210 by July 1. If you are interested in helping out with Youth Leadership Camp as a counselor, or if you have any questions about camp, please call me at 777-4932 or email krayline@aol.com.

The 2009 Northeast Youth/Junior Conference will take place July 10-12 on the beautiful Union College campus in Schenectady, N. Y. (try saying that 3 times fast!). There will be workshops, contests, a tour, pool Olympics, and a banquet, as well as fellowship and fun throughout the weekend; there will be something for everyone. The complete package is \$110 per person. If any youth are interested in attending, we will drive down and you could ride with us, just give us a call at 777-4932 or email krayline@aol.com.

Don't forget about the Photo Scavenger Hunt and Website Design Contests, contests for the Youth Department open to "youth" of all ages. Details can be found in the 2009 program book at www.mainestategrange.org; let us know if you need a physical copy mailed to you. The Photo Scavenger Hunt and Website

Youth Directors

youth@mainestategrange.org 777-4932

Design entries are due by Sept. 15. Mail your Photo Scavenger Hunt entry to Dana & Caroline Coffin, 13 Highland Ave #1, Auburn, ME 04210, or email to danacoffin@hotmail.com. To submit a Grange website design for consideration, email the link to danacoffin@hotmail.com. Awards for these

contests and Grange month bowling will be presented at the State session. There are also dozens of contests and awards youth could win on the National Grange level; visit www.nationalgrangeyouth.org/Programs/programs_main.html to find out more.

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"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches." (Matthew 13:31-32).

We all have problems in our day-to-day lives. Some are easy to overcome, but others seem to be so insurmountable that we want to "throw in the towel" and give up.

Have you ever thought what would have happened if the Wright brothers had given up when their first attempt at flight failed? Would man be walking in space today, or still walking down the garden path? How would you like to be watching TV by the light of a kerosene lantern? That could be the way we watch television today if Thomas Edison had given up after only a few dozen tries at inventing the light bulb. Heck, we wouldn't even have television!

Every day we are faced with problems both easy and hard. We can get through them all if only we put our trust in the Lord. We must have the faith that He can help. All that it takes is a little faith that can grow, like the mustard seed, into a great tree. A tree that can provide hope for the down trodden, strength for the weak, rest for the weary, shelter for the homeless, and encouragement for the doubtful.

Jesus was right on the mark when He taught about the mustard seed. The mustard seed is the smallest seed, but when planted and nurtured, it will grow into the largest plant to provide shade, comfort, and strength. The lesson of the parable is this: anyone is able to do anything if the mind is engaged!

Until the next time, remember, "Be well, do good work, and keep in touch". Amen. Benediction: Gracious Father, help us to keep the lesson of the parable of the mustard seed fresh, not in our minds, but in our hearts, that we can feel Thy love always. Amen."

Saying for the month: "God placed the insects on the land, the rainbow in the sky. He made

the birds nest in the trees, and soaring eagles fly." "God's Little Things" by Hope Oberhelman.

Answer to last column's question: ("Is it difficult for the wealthy to enter Heaven?") Jesus said that it would be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. (Mark 10:23-27)

Question of the month: What did Jesus liken heaven to? (Answer next column).

Historian

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I recently attended the 135th anniversary observance of the founding of Farmington Grange #12 and made a presentation on Maine Grange Halls as part of the program for this event. Congratulations Farmington #12 on this milestone!

One of a number of things the Grange provided farmers in the 19th century was affordable insurance. It was very successful in the fire insurance business, for example, for at the end of 1889, the two Grange insurance companies, Androscoggin and Oxford Patrons, had \$12,980,340 in risks and losses that year were \$11,360. The insured risks amounted to \$6,019,331 at the end of 1897 with losses for the year totaling \$17,183. Fred Allen, secretary of the Patrons Androscoggin Company summed it up: "One of the reasons for this rapid increase was that the old-line companies had just about doubled their rates and seemed to want to get out of the farm business entirely." He estimated that about two-thirds of the Granges who owned buildings had them insured in the Grange companies in 1894. In 1897, there was another new development in the Grange insurance field with the formation of the Aroostook Patrons Insurance Company, with Ira J. Orter as president and George W. Auber as secretary.

Anyone having Grange items that they wish to donate for preservation such as letters, photos, badges, scrapbooks, news clippings, etc. should bring them to my attention by calling 824-2291, writing me at P.O. Box 113, Bethel, ME 04217-0113 or contacting by email: chestan@megalink.net.

Community Service

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At the Community Service committee June meeting we will be judging the poster contest entries. What a great way to celebrate Grange Month, being active in your community!

The committee is busy raising prize money for the community service notebooks. The number of contributions from businesses has declined this year due to economic conditions. Hopefully we will be able to raise the assigned prize money offered.

We are also selling t-shirts to promote community service and sustain the committee financially. The shirts range in size from small to 3X, 100% color fast, preshrunk cotton in a variety of colors. T-shirts are priced at a mere \$9. Contact any community service committee member for more information. Hopefully all granges are considering ways of support for

the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. Granges that have notified us of contributions are: Cape Elizabeth Grange, Riverside Grange, St. Albans Grange, Topsham Grange, West Minot Grange, Somerset Pomona, Excelsior Pomona, and Chesterville Grange. We have heard rumors of other granges that have contributed but the committee has not been notified. Please, drop us a postcard, a phone call, or e-mail so your grange will be recognized. This project is ongoing and is supported by your Maine State Grange.

The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital activity accounts for 10% of accumulated points in your community service notebook. Consult your Community Service Program for 2009.

Continued good luck and have a great summer!

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Junior events for the summer include: Lecturer's Poetry entries due by July 1 to Sherry Harriman at 280

Kennebunk Rd., Sanford, ME 04073, two age groups, 5-9 and 10-14, ask your leader or call Sue for an entry form. July 10-12 Northeastern Regional Youth Conference at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. for juniors participating in the Manual Spelling and Share a Talent or Skill Contests, call Sue for a ride and all details.

July 24-26 the Family Campout weekend will be held at Silver Springs Campground & Cottages, 705 Portland Rd. (Rt. 1), Saco. Come for the day or for the weekend. Remember this is when all the junior crafts (except pumpkins) are judged. Contests to be judged are: Cooking contest (Canada Day Cookies), Banner contest, Nature Project, Napkin holder, Host State Study - Michigan, Creative Writing, and Creative Art. ADULTS: you may enter the napkin holder contest, no age limit! Judging will take place on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. sharp. All entries must have an entry form on the bottom, labels will be available the day of judging or if you need one before that, print your name, Junior Grange, birth date and telephone number on a piece of paper. If you can't make it to the weekend, send your items with someone who is coming or mail them to me and I will make sure they get there. REMEMBER: there is prize money and ribbons involved. You could potentially earn the money you need for camp by entering these contests.

Junior Ambassador Contest

The Junior Ambassadors will be chosen at Grange camp. There will be both a female and a male ambassador chosen if there is interest. The age of participants will be 10 to 13½, and they must attend camp to be chosen. The following will be taken into consideration:

Knowledge Test (Same test as the Super JG test, must receive at least an 75%)

Participation in craft contests

Participation in other State Grange Department events, i.e. Lecturer, CWA, Youth

Participation in the Family Camp Out

Participation in the Annual State Grange session

Participation in their own Junior Grange

Participation in camp

Participation in Fundraisers (their Junior Grange and State Junior Grange)

Participation in Public Speaking, Manual Spelling, Talent or Share a Skill

Merit Badge participation (must have earned at least six)

Knowledge of Junior Grange opening, closing and degree

Ability to get along with others, co-operation when in a group and leadership skills.

The application form for the Junior Ambassador Contest can be obtained from your Junior leader or from State Jr. Director Sue Hackett.

By this time everyone who wants them should have pumpkin seeds; if you don't please contact the State Grange office or Sue. We started with 5,000 seeds and had to order an additional 1000 so we should get a multitude of entries! There is no age limit on this contest but you must be a Grange member. Two categories decorated and undecorated. Age groups 5-7, 8-10, 11-14, 15-21, 22-35, 36 & up. Judging for decorated will be based on creativity, originality, and use of materials to decorate. Judging for undecorated will be based on lack of blemishes, size, weight and stem attachment.

Junior Grange Camp will be held Aug. 9-14. The Model Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Fri., Aug. 14 after which the campers will be going home. We will be holding camp at State Grange headquarters in Augusta. Plans are firming up very well and I am sure that the campers will have a fantastic time. Each day will be different with field trips and surprises! "NEW" this year is the Junior Ambassador Contest. The Ambassadors will be chosen at camp. Campers should send in their registrations as soon as possible to be sure they reserve a place. The cost of camp is \$75. Camperships are available; campers must pay the first \$25 themselves or help on a fundraiser. Upcoming or ongoing fundraisers are a raffle for a \$100 Visa card, Chinese Auction and a 50/50 raffle at the campout weekend, and the Brick fundraiser. Call Sue for details on how you can help. Of course we will be most appreciative of donations towards camperships. The yard sale held on May 23 made a profit of \$394.40 for the Junior fund. Sale of the raffle tickets has been going very well and Memorial flags have been selling well since this is the third year for them; we have approximately 20 of them left. Get yours while there are some left.

Pumpkin Raising Contest

You must use the seeds that are provided. Contact the Junior Director or State Grange Headquarters for seeds. Pumpkin raising is open to all ages.

GUIDELINES:

Must be a Grange Member
Age Groups: 5-7, 8-10, 11-14, 15-21, 22-35, 36 & up

Two Categories: Decorated and Undecorated

On the bottom of the pumpkin attach a label that includes: Name, DOB, Grange and telephone number

Judging of decorated will be judged on creativity, originality, and use of materials to decorate

Judging of undecorated will be judged on lack of blemishes, size, weight, stem attachment.

Judging will be on Saturday of the State Session, Oct. 17 at 8 a.m. and announced during the Junior activities

Prizes will be ribbons and prize money of 1st - \$15, 2nd - \$10, and 3rd \$5.

All entries will be displayed at the State Grange session.

A contest for Juniors - first place in each age group will go on to the Big E.

The craft that has been chosen to go on to the Big E for judging this year is a "Collage of Pictures". This collage may



Androscoggin Jr. Grange (front from left) Dalton Dulac, Aidan Parmenter, Savannah Hallowell (middle) Riley Parmenter, Kaitlyn Bouchard, Brianna Goldrup, Cheyenne Dulac, Ariel Goldrup, Master Mike Flagg, (back) Kristeene Ward Dulac, Jeanie Hallowell and Cher Parmenter.

Androscoggin Jr. 185

Karen Flagg
Greene, 946-2016

On May 17, Androscoggin Junior Grange 185 met at the hall for the first anniversary of being reorganized and the children invited their family and friends to see all of the projects they have completed along with a presentation of all the badges they have earned so far.

Kaitlyn Bouchard earned badges in: Arts & Crafts, Camping, Collecting & Hobbies, Gardening, Sports, Animal Care and A Healthy You.

Cheyenne Dulac earned badges in: Books, Outdoor Chef, Kitchen Fun, Arts & Crafts, Camping, Family Tree and State of Maine.

Dalton Dulac earned badges in: Camping, Family Tree, Arts & Crafts, Outdoor Chef and Kitchen Fun.

Ariel Goldrup earned badges in: Arts & Crafts, Gardening, Animal Care, Collecting & Hobbies, Folk Art, Sports and A Healthy You.

Brianna Goldrup earned badges in: Arts & Crafts, Collecting & Hobbies, Animal Care, Folk Art, Sports, Gardening and A Healthy You.

Savannah Hallowell earned badges in: Arts & Crafts, Books, Gardening, Animal Care, Collecting & Hobbies, Folk Art, Photography and Family Tree.

Aidan Parmenter earned badges in: Animal Care (Livestock & Pets), Kitchen Fun, Arts & Crafts, Collecting & Hobbies, Gardening, Sports, A Healthy You, Books, Folk Art, Biking, Wildlife and Family Tree.

Riley Parmenter earned badges in: Arts & Crafts,



Androscoggin Junior Grange (front from left) Savannah Hallowell, Riley Parmenter, Caleb Stevens, Brianna Goldrup, Abbygayl Stevens, Dalton Dulac, (back) Kaitlyn Bouchard, Cheyenne Dulac, Ariel Goldrup, Aidan Parmenter, Jr. Leader Karen Flagg.

Collage of Pictures

not be any larger than 9" x 12". Judging will be on originality, imagination, use of materials and neatness. These collages will be judged at the family camp out weekend with the other craft contests. Age groups are 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14.

Collecting & Hobbies, Gardening, Sports, Animal Care (Livestock & Pets), Kitchen Fun, Books, Folk Art, Biking, Survival Skills, Family Fun and Family Tree.

Abbygayl Stevens earned badges in: Gardening, Family Tree, Sports, Pet Care, Camping, Folk Art, Photography and Family Fun.

Caleb Stevens earned badges in: Arts & Crafts, Collecting & Hobbies, Photography, Biking, A Healthy You, Family Fun, Junior Grange Growth, Books, Gardening, Woodworking, Sports, Animal Care and Family Tree.

Androscoggin Grange 185 in Greene meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at the grange hall located at 99 Main Street. The Matron (Leader) is Karen Flagg, 946-2016. We are a family organization that strives to offer something for everyone in the family as the Junior and Subordinate Grange work hand in hand to develop and create opportunities within our community. Our members are from the Androscoggin area, not just for residents of Greene. Androscoggin Grange 8 meets on the third Thursday of every month. Please call Karen if interested in more information or applications for either Grange.

On May 19, Androscoggin Junior Grange 185 met at the hall for their regular meeting with eight members and three parents along with the Grange Master. This meeting ended being an outside work session to get the ground ready to plant a bed of flowers on the front of the lawn which they will finish at their next meeting on June 2. They did plant daffodils donated by Richard Chateauvert.

Garland Junior 131

Andrea Rollins, Leader, 924-6954
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We were officially re-organized in December with 16 members. We have been meeting once a month, working on the opening of the Junior Grange, crafts, games, and merit badges. Two members have earned the Computer Merit Badge. We also helped to beautify the outside of our grange hall by planting flower seeds in a special raised bed which several subordinate members helped assemble. For more information on Garland Junior Grange, visit www.myspace.com/garlandjuniorgrange.

Junior Camp grocery list

Junior camp will be held at State Grange headquarters and we will be cooking all of our own meals. We have quite a grocery list since we must start from scratch without the basics. We would appreciate some donations if anyone is willing to help us out; our grocery list is below. We could also use a toaster or two which we will be glad to return after camp. Thanks to anyone who is willing to help.

Tuna, eggs, dinner rolls, napkins, salt pork, sliced cheese, bread, cups, hot dogs, ice cream, hot dog rolls, plates, hamburger, orange juice, hamburger rolls, knives, bacon, butter, english muffins, forks, sausage patties, shredded cheese, bread crumbs, spoons, chicken, yogurt, tin foil, large ham, ice cream bars, popcorn, wax paper, fish sticks, milk, parsley, zip loc bags, other juice, molasses, watermelon, chunk cheese, jelly, lettuce, sour cream, pancake mix, tomatoes, french fries, maple syrup, carrots, whipped cream, peanut butter, celery, popsicles, brown sugar, cucumbers, coffee, green peppers, french dressing, taco seasoning, red peppers, thousand island, vanilla, potatoes, ranch dressing, baking soda, onion, minced onion, chocolate chips, apples, variety of chips, oranges, sugar, ind. packets of chips, other fruit, flour, taco shells, corn on the cob, ketchup, dry beans, cheerios, pkgs jello, chicken noodle, rice krispies, oreo cookies, tomato soup, honey, vegetable oil, canned corn, cinnamon, baking powder, canned green beans, nutmeg, mustard, canned peas, salt, relish, quaker quick oats, pepper, granola bars, miracle whip, sage, cans of soda, mayonnaise, ground mustard, elbow macaroni, cooking cocoa, tea bags, pudding mix, punch, Crisco.

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Sharon Castonguay, 966-2332

On March 4 we met at Excelsior with five guests from Maine State Grange: Clayton Collins, Vicki Huff, Nancy Clark Jeanne Burnham and Yvonne Johnson. The legislative committee told about proposed bills that would allow food stamp money to be used for locally grown food, rebates for solar water heater, smoke detectors required in any home being sold, chimneys need to be inspected when being sold and change Columbus Day to Heritage Day. The Agricultural Committee told about how dairy farmers are getting the shaft as milk prices are being cut in half, and organic producers are also suffering. Cumberland Agricultural Committee gave away "blood oranges" from California which have a slight raspberry flavor and may or may not have seeds. Family Health and Hearing read an article that created awareness of hidden sodium such as in Aunt Jemima pancake mix which has more salt than Lays potato chips. The Education committee read an article from the coalition of Maine teachers titled, "Maine Can Do Better".

The April 1 meeting was held at Androscoggin Grange and was CWA night. Mike Flagg from Androscoggin Grange won 1st place in the Men's division and Emily Pike from New Norland won for the women. Sue Verrill won the 50/50 at the April meeting with a prize of \$13.50. There was to be a Variety Show on May 9 at Danville Junction.

The May meeting was held at West Minot for the 5th degree with ten candidates. There were 41 members present. The CWA dress review was won by Mary Goss of Minot Center, with Helen Clifford getting second place also from Minot Center and Karen Flagg from Androscoggin coming in third.

There will be junior and youth camps this summer but at different locations at different times. The camp fees will be \$75 per camper. The juniors will be at State Headquarters from Aug. 9-14 for ages 9 - 13½ and the youth will be at a horse farm in Sumner from July 14-17. The Membership committee congratulated the 10 new members. The membership drawing was won by Harold Parsons and the 50/50 by Wes Ryder for \$18.



Jeanne Cote and daughter at West Minot Open House

West Minot 42

David Gilpatric, 345-3040

West Minot Grange #42 has just experienced a rewarding "Open House" April 25. We had more than 30 businesses display their wares. The list of vendors includes: Patio/Landscape, Electrical, Plumbing/Heating/Cooling, Maple Sugar products, Lodging and Wedding services, Archery, Rare books, Woodworking, Hair Stylist, Massage services, Oil painting, Home-Auto Insurance, Auto-Boat-Household Batteries, Many home party plans, Poultry, Ceramics, Wood lot management, Custom Log sawing and a sing-along musician greeting folks.

Most folks enjoyed our great selection of homemade entrées, salads, fancy breads, donuts, and desserts.

We thank all the business people, our Grange members, and those folks who spent time with us.

Excelsior 5

Poland
Sally Fournier, 345-9076

It has been a busy three months for our members. At our March 7 meeting we held anniversary night with the program being presented by Louise Roberts. She read historical information regarding the activities of Excelsior Grange during the 1880s and 1890s. She also passed around some pictures taken

during that era.

March 21 was a joint meeting with Danville and Sabbathday Lake Granges as well as CWA Night. Our program was presented by Charles Barker who spoke to us about his trip to and the missionary work done in Africa. Lecturer for the evening (our own member Barbara Freeley) exhibited many African items and some beautiful African dresses. A census was taken with a total of 51 present, representing 7 granges. Our baking contest winner was Jean Benson. We made plans for our Community Citizen night in August when a deserving area resident will be presented our Community Citizen Award.

April 4 was Agriculture night and our speaker was Fred Huntress who spoke to us on the management of forest lands, wood lots and conservation. We completed plans for the upcoming talent show, worked on plans for Poland Heritage Days and made plans for a Mother's Day dinner on May 10.

On April 18 our members traveled to Freeport for a joint meeting where we filled the chairs and presented the program. They did the same for us back in November.

Our May 2 program honoring mothers was presented by Jean Benson. There was an excellent musical program by the Denny family, skits and songs, a famous mother's quiz and a song by George Wardwell.

In addition to our regular meeting during this time period our members have hosted Pomona on March 4, attended



Daryl Duhaime, owner with Robert Bryant of the Greenwood Mountain Inn at West Minot Open House

CWA night at Danville Grange on March 12, attended CWA night at West Minot on April 16, traveled to Freeport on April 18, presented a successful talent show on April 25, held our annual Mother's Day dinner on May 10, and participated in Heritage Days at Poland Springs on May 23. Also some of our members attended a planning meeting presented by the Oxford Fair Association. After they reported back to us, we made the decision to participate in the fair domestic division exhibiting.

We have enjoyed these activities and hope they will help promote the Grange by showing the public that we are here and active. Have a great summer and enjoy the good weather.

New Norlands 580

Livermore Falls
Emily Pike, 897-2315

We met at the home of Emily Pike on Sat., Mar. 28 with eight members present. As this was the month of St. Patrick, our opening song was When Irish Eyes are Smiling. Sec. Linda Deane read of a Legislative meeting in Farmington.

Emily Pike read of the importance of water in the diet. The lect. and her assistant, Noella Mercier, presented their plans for the Community Service Award program and the Grange voted to accept them and to reimburse them for any expenses.

The Lect. program Opening thought: Animals are such agreeable friends, they ask no questions and pass on no criticisms. Young minds was presented by the Lecturer Linda Deane had an informative quiz on Famous Ladies from Maine. She also performed an original skit on telemarketing. As this was the pumpkin bake off night, the judges went to do their jobs. Millicent Thyng, one of our members, had saved news clippings from over the years and had sent them to lect. Emily Pike, so while the judges were busy, all the other members enjoyed looking them over and remembering past days. There were only two participants in the baking contest and Emily Pike was judged first place and Ceneretta Ward was second.

Closing thought: A horse gallops with his lungs, perseveres with his heart, and wins with his character. Refreshments were served.

We met at the hall for the first time this spring with seven members present. The final plans were made for our Community Service Award Program. Emily Pike read how to use antibiotics and to not over use them. Lecturer's program; Opening thought: Live your life so that you will not be ashamed to sell your family parrot to the town gossip. Skit: Visit to the drug store, Robert Jones and Priscilla Beedy. Roll call: Tell how you are going green. It was a very interesting exchange of ideas. Emily Pike finished with ideas from the Readers Digest and also an article on

the amount of time different things take to disintegrate into the soil. Quiz: (a cent).

CWA held a monetary march for the food pantry. Prizes were won by all present. The charter was draped in memory of Irma Bowles. Resolutions will be read at the next meeting.

This all took place on April 25, 7 p.m. Refreshments were served and enjoyed.

Danville Jct. 65

Wes Ryder
Amateur29@aol.com

Danville Jct. Grange #65 met on March 12 for CWA Night, had a joint meeting with Sabbathday Lake Grange and Excelsior Grange on March 21, and on March 26 our program was called "Color Me Green."

On April 9 we had Agriculture Night with a live rooster as our special guest. This program was presented by Bill Hatch of the Ag. Committee.

We held our Open Meeting on April 23 with 65 people present. Our Master Maynard Chapman gave a welcome and we opened the Bible and presented the flag. State Master James Owens was escorted to the Master's station. Other guests were Harold Parsons, Mille Parsons, Vicki Huff, Steven Haycock, James Meserve, Norma Meserve, State Jr. Com. and Louie Bryson.

State Master Jim Owens presented membership certificates to Joyce Bickford, 25 yrs.; Shirley Gousse, 60 yrs.; Thelma Redmun, 60 yrs.; Richard Hammond, 70 yrs.; and Flo Webber, 75 yrs. Other certificate recipients not present were Ken and Muriel

Cumberland Pomona 15

Cape Elizabeth 242

Elmira Collins, 642-3516

They say that the older you get, the quicker time goes by. I am beginning to believe it. I didn't realize that the deadline for the Maine Granger was here. Not having to do it every month makes it difficult some times to remember when it is due.

A very successful CWA night, under the direction of our CWA Chairman Karin Gower, was held in May. We always have a good time renewing old friendships and making new ones. During the program, Sister Gower recognized three Sisters who are over 90

Grover, 25 yrs.; Mavis Pomeroy, 50 yrs.; Barbara Kimball, 60 yrs.; and Maurice Keene, 65 yrs.

A skit "What's for Dinner?" was presented by Jane Gordon, Ed MacDonald and Joyce MacDonald. We next had several musical numbers by Kathy Haley and her daughter, Shauna.

Our Community Service Award was presented to Kathy Haley by Joyce MacDonald, Franklin McAlister, and Glenys Ryder. Kathy, a noted musician, offers to share her talent at many groups, benefit concerts, churches, nursing homes, school singing groups, memorial services, weddings, and funerals. She has been an accompanist for the Delta Heart singing group, and played for Community Little Theater musical shows.

A reading "7 Signs It's Time to Clean Your Closet" was given by Lucille Webber.

The Danville Jct. Grange Appreciation Award, presented by M. Maynard Chapman and Lect. Glenys Ryder, was given to our Secretary Roberta Meserve, who is also a devoted member of Sabbathday Day Lake Grange. She was leader of their Jr. Grange for 25 years, puts on their public suppers, served many offices, as well as being a Past Flora of Maine State Grange. She regularly attends State and National sessions, and has been an excellent resource for us for many years. We were pleased to be able to honor her with this Award.

May 14 we had "Color Me Yellow" Night. These color nights were in keeping with the theme of our State Lecturer, "Put a Little Color in Your Life." Nearly everyone was dressed in yellow. A game was played in which we had to list items that are typically yellow. Bill Hatch brought 4 baby chicks to display on the Lecturer's station. They were cute and YELLOW.

Lecturer reminded us of the Poetry contest coming up.

On July 18 we hold our Annual Indoor Yard Sale and Luncheon. On August 13 we have our annual picnic and business meeting at Hatch Farm.

years old. They were Jennie Profenno and Edna Menchen of Harraseeket Grange and Kay Holmes from Cape Elizabeth Grange (of course, Sister Gower didn't count herself). They were all presented a plant. Mildred Nowell of Cape Elizabeth Grange, who is also over 90, was not able to be with us due to ill health but a plant was sent home to her. It was also announced during the meeting that Sister Gower received second place on the state level for the child's nightgown that she made.

We have received notification from Cape Elizabeth High School that the recipient of our Grange Scholarship this year will be Paige St. Germain.

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Paige has devoted many hours in service to the children of Cape Elizabeth. She's also been a highly valued mentor at the elementary school. We are happy that we can give her this scholarship.

Due to many health issues this year, the dictionaries were late in being delivered to the third grade class at Pond Cove Elementary School in Cape Elizabeth. But they have been delivered and we received over 125 thank you notes from the students. This project is one of the highlights of our Grange year.

In March, we were saddened by the fact that we had to delete four of our members due to nonpayment of dues. But, since then, two of the members had paid their dues and have been reinstated.

Our June meeting will find us electing our new officers for the 2009 - 2010 Grange year and having our memorial program. In July, we always enjoy strawberry shortcake for dessert. And in August we get geared up for the new Grange year. We meet the second Saturday of each month with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. and our meetings start at 7 p.m. You never know what the Lecturer has up her sleeve for the program. We love to have company and hope that you will find your way to the Cape and come join us for fun and fellowship.

No. Scarborough 495

No. Scarborough
Beatrice Straw, 839-3409

Our 100th Anniversary was a wonderful celebration with an attendance of 66. We were honored to have the State Master present certificates and pins to deserving members who belonged 25, 35, 40 and 50 years in this grange. There were others who had belonged longer. We had a waltz time by members, Gene Libby sang "Always," an oldie published in 1925 with Bea Straw at the piano. Also Anne Foote played for the waltzes, Debra Ivers and Elmira sang and did sign

Cumberland/Oxford Union Pomona 21

Ann Burns, 787-2489

Our subordinate granges are in full swing again as their reports show at each meeting. It is the time for suppers, yard sales, craft and food tables at local festivals and at least two will be preparing exhibits for Ossipee Valley Fair.

We had a good turnout for our hobby night with 12 members telling and showing everything from decoys, buttons, birdhouses, and painting to collections of salt and pepper shakers, penguin items, with as many others as varied as you can imagine.

State Flora Vicki Huff visited in March and May, the latter for inspection. As she knew we had been having practice sessions during the Lecturer's program each month in various ritualistic areas, she approved our floor work. This, in spite of five pro-tem officers for the night. Each of our meetings is preceded by a potluck, which brings out the best in each of our cooks.

We were well represented at the CWA contests in Augusta. We had five entries in the pumpkin bar contest with Mount Etna's Glenn Haines winning for the men and Ann Burns of Maple Grove for the ladies. Both of these went to Augusta. Debbie Day, our State CWA representative, presented Ann with a first place ribbon and check for her wearable art entry, a child's jumper with chicken scratch embroidery. Our Pomona also had one adult entry in that contest. Some of the members are busily working to create items for the next event, the Needlework Contest.

Ellen Heigham won first place for her entry in the Lecturer's Skit Contest. You might want to be on the alert for two "ladies" in white robes. When the program books are printed you'll be able to have a fun performance at your grange.

At this point in time, with this publication's print dates and election with installation of potentially different officers we are unable to announce the programs and meeting places for the fall. We are supposedly meeting at Naples for one of these. They seem to be active but unwilling to entertain Pomona with their hall restrictions. Check local papers for each meeting place, we'd love to have you as a visitor.

language for "Peace on Earth." There were skits and readings as well.

On April 6 our annual CWA meeting took place with guests presiding. There were 31 in attendance. Guest officers were M - Debra Ivers, O - Peggy Pendleton, L - Ann Burns, S - Yvonne Johnson, AS - Janet Hughes, LAS - Frances Roberts, T - Mary Jane Emery, Sec - Betty Huff, GK - Barbara Griffin, C - Kathy Gowen, P - Laura Macomber, F - Shirley Donovan, Pianist - Bea Straw, CWA - Jennie Profenno, Cheryl Walls, and Martha Varney, Ex Com - Eunice Stone, Mildred Haycock and Margaret Farrar. The program was a skit, Live With You, by B. Straw and Cheryl Walls; quiz; CWA song by all; Quilting Fever by Nancy Clark; It's a Bad Day by Darrell Huff; Banana trivia; number game with two teams; skit, Mind Boggler, by Darrell and Betty Huff; and a cake walk. There was also an Easter tableau with Yvonne Johnson kneeling at the cross while all sang "Old Rugged Cross."

Cheryl Walls of the CWA Comm. presented gifts to the guests presiding. The baby quilt raffle was won by Betty Huff. There were four entries in the pumpkin bar contest. Winners: Men - 1st Adrian Griffin, 2nd Stanley Douglas; Women - 1st Barbara Griffin, 2nd Beatrice Straw. We had one entry in the Dress-A-Doll contest; Bea Straw received honorable mention.

At our May 4 meeting Instruction and Inspection was held with State Deputy Margaret Morse as our honored guest from York Pomona. Although all officers were not present, those who were performed presenting the flag, receiving honored guests, draping the charter, balloting, and retiring the flag. All reports were given by committees and accepted as read.

Many, many years ago Oak Hill Grange and No. Scarborough Grange were considered Sisters of the Granges (helping each other). And this still holds true.

Porter 569

Porter
Dorothy Locke

After a long and snowy winter we are back at work again.

We have had the rafters in our roof repaired where there was snow damage in the winter.

In April we had our first bean supper and started our whist party at the end of April. We will be holding these every Saturday at 6:30 p.m. until the first of November.

In May we had our first pancake breakfast with a good attendance. They will be held from 7-9 a.m. the third Saturday of each month until October.

We were glad to welcome Maxine Chadbourne back to our last meeting. We have

E. Kennebec Pomona 25

Benton 458

Esther V. Shores

May 13 was Past Master and Guest Officers' night with about 50 people present.

May 27 was a beautiful memorial service by our Chaplain and Lecturer for Robert Leigh, Thomas Bagley, Ed Suiter, Meta Fowler, Cecil Bradstreet and Lawson Richards. Guest soloist was Natasha Knight.

Flea market, bake sale and

missed her since last fall due to illness.

David Meserve is back after spending the winter in Florida. While there he tells us he joined and attended meetings.

We have welcomed a new member, Sean Petone, to our grange.

Our next bean supper will be June 27 at 5 p.m. followed by a silent auction. Several items have already been donated. We are trying hard to replace money we had to use for our roof repair.

We have been saddened by the death of two of our Golden Sheaf members, Irene McLucas and Isabel Sanborn. Irene who was a 57-year member has been at the Gorham House for over two years. Isabel who was a 59-year member had been at Fryeburg Health Care a few months. Our deepest sympathy goes to both families.

craft fair was held on May 16 and netted us \$231.

Next meeting is election of officers. June 24 members eat out at a local restaurant before meeting. We are sending our two youths, Christina and Allison Colson, to youth camp. Also our secretary, Edith Cunningham, is improving at Mt. St. Joseph Nursing Home in Waterville, Room 208 and would welcome cards. Plans were discussed for bingo and the game at Clinton Lions Club Fair in September.

Excelsior Pomona 5



State Deputy Robert Smith presents the Community Citizen Award to Larry Wright, while Skip Thompson and Mavis Lane look on.

Mystic Valley 313

E. Dixfield
R. K. Poulson, 778-2860

Larry Wright of Jay was on the hot seat at a recent Grange open meeting and Mystic Valley Grange put him there. Lect. Dot White had prepared a special program to present Wright with the Grange's annual Community Citizen award.

Ten members of the Country Bandits, of which Wright is a member, crowded the stage and entertained with foot tapping music and wailing blues. Nearly 50 people crowded into the Grange Hall to honor Larry.

Family, friends and co-workers were called upon to remark on Wright's service to the community. They also made quite a few jokes at his expense, but Wright took it all in stride.

Jay Town Manager Ruth Marden commented on the many services Wright provides to the town and when White began to read off all his responsibilities, the list seemed endless.

Pumpkin Festival, the Barbara Bush Foundation, at Walmart and at North Jay Grange. They play every Friday night at the VFW.

With all that to do, the general consensus of the event was that Larry Wright is a real nice guy and one who's always willing to help out.

Chesterville 20

Chesterville Grange celebrated its 135th anniversary on April 11. The celebration began with a huge dinner of ham and turkey with all the fixings after which the members and guests moved to the meeting room for the meeting and special presentations.

The Chesterville Fire Department was presented the Community Citizen Award for exemplary service to the town. The Fire Department was also given the Chesterville Spirit of America Award.

Membership certificates for 60-years, 55-years, and 25-years were presented to Thayden and Nora Farrington and Julia Galusha respectively.

Our lecturer, Jocelyn Collins presented a brief history of our grange, followed by a raucous auction. Auctioneer Clyde Barker raised many laughs and the membership and guests raised \$250 to benefit the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital.

Our monthly baked bean supper was held the third Saturday of April. Dave Hutchinson of Weld now plays violin during the suppers. Join us for a good time!

At our May meeting, we enjoyed a potluck supper prior to the meeting. We initiated a building fund for painting, roof maintenance and other improvements. Hence, a food and rummage sale will be held June 6. And, as usual, our public supper will be held the third Saturday of the month, serving between 4 and 6 p.m.

Recipe Corner

Marinated Garden Tomatoes

- 6 large firm tomatoes, cut in wedges
- ½ c. sliced onions
- ½ c. sliced green bell peppers
- ¼ c. olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
- ¼ tsp. garlic powder
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 1 Tbsp. granular sugar
- 2 Tbsp. minced fresh or 2 tsp. dried parsley flakes
- 1 Tbsp. snipped fresh or 1 tsp. dried thyme

Arrange tomatoes, onions and peppers in a flat dish.

In a jar with a tight fitting lid, mix together oil, vinegar, garlic powder, salt, pepper and granular sugar. Pour over vegetables.

In a small bowl, combine parsley and thyme and sprinkle on top.

Refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving.

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Green Mountain Pomona 26

Charles Brann, 667-7559

Green Mt. Pomona met with Mariaville Grange for its May meeting. As always a delicious 6 p.m. supper was enjoyed by all who attended. We are having potluck dinners now and it seems to be working out pretty good.

We had guest officers night. To those who got a guest officer for the night, thank you! All the guests who arrived had a good time. Our lecturer works hard to come up with good programs. There were a lot of May Baskets that were auctioned off with the proceeds going to the Barbara Bush hospital in Portland.

We meet in Lamoine for our June meeting. This will be our inspection time. Sure hope that a lot of our members attend.

To all, have a safe and happy summer! Until next time.

Lamoine 264

Lamoine
Charles Brann, 667-7559

Hello! from downtown Lamoine.

We are back in our hall for the summer. It sure is good to be able to meet once again. Our membership has suffered the loss of one of our Golden Sheaf members. Hildred Herrick passed away last month. We will miss her. She was unable to attend but was always in our thoughts.

We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The first meeting is our supper. We always have a good time at this one. We held a special meeting of the St. Croix Garden Club. This was a first for us. It went very well.

Our next meeting is July 12. We will also have dinners in August and September. We have a very busy schedule. Hope all can attend these events.

Mariaville 441

Joanne Dority

On April 28 Mariaville Grange awarded a 50-year certificate to Linda Grindle and dictionaries to seven third graders from Beech Hill School in Otis; five of the students were not present, and their books were presented at a later date

Hancock Pomona 13

Miriam Black, 326-4559

Hello once again from Hancock Pomona # 13

We are holding our own down here in our little coastal towns. We met at Halcyon Grange for our Easter program. We had an Easter hat parade; the first place winner for the ladies was Ruth Clement and for the men, Linwood Clement. What a good time we all had.

We have met twice in a row at Verona Grange with a potluck supper before the meetings. It is always nice to socialize before we get down to business. We have celebrated Mother's Day and Memorial Day all with beautiful carnations. Roxie and Gloria always do a fine job of auctioning things for the Book Award Fund.

We have been enjoying the company of Charles and Yvonne Brann, State Deputies hailing from Lamoine Grange. We welcome all visitors. Next meeting will be at Arbutus in Surry for election of officers. Until then, enjoy the spring and summer.



Hancock Pomona: Jim and Roxie Grindle received the community service award.



Clara Fish receiving the Good Citizenship Award from Victory Grange Master Eugene Churchill.



Halcyon: Dale Phillips was presented Citizenship award.

Castine 250

Castine
Ruth Clement, 326-8820

Castine Grange is still having its regular meetings with a small attendance. So wish we could find some young blood to help us out. We recently had an Easter Hat Parade which was fun. We also gave the community service award to a most deserving person as she helps out and is involved in many parts of the town.

Our next big project is getting our hall painted, a big item.

Last meeting was about Mother's Day and all mothers were given a pretty corsage.

We have several officers that are on the sick list so that doesn't help our attendance. We like visitors. We are now starting at 7 p.m.

Deer Isle 296

Jeanette Taylor

Hello from the Island.

We draped the charter for a former Grange Master, Edith Quinn. Edith was 98 years old and a 65-year member of the Grange.

Lots of doing in the forecast according to our grange lecturer. Mystery rides, 3-point meetings, brown bag auctions. Come join us for the fun. We still meet every Thursday night at 7 p.m.

We are keeping up, but just barely. As I said in the last article, Lawrence has decided to step down from his position as Steward. Lenora Billings is now living with her daughter across the bridge, and Jerry Farrelly will be staying at the Stillwater Health Care Center in Bangor.

Marilyn has made 15/16 quilted lap rugs for the Island Nursing Home residents, and others are knitting/crocheting shawls for them. This is our big project for the year.

On April 22 we had a potluck supper with a new organization, the Island Growers. This turned out very well. And on April 30, with a very full house, the

Grange Community Service Award was given out.

Also in April, we collected various items for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital and had a Brown Bag auction for the State Grange charities. Hope all the other Granges are doing the same thing.

June 6 and 7 is World Ocean Day. Old Quarry Adventures (Stonington) is the only business in Maine that is celebrating this weekend. There will be tables for various goods, underwater and overwater rides, parades and other events. Come on down and celebrate with us.

The Island Lupine Festival is just around the corner (June 19, 20, 21) and we will be hosting a community supper. Come join us if you can.

Until next time, have fun, be safe and be kind to each other.

Halcyon 345

Blue Hill
Lucy Ledien, 374-5091

Greetings from Halcyon:

Halcyon is maintaining its own. We are at our usual business of putting on meals. After meeting in homes during the winter, we returned to our hall in April in time for the annual Easter dinner.

On May 3 we held our Community Award Day. We gave the Community Citizenship award to Dale Phillips who lives at a local housing area. He gives freely of his time helping the residents, the majority of whom are women. He runs errands, cleans snow off cars, transports for appointments, etc.

Carrie Saunders was presented with certificates for 65 and 70 years of continuous membership in the Patrons of Husbandry. Carrie has been treasurer of Halcyon Grange for many years. She is a Granger of years and knows what a real Granger is.

Others honored on the same day were Jim and Roxie Grindle who received the Community Service award from Hancock Pomona. Jim and Roxie are involved in many, many activities, in both subordinate and pomona granges as well as community activities. They do the meals for the local Masons, work on projects for Christmas for kids, are involved in the American Legion and Auxiliary, etc.

Peter Dodge, another long

time member of Halcyon, received an appreciation award from Pomona as well. Peter bakes a mean pot of beans and is often called on to do so. He has delivered oil for many years and many times I have been the recipient of a mess of clams or mackerel.

Around forty people witnessed the giving of these awards. They enjoyed listening to Paul Sullivan. We are so fortunate to have Paul play for us as his schedule is filled most of the time. There was also a short program and refreshments.

We have a candidate for membership. Deer Isle and Halcyon will team up for degrees some time soon. Anyone who has candidates is welcome to attend.

Until next time, God bless.

Victor 49

Fairfield Center

On April 18 we held our Open House and Community Service Award with about 30 people attending. This year the award went to Betsy Towner, an "outstanding volunteer" involved in many of the activities going on in Fairfield and Fairfield Center.


We have also joined the Methodist Church in making sure there is a buffet dinner in Fairfield Center on the fourth Saturday of every month from 4:30-6 p.m. The first one was held at the Grange on April 25 and had food and volunteers from the church, the Pet Food Pantry and the Grange. Half of the proceeds went to the Pet Food Pantry and half to the Grange.

Our next big event was the Annual Silent Auction and Chicken Barbecue on June 14. We again joined forces with the church and auction, many donated items and barbecue, many delicious chicken meals. Take out was available and most of our customers chose to do this.

Plans are also in the making for our other events. Among them, buffet dinners on July 25 and Aug. 22 from 4:30-6 p.m., a car show on Aug. 30 from 10-2, Fall Fest on Oct. 10, and our dinner theater on Nov. 6, 7, and 8.



Peter Dodge received the Community Service Award from Hancock Pomona.



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Vernon M. Dunn

April 17 was ladies night. A delicious spaghetti supper was put on by the men. The program was a take on "Jeopardy" led by Libby and Debbie as "Vena White". Gay, our Master, had an opening thought. Then we had the game with two teams of three men each. Some of the subjects were cooking, movies, and animals. It was a lot of fun. We had 23 members present.

On April 19 we had "Go to Church Sunday" at the North Vienna Methodist Church followed by a very nice potluck brunch at Gay & Ray Anderson's house. About 25 of us attended.

On May 1 we met and had a potluck supper. The program was "May Day Wildflowers". We all sang "I'm looking for a four leaf clover". Our guest speaker was Marianne Perry who spoke on Maine wild flowers from the usual to the unusual (with some surprises). A slide show of wild flowers was presented to music. A 50/50 raffle was held.

On May 15 we met and had a potluck supper. This meeting was used to set up for our annual plant and food sale which was held on May 16 and 17. It was a good sale, considering the economy.

Manchester 172

Anne Whitman, 622-1338

We have had a busy winter. The furnace went out, the pipes froze, the water leaked. It was a mess. However, we survived that and are planning for spring. We will be having a public bean supper on the third Saturday of each month until September with the exception of June when a wedding is scheduled for the daughter of Charlie and Ellie McGillicuddy. We also held an antiques show the last Sunday in April and hope to have several more in later months. Our annual Craft and Collectibles Fair will be held the last Saturday in November. So much for fund raising.

February brought the 60th wedding anniversary of Bob and Sue Witham. We all sent cards their way as they had been unable to attend meetings due to health problems.

We draped the charter in memory of George Banks on March 16. We will miss

his dry humor. In April we purchased dictionaries for the 3rd grade class at Manchester Elementary School and finally presented them in May. It is so much fun watching them open and discover the maps and other goodies contained within. We also gave them a tour of the grange hall as it is one of the few historic public buildings in our town. They had a great time, especially when we had a mock opening of a grange meeting. The children also like to look at and discuss the backdrop on the stage and see the pulleys and other parts of our stage. It's a toss up to see who has the most fun, the children or us.

Ruth Daggett, our lecturer, always has an interesting program to entertain and enlighten us. Sometimes it is historical, sometimes whimsical, sometimes serious, and always a joke or two to make us laugh. Thank you, Ruth! Thank you also to all the grange members who work so hard on our public suppers, antiques shows and other events. Needless to say that without you our grange would not be as beautiful as it is.

Winthrop 209

Winthrop
Bill Maxim, 377-8428

The April 7 meeting was in the charge of Davensport. There was a potluck supper and 16 were present for the meeting, Legislative Night. Priscilla Jenkins gave a talk on agriculture in Maine.

April 21 meeting was potluck refreshments. 13 members were present for the meeting. Our Deputy Vernon Dunn also instructed on Grange work. The program was presented by Gloria Clark.

May 5 meeting started with a potluck supper with Gloria Sylvester in charge. She invited all of the Readfield members to come to a bean and ham supper and meeting. Now they are all Winthrop members. Had a wonderful supper and very good meeting and program.

May 13 Kennebec Pomona met in our hall and had a wonderful meeting and refreshments. A special meeting was scheduled for June 14 to elect officers.

May 19 was potluck refreshments and a program by Stan Taylor, Lee Gilman and Gloria Clark, a very good meeting. All had a good time.

June - potluck supper by Charlie and Dot Day, election night and memorial service.

Knox Pomona 3

Sherrill Snowdeal, 236-3270

Knox Pomona met at Acorn March 7. John Bottero of Thomaston Place Auction and Nobleboro Antique Exchange was the special guest. Several members brought in items for him to appraise, making for an interesting program.

The Pomona Degree Team conferred the four subordinate degrees at Penobscot View on March 14. This conferral became the swan song for long-time degree Master David Carroll. It was obvious that day that, although he recited every word perfectly, his health was rapidly declining. David passed away April 19. He will be greatly missed.

Our April 4 meeting was at Penobscot View. We passed a new set of by-laws that our Master and by-laws committee had written during the winter. The program was all about spring and Easter.

May 2 we met at Evening Star for "Music Day." We played "Name That Tune" and had a quiz on state songs along with skits and readings. We want to thank our host Grange one more time for the delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings they served us.

We elected several candidates to membership and held a special meeting to confer the Fifth Degree on May 16 at Acorn.

Summer plans for Knox Pomona include CWA Day and Ice Cream Social on July 18 (note: third Saturday instead of our usual first) at Ocean View Grange in Martinsville. Sept. 5 we will have our Installation at Penobscot View. Both meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. with lunch around noon. There will be no August meeting.



Acorn Grangers and guests all decked out for Hawaiian night.

North Haven 496

Helen Popp

100 years later, North Haven Grange No. 496 is still very much alive and on April 26 an Open House in honor of its 100th anniversary was held at the Grange Hall. Many islanders were joined by a contingent from Vinalhaven's Pleasant River Grange in the celebration that included a continuous slide show highlighting events of the past. Lect. Kate Quinn was in charge of the program that was enjoyed by all along with the delicious refreshments. Of particular interest in the display of memorabilia was a framed photograph taken by George Young in 1949 of thirteen of the charter members who had joined when No. 496 was organized in 1909. Photograph albums depicting events from the 1970s put guests and members alike to the test of identifying the well-disguised characters in holiday and anniversary skits.

M. Gil Foltz called on O. Joe Brown to step forward and receive accolades for his more than 50 years of continuous membership and thanked him, for many years of faithfully getting heat and water on in the hall for meetings and other events, among other services. He will receive his 50-year pin at an upcoming meeting.

Gertrude Foltz read from a 1957 high school "Pilot" article about the history of the Grange on North Haven that began when many islanders were engaged in farming from dairy and poultry to sheep and a variety of crops. She concluded with excerpts from "Courier Gazette" articles written at the time of the Grange's 50th and 75th Anniversaries.

Dallas Anthony, Master of Pleasant River Grange, once again charmed his audience with his singing of "Always" and "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You" as Louise Bickford adeptly accompanied him on the piano.

The talents of Greg Quinn and his grandfather's guitar elicited appreciation and much laughter. The words he put to music were clear and the messages and memories they elicited could only have been written by that same grandfather, Bonnie Quinn of Eagle Island.

On a parting note for the afternoon, M. Foltz extended an invitation to all who are interested to seriously consider joining the North Haven Grange. In Maine, as elsewhere, the organization is suffering from shrinking membership as people's time is taken up with activities that were not available only decades ago. Out of respect for the Grange tradition, some rituals remain but it is not a secret society. As long as the Grange can serve the welfare of the community, and of the nation, be it focused on agriculture, education, cancer research, or any viable issue, it will survive and communal bonds will be nurtured. The Grange is America's oldest agricultural association and as more interest in agriculture is surfacing on the island, it

is quite possible to make the North Haven Grange one of the more stable in the state. Happy 100th Birthday to North Haven Grange No. 496.

Acorn 418

Cushing
Sherrill Snowdeal, 236-3270

Acorn Grange has been quite busy this spring.

March 4 we elected Betty Miller to membership and our program was "March Winds & Weather Facts." We played "Weather Bingo" and sang weather related songs. We also learned a little bit about how to predict the weather.

April 1 was our last day meeting until fall. We divided into teams and played several sets of "Password." April 15 we began our evening meeting schedule with a flourish. We took a trip to Hawaii (make believe, of course)! We heard trip memories from several who had really been there, found our Hawaiian names, received

beautiful Hawaiian leis, played beach volleyball and learned a little about the islands. We even had a decorated pineapple as part of our meal.

May 6 we had "Guest Officers Night." The program was "Cartoons We Love" and featured Snuffy Smith and Peanuts. May 20 was "Memorial & Inspection." A service was held in memory of Irene Esponnette and Laurice "Bub" Young who had passed away since last Memorial Day. We had a skit and a roll call about telemarketers and we passed our annual inspection.

Programs scheduled for this summer are: July 1 - Three Cheers for the Red, White & Blue; July 15 - Music; Aug. 5 - Games; Aug. 19 - King Neptune & Friends; and Sept. 2 - Installation of Officers. All are 7 p.m. meetings preceded by 6 p.m. suppers.



Pineapple treat at Acorn's Hawaiian night.



North Haven Grange celebrated its 100th anniversary recently with a wonderful program and much fellowship.



Being a state officer does not exempt one from being drafted as Steward Harold Parsons, Ceres Millie Parsons, Master Jim Owens and Sec. Sharon Manley found out at Knox Pomona's recent degree day at Penobscot View Grange. All four kindly participated in the Harvest March along with Diane and Larry Bailey, Master of Ocean View. Millie also served as LAS for several of the degrees. Thank you to all from Knox Pomona. Pictured are, front L to R, Harold and Millie Parsons and Jim Owens; back, degree GK Charles Staples, Larry and Diane Bailey, and Sharon Manley. (Jean Hewitt photo)

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Evening Star 183

Washington

Please note that Evening Star Grange has had to change its open house to Sun., June 28 at 1 p.m. since the award recipient has been called out of town. The Grange will present its Community Service Award at the open house. The award winner does not know of the award, so this is a surprise.

Evening Star Grange is located at 31 Old Union Rd., Washington. FMI, call 845-2459.

Pioneer 219

E. Union

Charlotte Hollenberg, 785-2087

On March 10, after a tasty potluck supper, Pioneer Grange No. 219 met for a business meeting and a social program on "Planting a Garden."

The membership voted to accept Joseph Marble as a member by reinstatement.

Milt Parsons, Ag Com. chair, reported that the price of maple syrup has now doubled, costing \$59.95 a gallon in Vermont.

Harriet Carroll, Com. Serv. chair, reported that she has collected \$49.25 for the Grange Cottage at Hinckley from the 50-50 drawing and \$20.75 for the animal shelter from the Mystery Gift drawing. She reported that we are collecting General Mills labels and soda can tabs. She gave out three applications for scholarships and two young people qualified. The Grange members voted to give both of them \$1000 scholarships.

We voted to give our Community Citizen Award to the CMP linesmen; they will come to accept the award and give a presentation on their work at our April 28 Annual Open House.

On March 24 Grange met with a social program on M&Ms presented by guests from Nobleboro Grange.

Lincoln Pomona 19

Arlene Cole, 563-3448

July is picnic month at Lincoln Pomona Grange. Plans now are to have it on the same Saturday as our regular meeting, July 11. The place and time will be decided at our next meeting. Our August meeting will be held on the 15th at Jefferson Grange Hall on Rt. 215 in South Jefferson. It will be our night for Inspection. We plan to confer the 5th Degree. If you have any candidates, feel free to bring them that evening.

Our Sept. 12 meeting will be at Arlington Grange Hall in North Whitefield. It will be our Installation of Officers. All these regular meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m., preceded by at potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.

Our March 14 meeting was held at Nobleboro Grange Hall. State Master James Owens was present to join with us. The program was on winter turning into spring. Both our April and May meetings were at Meenahga Grange Hall in Waldoboro. Our April meeting was CWA night. Results of our baking contest: Women, 1st - Ruby Parker, 2nd - Laurie McBurnie, 3rd - Gerry Russell; Men - Timothy Hitchcock. We voted to donate to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. The first part of our program on May 9 was in honor of Mothers. Each woman was presented a carnation. The second part of the program was a short Memorial Service to remember our lost member, Vladimir "Rudy" Radoulovitch, and all the Subordinate members who have passed away this past year.

We voted to have a public soup, chili & chowder supper in the fall. A committee was chosen and they will report at our next meeting.

Nobleboro 369

Laurie McBurnie, 563-5347

Nobleboro #369 continues to meet although attendance has become a problem. The Grange placed an article in the local newspaper in an effort to remind the community of the role the Grange has and inform people of its present need for active members. There has been positive response to the article

Harriet Carroll reported that we now have collected \$55.25 for Grange Cottage and \$26.25 for the animal shelter.

Grange membership voted to send \$25 to sponsor a child at the Salvation Army Camp.

We are collecting suitcases, tote bags and knapsacks for foster kids as well as old crayons (to be melted) for the Juniors. We are also collecting Campbell Soup labels for the school.

On April 14 we met for a potluck supper, followed by our business meeting and a social program, "Hodge Podge."

Chaplain Harriet Carroll reported that Annie Mae Ross had died. Sherrill Snowdeal read the Memorial prayer and the charter was draped. A Resolution of Respect was sent to her daughter.

We welcomed Ava and Gene Allen back from the South.

On April 28 Pioneer Grange held its Annual Open House. It was well attended by many members from various local granges as well as former grange members. There was musical entertainment by Gene Fitzpatrick. Awards were presented to two CMP linesmen by Harriet Carroll. They then gave short speeches about their work. Refreshments followed.

The membership of Pioneer Grange was much saddened to learn of the death of David Carroll, an outstanding Grange member of whom we were all very fond. Many Grangers attended his funeral April 24.

On May 12, after a potluck supper, Pioneer Grange had its annual inspection by State Deputy Ruby Parker. The charter was draped in loving memory of David Carroll and the annual memorial program was held.

On May 26 most members traveled to Nobleboro Grange for a supper followed by a social program presented by Pioneer Grange. This meeting was much enjoyed by all who could attend. It was a really fun night!

and a membership information evening is scheduled.

The annual Grange Memorial Service was held on May 13 as we paid our respects to two members. Ernest Giles, Sr., was a long time member who belonged to Boothbay Grange and then Seaside before being transferred to Nobleboro. Mildred Genthner, 102, was a Golden Sheaf member of Nobleboro as well as the holder of the town's Boston Post Cane.

On May 26 members of Pioneer Grange visited and presented the program. Everyone had an enjoyable time and it was nice to have all the chairs filled.

The program for the June 24 meeting is "Railroads." Allan Fisher, who is very active at the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway Museum, is responsible and members always find his programs fascinating.

Other programs scheduled for this summer include one on the history of Nobleboro Grange, a Luau, and an Antiques Roadshow. Nobleboro meets the second and fourth Wednesdays for a 6:30 p.m. potluck supper followed by a meeting at 7:30.

Arlington 528

Whitefield

Fran Miller

Arlington is open again for its meetings and also its suppers. A long hard winter for all of the granges. We had our first supper on May 9 and we were very lucky to have Alan Glidden, Tammi and Tina back with us again this year. Our next supper was June 6 and now we will have one each month till cold weather.

Our meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. We will have election of officers June 24. On the 20th of June the grange will be open for the House and Garden Tour, one of the Bicentennial events. It will be open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. We have a new member in our grange and hope to have more before fall.

Meenahga 555

Waldoboro

Lillian Dolloff

Meenahga Grange members met in special session in April to honor Randy Gross for his many years of volunteer service in many capacities to the people of Waldoboro. Recently he compiled a book containing information on all the cemeteries in Waldoboro. He was presented a plaque from the grange. A Legislative Sentiment was presented to him by Sen. David Trahan. Lecturer Rick Grotton presented him with the Spirit of America Award. Tom Jordan of the Historical Society thanked Randy for his service to the town. Sarah Gallant, director of Waldoboro Public Library, presented two books to the library in honor of Randy. One to two days a week Randy volunteers in the library's genealogy department. Odd Fellows and Rebekah representative Nancy Fitzgerald commented that Randy represented those groups very well. Refreshments were served with a special cake for Randy.

At the May meeting Chaplain Ruby Parker organized CWA night with guests filling the chairs and helping with the program. Members voted with the Masons to have our dining room floor painted. We will discuss having new signs for the building at the next meeting in June.

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Passadumkeag: Mark and Roberta Parker receiving the community service appreciation award for volunteer service from Yvette Herbert.

Passadumkeag 586

Passadumkeag

B. K. Mottram, 732-4334

The March 2 Passadumkeag Grange Sewing Circle meeting was canceled due to a snowstorm. Special work meeting was held on March 9 when important paper work was needed, as well as completion of CWA meeting plans.

Our regular schedule of first and third Thursdays of each month has returned, beginning on March 5. Nine grangers enjoyed the potluck lunch and the meeting opened at 1 p.m. Regular business was accomplished with interesting reports about the excessive snow. Upcoming CWA meeting invitations have received encouraging replies. Also, we looked forward to Grange Week when community service was recognized on April 16.

W.M. Alice Dolley was reported to have left EMMC and went from there to Brewer Rehab. She is missed very much.

Next was our program. Valorie Beers, who is an EMT for the Passadumkeag Volunteer Fire Department, submitted an interesting insight of all of her duties, showed her equipment, explained the studies and time involved to complete the course. Her talk left us with a comfortable feeling about emergency service in Passadumkeag.

A special meeting was held on March 9 with Lillian Marquis, Master pro tem presiding. Inasmuch as Alice Dolley is not able to carry out the worked expected, Yvette Herbert is kindly straightening out the loose ends and temporarily carrying the load. It is appreciated.

The CWA meeting at Passadumkeag Grange 586 was enjoyed by 39 grangers from 12 granges on a clear day. The weatherman had not been cooperating lately. The chop suey lunch with all the fixings was enjoyed, with dessert of pumpkin bars and pudding.

Many thanks go to Yvette Herbert, who arranged the day inasmuch as our WM Alice Dolley is ill and has resigned, as she is unable to carry on. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Lillian Barquis, Master pro tem, opened the meeting, then turned it over to Dolores Moore as guest CWA Master. All guest officers were introduced and welcomed, after which meeting proceeded. Brief meeting continued. Reported ill were Alice Dolley and Julia Hobbs.

Lecturer was Yvette Herbert, who presented an enjoyable program of skits, readings and a quiz, all participated in by CWA guests, in addition to familiar songs sung by all. Various guests reported activities of their own granges. Appreciation gifts were presented to all guest officers. By special request, Eileen Churchill honored us by singing "One Day at a Time," and playing the piano. A beautiful rendition!

The pumpkin bars were judged early in the evening by Dick Crouch, Carl Moon and Rolf Staples. Winners were: First, Bea Mottram; Second, Cheryl Damien, Third, Helen Barker; Fourth, Muriel Grover.

At the March 30 meeting of Passadumkeag the First Selectman, Dale Randall, presented Passadumkeag Grange Golden Sheaf member, Lillian Marquis, with an appreciation plaque to thank her for her many years of contributions to the needs of the community. The Community Building erected in 1985 was her idea when there was no building convenient to the elderly and handicapped. Grangers and townspeople immediately cooperated, and after many meetings at the Marquis home, plus donations



First selectman Dale Randall presenting an appreciation plaque to Lillian Marquis from the Town of Passadumkeag.

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and fundraisers, the present Community Building was erected, and the name of the building will be in her name.

Also, she was responsible for the town signs and flower boxes at the northern and southern entrances to Passadumkeag, as well as placing flowers annually in town and at the veterans' monuments and flag poles.

Regular meeting was held on April 2 with nine members present to enjoy potluck lunch. Meeting followed with regular reports, voted to contribute to town to pay toward 2008 expenses. Also, voted to elect until next election as Master, Lillian Marquis, and as secretary-treasurer, Yvette Herbert. They were immediately installed by Dolores Moore.

Area meeting of Maine State Grange was held at Passadumkeag on April 11. Paid supper was provided by North Penobscot Pomona, after which their meeting was held.

Open meeting on April 16 started with a delicious lunch of ham, plus assorted vegetables and casseroles, with cakes for dessert. Music, humorous readings and skits were enjoyed, after which Mark and Roberta Parker were escorted to the altar (much to their surprise), and presented with plaques, flowers and gifts in appreciation of their many helpful kindnesses of Passadumkeag Grange, as

well as to their neighbors and friends.

Program again followed with mystery march and gifts for all to choose.

Music and a prayer closed the April 16 meeting, with many thanks to Yvette Herbert for a job well done!

The May 4 Sewing Circle meeting had small attendance. The pumpkin square contest at the North Penobscot level was won by Yvette Herbert. Alice Dolley was reported improved and has returned to her apartment.

Regular meeting of Passadumkeag Grange May 6 started with potluck lunch followed by the meeting.

Program hour by May Lecturer Hildred Harris started with gift of a May basket to each member, after which Mother's Day was remembered. Several members submitted interesting readings, skits, etc., after which memories of their mothers were related.

After a lengthy absence, and also a resignation from office, WM Alice Dolley was finally able to be present at this meeting. It was a pleasure to see her, and we wish her continued good health.

Inasmuch as the May 21 meeting of Passadumkeag Grange had a small attendance, the potluck lunch was enjoyed, after which May Lecturer Hildred Harris submitted an interesting memorial program, then CWA raffle was held.

Oxford Pomona 2

Gail Butterfield, 583-4468

After recessing for January and February and being stormed out in March, we met at Franklin Grange, Bryant Pond on April 7. We all enjoyed a potluck supper.

Honored guest was Sherry Harriman, State Grange Lecturer who was present for inspection.

All of our standing committees reported.

We filed our e-postcard with IRS and corporation papers to the Secretary of State.

The CWA made a donation to the State Grange Agriculture Scholarship.

An Easter program of music, skit, tongue twisters and readings was presented.

Sherry Harriman spoke giving coming events and information on the Do Not Call list.

Resolutions of Respect were read in loving memory of Althea Fish.

Jackie Stevens was made an honorary member.

On April 19, Androscoggin Pomona 1 and Oxford Pomona 2 held a Degree Day hosted by Oxford Grange with 62 present and 19 candidates. The candidates were from Norway #45, West Paris #298, Pleasant Valley #136, Oxford #46, Danville Jct. #65, and West Minor Grange #42.

Bear Mt. Grange hosted us for our May 5 meeting. Everyone enjoyed fellowship and a potluck supper before the meeting.

Peggy Blake served as master for the evening with most officers filled by Sisters.

We had proposals for membership from Diana Gordon, Lynda Close, Kim Kouse, Rob Kouse, Eric Huntley, Susan Carro and Tina Billings of Oxford Grange. The applications were accepted and they were expected to receive the 5th degree at Androscoggin Pomona on May 6.

The CWA had made donations to the State CWA projects and the Ag. Scholarship Fund.

Ruby Meister handed out pumpkin seeds for jack o' lantern contest.

The Pomona will have an educational exhibit at several fairs.

A lecturer's project was presented honoring mothers. We had a memorial service in memory of Lucille Robbins and Althea Fish.

Stanley Howe, Wayne Lorrain and Ruby Meister won the mystery march. Stan won the 50/50 drawing and turned his winnings over to the grange.

We have two meetings in June, the 2nd at Norway Grange and the 23rd at Pleasant Valley Grange.

July 7 we will meet at Rumford.

The Norway and Rumford meetings are potluck suppers.

West Paris 298

Amy Andrews, 539-8623

We are now back in our hall after the winter months of meeting elsewhere. Seems good. Our Master and Lecturer are back from Florida.

We have had some discussions on the beginning of the new growing season. Some have new chicks, others seedlings

started.

Seems good to think warmer weather is on its way. We will be having our Community Service Program in June, honoring a local resident of West Paris. Our hall will have a train exhibit going on during the West Paris Old Home Days.

Hopefully I will have more news for the next issue.



Opal Gardner, Lakeside, receives a plaque for her volunteer hours making fleece blankets for Pat Rarr, activities director for the So. Paris Me. Veterans' Home.

Alder River 145

East Bethel
Stan Howe, 824-2291

Alder River Grange held a meeting in March at Lynn Mason-Courtney's apartment, which was preceded by a bountiful potluck supper. We were able to meet in our hall once more in late April with a delicious meal preceding the meeting. We fed the Bethel Senior Citizens in May and also had a bean supper during that month as well. Overseer Peter Haines is now home. We will have no public suppers in July and August this year, but expect to sell some refreshments at Bethel's Molly Ockett Day in July as a fundraiser.

At our April meeting we voted to present a resolution urging changing Grange Month from April to May because of the uncertainty of April weather. It will be considered by Oxford Pomona at one of its June meetings.

Visitors are always welcome at Alder River at 1895 Intervale Road. Those wishing times, dates and places for meetings should call Nancy Mercer, Sec. (824-3350), James Lowe, M. (824-3107), or Stan Howe, Tr. (824-2291).

Franklin 124

Woodstock
Oxford, 392-3621

Hello Brothers and Sisters, we are back to holding meetings once a month since April 6. It seems good to get back with friends after such a long hiatus.

Three of our members competed in the baking contest. Those pumpkin bars were delicious, but rich!

Franklin Grange 124 hosted Oxford Pomona Grange 2 on April 7. Deputy Sherry Harriman accompanied by husband Richard were present.

Several of our members and others from Oxford Pomona Grange met at Oxford Grange 45 on April 17 for degree day with members of Androscoggin Pomona. I believe there were 19 candidates, with 63



Opal Gardner, Lakeside, with one of the 90 fleece blankets she made for the residents of the So. Paris Veterans' Home.

on degree day and we still have seven more we are hoping to get to a degree day before the end of June. Degree day on April 18 was very successful with a total of 18 people joining different granges.

We are working hard on our fair exhibits - knitting and crocheting projects, building, etc.. We are looking for donations of yarn and cloth to continue with this. If you have any we could pick up contact Inez Brown at 744-0389.

We now do a mystery box each month. Winner in April was Lynda Close and May was Ruby Meister. Ruby Meister has contacted a Stephens Memorial Hospital Society Worker to explore their needs.

Our seven new members went to W. Minor and took their 5th degree. We're very proud of all of them. We also have several young juniors who are coming to our meetings. We hope they will enjoy working on some of the projects. Each new member was given his certificate of welcome and a grange pin.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Dot Canwell who was recently at Norway Rehab.

We hope that everyone has a safe and pleasant summer.

We are having two suppers this summer. July 11, oven baked chicken and strawberry shortcake and Aug. 8, roast turkey with apple and pumpkin pie. Hope to see you there.

Lakeside 63

Harrison
Gail Butterfield, 583-4468

Stanley Howe hosted us on March 14. Members enjoyed a potluck dinner.

We've had a kitchen door repaired following rules for historic buildings.

Paula Holt, Harrison Recreation Dir., was given use of the hall on July 10 for registration for a road race during Old Home Days.

On March 6, Ken and Gail Butterfield and Opal Gardner were at the So. Paris Veterans' Home to present the fleece blankets to the residents of the home. Opal made 90 blankets with insignia of the five branches of service. Their expressions were priceless! Opal has made blankets for the



Nina Wheeler with the Community Service Award and congratulatory cake presented by Pleasant Valley Grange.

Oxford 46

Oxford
Nina Grover, 744-0389

We met twice in April even though it was raining and very muddy on April 3. CWA was able to get several Kiddie bags for the Me. court and directions on how to fill them. We also made a donation to MSSPA in Windham for hay to help out the horses. A donation was also made to the Greyhound Rescue in Augusta. We had seven new members

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veterans in our grange and also for members of the community. She says "They keep us free, the least I can do is keep them warm."

On April 17 Opal and Ken were recognized for volunteering at the Veterans' Home. Ken is treasurer of the Western Maine Veterans' Advisory Com. whose sole purpose is to raise money for activities or to purchase items for the residents.

Gail Butterfield was Lecturer for a Degree Day on April 19 held at Oxford Grange. The degrees were conferred on 19 candidates.

Past Masters Night was held on April 25 with potluck supper preceding the meeting.

Honored guests were Clyde Berry, Master of the Vermont State Grange and Past Master of the Maine State Grange, Dorothy Brown MSG Treasurer, Vicki Huff, MSG Flora, Deputies Robert Burns and Mike Griffin Jr. Dep. Ann Burns, Steve Haycock, Publicity Director, Norma Meserve, Jr. Committee and former State Grange Flora Roberta Meserve. Our own Errol Briggs was introduced by Clyde as Overseer of the Vt. State Grange and Deputy.

Vicki Huff was master for the evening. Other officers were Bob Burns, Steve Haycock, Mike Griffin, Tim Pike, Roberta Meserve, Stephen Seames, Erroll Briggs, Gail Butterfield, Norma Meserve, Clara Hamlin, Ethel Lacourse, Ann Burns, Ken Butterfield, Russ Littlefield, Janet Whittier, Donna Pike, Barbara Griffin and Marjorie Kimball.

Lakeside officers draped the charter in loving memory of Harry Hepburn, Jr. A tribute was given by Ken Butterfield.

Gail escorted husband, Ken, to the altar where Clyde Berry presented him with his 40-year certificate. Ken has served as Master 14 terms, as Steward, A.S., Overseer and Exec. Com.

Then Erroll and Gail were escorted to the altar to receive their Golden Sheaf. Erroll served as Master for 15 years, Overseer, Chaplain, A.S. and Exec. Com. Gail was Lecturer for 19 years, Secretary for 20 years, Treasurer 15 and also served as Master. She served on the State CWA and Lecturer's Com.

Vicki Huff signed "Let There Be Peace on Earth" as all joined in singing.

Stephen Seames, accompanied by Marjorie Kimball at the piano sang "In the Garden".

There were 21 past masters present and 30 in attendance.

Steve Haycock spoke on publicity and the website. Norma Meserve spoke on the Jr. Dept.'s raffle. Vicki Huff told of the pumpkin seeds available for the jack o' lantern and pumpkin contest.

It was a very special night

for Erroll, Ken and me and we thank all who shared it with us.

May 9 we had a short meeting. An application for membership was received.

The secretary is contacting members to see who will want the Maine Granger.

Four members plan to attend the Fryeburg Fair exhibitors meeting May 19.

We are busy gathering items for our annual July yard sale and making items for our July 10 craft fair.

Pleasant Valley 136

Pauline Applin, 836-3421

Members of Pleasant Valley Grange #136 have been busy since spring arrived. Our Steward and Ceres, Dave and Kathy De Gruttola welcomed baby boy, Davon, who joins his big brother, Kayan. It's quite a thrill for a grange to be welcoming "little ones" into the fold.

Meanwhile, we older folks held a cleaning day in early April in preparation for our reception, potluck supper and open meeting when we presented our Community Service Award. Nina Wheeler, who has coordinated Christmas for Families in Bethel for over twenty-five years, was honored with this award. Her program provides toys, games, hats, mittens, pajamas, long johns, toothpaste and tooth brushes to children in need. An item is also included for each adult in the family and all paper, ribbons and tags for wrapping are included.

Our reception was attended by over 35 people, several of whom spoke of Nina's many selfless hours of volunteering on this and other community projects.

Members of Pleasant Valley were pleased to attend the conferral of the first four degrees at Oxford Grange where we had one candidate among the 19 present. And, we attended the informational meeting hosted by the officers of Oxford Fair Association where we were encouraged to give our input in order to improve grange exhibits at Oxford Fair in September. New display space is now being planned. We are also preparing to host Bethel Senior Citizens the second Wednesday in June as well as Oxford Pomona #2 on the last Tuesday in June.

And too, we're looking forward to our summer flea market sales every Friday and Saturday from the first weekend in July through the entire Labor Day weekend. The one exception is the Saturday when Bethel celebrates Molly Ockett Day and we are not open in order to allow our members to enjoy this annual event.

about the members' family that participated in the various wars and of the participation of some of our members.

June 27 we will be at Hudson Grange for Election and our Memorial Service by our Worthy Chaplain. July 25 we will venture out to Golden Harvest and celebrate our summer party. Aug. 22 at Bangor Grange will be our judging for our Needlework, Crafts, and Wood contests, along with a celebration of School Daze. When entering the contests please read and go by all the rules and regulations, so that your entry will not have to be disqualified. Sept. 26 will be our installation with E. Eddington Grange. Have a great summer and enjoy all the various activities.

E. Eddington 301

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The meetings were opened in regular session by W. M. Mary Jane Platt. Due to conflicts we could not have our May meeting. At our April meeting we had our baking contest. Mary Jane Platt took first place for the women, and Nancy Daniels came in second. Justin Platt won first place for the men. Mary Jane Platt entered the sewing contest under the children's category. She made a sleeveless sundress for one of her twin granddaughters, and she will make another one in a different color for the other twin. W. Sec. Vernon Shaw reported for the Agriculture Committee. Dolores Moore reported for CWA, and encouraged everybody to get busy on their needlework which is due in August. We will have our election of officers in June.

Bangor 372

Bangor
Nellie Wilson, 285-7906

Feb. 3, tables were beautifully decorated by Lori Newcomb for the potluck supper. Pro tem M. Tim Wilson opened the regular meeting. Books were audited and the usual reports given. Lect. Emily Parsons opened the program with "Nobody Walks Alone." Quiz on Presidents. Bernice Ireland received a gift for the valentine she made; she was the only one who made one. Candlelighting: "The Story of the Rainbow" with Phillip, Dot, Lori, Bernice, Josephine, Anne, Phyllis, Sandra, and Nellie taking part and Emily was the narrator.

Alvin Parsons, Bernice Ireland, Josephine Shorey, Karen Marquis, Anne Staples and Rolf Staples were patients at EMMC - one more and they could have had a grange meeting. Lori Newcomb lost her husband. Many cards sent this month.

Regular meetings were held on April 7 and 21 and May 5 and 19 with WM pro tem Tim Wilson presiding. Lori Newcomb does a beautiful job decorating tables.

Emily Parsons, Lect. and Jr. Committee, passed out pumpkin seeds. Now to wait for the right time and dry ground.

A new furnace was bought and installed; works fine now, no more oil smell. Phillip Parsons was right there helping Ricky Mishou. Chimney had to be lined. Contract for furnace to be taken care of.

Pumpkin bars judged. Sewing entries ready for Pomona judging before going to State. Few dress-a-doll entries.

During Memorial program a flower was laid on the altar in memory of Alvin Parsons, Master of Bangor Grange, and faithful friend Josephine Shorey, a member of Queen City, along with all other members who have died this grange year as well as all the veterans who have lost their lives defending their country. Anne Staples, Chaplain, presented this service.

There will be an ice cream social here at the hall on June 20, 2-4 p.m. Yummy, a sweet time to look forward to.

Queen City 30

Bangor
Tim Wilson, 285-7906

Queen City's Feb. 9 meeting followed a potluck supper. The dining room was set up as the meeting room. The charter was draped in loving memory of Richard Bartelme. He will be sorely missed.

Eye glasses, clean pill bottles, hearing aid batteries, diabetic recipes needed for F.H.H. (Carl Moon). Cards sent to Betty Bartelme, Tim Lancaster, Carol Rollins and Alvin Parsons.

Lecturer's program - red for February, Presidents Month, with all taking part. Valentine exchange.

March 3 Bangor Grange and Queen City Grange held a joint meeting in the dining room. Chairs were filled by both granges. Both charters were draped in loving memory for Alvin Parsons, Bangor Grange, and Josephine Shorey, Queen City. Guests were Carl Moon, FHH; Sandra Moon, CWA, and Jennifer / Rolf Jr.

Comm. Service - Nell, Tim, Terry and Phyllis delivered Kiddie Ditty bags to Bangor District Court this afternoon. Phil's agriculture report touched on subjects of "snowed under," "global warming," and "milking cows." F.H.H. - Terry reported on Sound and Hearing sign language posters. Lori Newcomb was elected to fill the Treasurer's chair.

Emily opened the program with "Blarney Stone," "Take Time," "Leprechaun," "Driving Safely," "It's Easy Being Green," "Driving Tips," an Irish quiz, and "Grandma's Test." Everyone received something from the Mystery March.

During April and May Queen City hosted Penobscot Pomona CWA Night.

The Memorial Program was presented by Lect. Dolores Moore who laid flowers on the altar for Richard Bartelme, Josephine Shorey, friend Alvin Parsons, all other grange members and veterans who lost their lives protecting us.

A special open meeting was held for presenting a Community Service Award to EAAA honoring them for their work. A solo was sung by James Owens. State Master James Owens and QC Master Nellie Wilson presented certificates of appreciation.

Rolf Staples Sr. opened the presentation with an appropriate song and gave us an idea of what these people are doing to meet the incredible challenges they face in this difficult economic time to serve families and the personal situations that they work with every day. Director Valerie Sauda, one of three EAAA representatives, also accepted the award on behalf of colleagues who were unable to attend. Light refreshments followed.

It was our pleasure to be able to help out on Degree Day held at Eastern Star Grange. Heidi Clark is a volunteer helping the

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital "Campaign for a Cure" by reaching out to others by receiving money gifts to save the lives of innocent children by finding more effective ways to cure childhood cancer. Rolf Staples is a volunteer for the cancer run and also needs your help. Smile and the whole world smiles with you.

Community Service Award

Members of the Queen City Grange expressed their gratitude [recently] for the Eastern Area Agency on Aging's work with the region's elderly and disabled residents and their families.

Members of the more than 130-year-old Grange group presented the EAAA with its 2009 Community Service Award during a rare open meeting at their historic hall at 1192 Ohio St.

Mystic Tie 58

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As I sat down to write this article I was distracted by the beautiful sunshine coming through my office window. I took a few moments to ponder the meaning of spring. There are many definitions of the word spring but the one that really struck me went like this "to come into being by growth, as from a seed, to grow, as plants." I realized that the members of Mystic Tie Grange #58 have done exactly that. Over the past several years the growth of the members has been incredible. The national vision statement says, in part, "the grange will commit to the development of the potential in families, youth and adults of all ages through the dynamic programs and experiences that educate, engage and enrich lives." It goes on to say "the grange will be a relevant, caring and involved part of the community, it will be well known and understood and considered a viable, involved and distinctive organization". It is with great admiration and pride that I share with you that the members of Mystic Tie Grange have worked very hard to achieve the goals that National Grange has set for us and that they received an award from the Spirit of America Foundation for all their hard work. The award was presented on April 26 at Mystic Tie Grange. Officers of the Spirit of America Foundation, Town Officials, members and their families were present for this wonderful awards presentation. Congratulations to all the members of Mystic Tie Grange that have committed to making their community a better place.

On April 18 Mystic Tie hosted the Annual Kenduskeag Canoe Race breakfast. Over 300 people were served. This year's event was one of the best I have ever been involved with. Not only did the members put in two very long days preparing for the breakfast, but we also had members that went above and beyond and went out and got supplies donated allowing for us to make this event very successful. We were also pleased with the turnout of non-members. We had twenty-five non-members that showed up at 4 a.m. to help us out!!!

**Grange campout
July 24-26
Silver Springs
Campground,
Saco**

Penobscot Pomona 8

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March found us at Minerva Grange in Levant. We did the Fifth Degree. Lecturer's program was on Daylight Saving Time. April we were with Queen City Grange, and that was CWA Night. Guest officers filled the chairs for the evening. We had three baking entries in each category: Women: 1st - Mary Jane Platt, E. Eddington Grange; 2nd - Anne Staples, Bangor Grange; 3rd - Nellie Wilson, Queen City Grange. Men: 1st - Justin Platt, E. Eddington Grange; 2nd - Phillip Parson; Bangor Grange; 3rd - Tim Wilson, Queen City Grange. Five sewing entries were judged. Class A - Adult 1st - Birdie Fenlason, Old Town Riverside Grange; Class C - Children 1st - Mary Jane Platt, E. Eddington Grange; Class N - Non Members 1st - Cherry Valcourt, Bangor Grange; 2nd Barbara Wilbur, Bangor Grange; 3rd - Brenda Jackson, Bangor Grange. We had a really good group of visitors.

May found us at Old Town Riverside. Lecturer's program was on Armed Forces. It was a very enlightening program. As part of her program she asked members present to bring pictures of any of our family members that served in the Armed Services. Just about everybody participated. It was very interesting to hear

Piscataquis Pomona 11

Walter Boomsma, 876-4131

Our Pomona was saddened to lose Carol Rollins early this spring. Pomona Chaplain Guy Downing recently conducted the Grange Committal Service... with appreciation to Guy and the observation that the service is simple and beautiful, Pomona Master Bill suggests that more Grange Chaplains might consider offering this service (found in the back of the subordinate manual) to the families of Grangers.

This won't reach readers in time for Garland Grange's June Public Supper, but I might share with you a lesson learned when I promoted the supper in "Pomona Patter," our email newsletter. While politicians used to make a campaign promise involving a chicken in every pot, it appears that I stand corrected. There are no vegetables in a chicken pie... but there are vegetables in a chicken POT pie. So if you attended Garland's Chicken Pie Supper, I hope you weren't disappointed at the lack of veggies... calling it a "chicken pot pie" and the resulting the false advertising was purely unintentional. Now I know better. By the way, if you are missing Garland's public suppers... shame on you. These folks know how to do a Grange public supper!

Speaking of our email newsletter, we are covering Penobscot, Northern Penobscot, and Piscataquis Pomona with our "Pomona Patter." We've even been known to dip down into East Somerset... if you'd like to be on the distribution list, send me an email (Walter@boomsmaonline.com).

As we go to press, our Pomona is "gearing up" for our June Meeting which will include offering the fifth degree. We are living on the edge again this year by actually rehearsing! Several members feel that our "best" degree work was done the year we didn't rehearse! We're hoping State Gatekeeper Terry Spencer doesn't agree when he comes to inspect us!

And looking ahead, we're planning our Annual Fun and Fund Raiser for July 2 at the Boomsma's in Abbot. This is always a fun event and this year we're hoping to see more folks than ever, including Grangers from around the area and "almost Grangers" who are interested in a good cook out and Wicked Fun Auction. The least you can do is come and help feed the mosquitoes! Contact Pomona Master Bill at 924-3537 or Overseer Walter for more information!

Valley 144

Walter Boomsma, 876-4131

We packed the hall and raised the roof! You just couldn't help but feel something when 100 voices belted out "God Bless America!" Musician Merna got so excited she stopped playing! Grange Month Night was truly an incredible evening... a celebration of community, of Citizen of the Year John McKusick's accomplishments, and even our own Grange!

We also had the privilege of honoring Betty VanDyke for 25 years and Linwood Flanders for 55 years as Patrons of Husbandry. In an incredible display of teamwork, our members managed to feed the masses without much of a traffic jam and no shortage of food! Everything was about community, including the "supper."

We were honored to have a number of guests, including several state officers present when local 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Gokas came and showed us how kids learn math these days and allowed us to try to "beat" her at a fun math game. It was quite an education, although most of us will confess to returning to the way we learned! (If you think you'd like to be young again, remember Algebra!) Mrs. G assured us that the kids DO learn how to make change. Those cash registers apparently make them forget.

Of course that March program means Grange Bookworms who read with the second and third graders at Guilford Primary School may feel just a LITTLE more qualified to help the kids with math. Some are now taking on "the arts" by volunteering to help out the school's annual "Arts Alive" program towards the end of the school year. Bookworms will join the kids and volunteer presenters in a celebration of art, learning, community and life! Students have an opportunity to participate in workshops including Bat Houses, Dance Revolution, Painted Pots, Still Life Drawing, Sculpture/Beads, Tie Dye, Dizzy Dancing Discs, Fabulous Flowers, Dynamite Drumming, Slate Etching,

Freeze Dance, and Felt Balls. Sounds fun, doesn't it?

May was our CWA program and Betty VanDyke never disappoints us. We again saw a number of guests present for the program and learned about "penny rugs" from Betty's special guest presenter. The guys even stayed awake for the program! Great job, Betty!

Projects, projects, projects! Of late we've been busy bringing home the baking. (Horrible play on words, I know.) Under the capable direction of Mary Annis we provided goodies for the Pine Tree Hospice Show and the donation jars were filled with a range from one dollar to twenty dollar bills. We raised just a few cents less than \$250 for Pine Tree Hospice. I know I enjoy these projects! I got to eat all of the "rejects" from Janice's baking efforts! Weird sized and shaped cookies still taste great!

In case you haven't heard, Worthy Master Jim reports that he's on the mend after his fall playing Wally Ball. (No, that was not named after me and no, that does not mean I was there and pushed him.) He hopes to get a walking cast soon and recently did the "butt bounce" down the cellar stairs to get to his computer and send an email.

Here's a closing thought: A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

S. Sangerville 335

Sangerville
Carol Flagg, 924-7460

Our first meeting in March we held our grange corporation meeting and elected officers for the year. At the regular meeting we draped the charter in memory of Ruth Knowles. When Dexter Grange closed, Ruth joined with us. In 2004 she received her 75-year certificate.

CWA pumpkin bar winner was Barbara Hatch. Last meeting in March we celebrated several birthdays with homemade ice cream for dessert. After the meeting, cards and board games were enjoyed by all

In April after the meeting we

gave our Master (Blaine) and Flora (Janet) a Bridal Shower. They were married April 19 at the Sub. Hall with neighbors, family and friends attending.

Later in the month Alfred Lee came to talk about the Silvers Mills Union Church. Work needs to be done on the steeple. We suggested that we have a supper and an auction to raise money for the project.

We have gone back to 1st and 3rd Friday nights for the summer, 5:30 p.m. supper, 6:30 meeting.

Garland 76

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Garland Grange has been very busy, but also saddened

Boomsma receives Piscataquis Pomona's Community Service Award



Shown here during a Dictionary Program Presentation, Boomsma says that kids might not call it community, but they do understand the concept.

During a recent meeting of Piscataquis County Granges, Walter Boomsma was presented with an award "for outstanding service to all Granges in Piscataquis Pomona for publicity and beyond." In presenting the award, long time member Betty VanDyke of Guilford said, "You, my friend, have taken your grange and made it like a roaring fire in our communities... but beyond that you have also set that fire in other granges... this is what community service is all about—helping others."

Boomsma serves as Program Director for Valley Grange in Guilford and Overseer for the Pomona or County Grange. He is also Publicity Director for both organizations. He says that he especially appreciates the opportunities he has to work with kids in the area through the Grange's Dictionary Program and "bookworming" at Guilford Primary School. (The Bookworm Program involves Grange members visiting the school so second and third graders can read to them.) "Kids have a lot of things figured out that we adults sometimes forget," he says. "They know that working together and helping each other makes things happen. They might not call it 'community,' but they understand the concept. And I love their enthusiasm for learning and growing!"

Accepting the certificate and engraved paperweight Boomsma said, "I'm pleased to receive this award from my colleagues, but my real rewards

in 2009 with the loss of two members, Carol Rollins and Becky Johnson. We had a very successful Roast Beef Public Supper in April and Bean Supper in May. June is Chicken Pie. We had Peter Devine, teacher at Dexter Regional High School, talk about his recent trip to Japan. We have new windows upstairs, and are raising money for a new roof by selling raffle tickets. Tickets cost \$2 each, and prizes include one cord of firewood, 10 tickets to Garland Grange suppers, and a homemade quilt. The winners will be drawn on June 12, following the Chicken Pie Public Supper. You need not be present to win. For more information, please call Bill Bemis at 924-3537 or Andrea Rollins at 924-6954.

Sagadahoc Pomona 9

Topsham 37

Topsham
Helen Black, 353-4948

Since we wrote last, we have draped our charter for two of our members and have sent a sympathy card to the family of Doris Dunham of Dirigo 13 Grange. We have made donations to Grange Cottage, the State Grange Headquarters Fund, the N.E. Grange Building, the Ag. Scholarship, to West Bath Grange in memory of Glenys Maxson, and to the Topsham EMS in memory of Henry Libby. In April we voted to change the time to start our meetings to 7 p.m. The winners of the pumpkin bar contest were Merton Ricker and Erna Smith. We went to the new China Super Buffet April 15, stuffed ourselves and were surprised at how reasonable their prices are. Also, in April we sang "Happy Birthday" to four of our members and our two visitors who had birthdays that month.

On May 6 we had CWA night with our many friends from neighboring granges filling the chairs. We served them a ham dinner followed by ice cream and brownies before the meeting. Susan Hackett was Master for the evening. Yvonne Johnson prepared and presented a very nice program. Our CWA Chairman Sherri Roehrig, and a future member, passed out an unusual "bouquet" made with flowers attached to ink pens in a pot. We appreciate how nice our friends are to readily accept our invitations. Our Lecturer Merton Ricker presents very interesting programs at our regular meetings. Merton is having health problems at this writing, but we hope he will have them resolved soon.

We have a 50/50 raffle each meeting as well as "Mystery March". There were 12, 19 and 38 grangers and friends at our last three meetings.

We hosted the Sagadahoc Pomona and Androscoggin Pomona on May 27. Topsham Grange furnished the hearty food and guests brought the desserts.

Stay well and enjoy the warmer weather.

Literary Offering

A Little Bit of Heaven

There's a little bit of Heaven
In each day that comes anew.
If we truly look, we'll find it,
Right there within our view.
The soft, pink mist of early dawn
That tints the morning sky,
A robin in a tree top singing
Praise to God on high.
Bright eyed children playing near,
A baby's dimpled smile -
A little bit of heaven sent
To make our day worthwhile.
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Somerset Pomona 6

Harriet Spencer, 362-3351

Somerset Pomona met at Kennebec Valley Grange in Madison March 10. Honored guest was MSG Lect. Sherry Harriman. Other guests were MSG Sec. Sharon Manley, Dep. Ruby Parker, Ag. Com. Zelma Toothaker, and Family H & H Dir. Glenda Barker. The Fifth Degree was conferred on three candidates - Sharon Wood of Fairview Grange and Charles Bagley & Brenda Vashon of Skowhegan Grange. Keith Blackwell spoke about a current bill that would prevent deer hunting on preserves in Maine. If this bill passed, it would directly affect several deer preserves in Somerset County. It was voted to have a Somerset Pomona exhibit at Skowhegan Fair in August. Cards were signed for Helen Proctor and John & Frances Stapelin.

We met April 14 at Somerset Grange in Norridgewock. MSG Sec. Sharon Manley was our guest. The deer farm bill discussed last meeting didn't pass. Calves are selling very cheap or not at all. Elizabeth Russell, East Madison Grange, won the pumpkin squares contest. We voted favorably on the applications of Robert & Carol Thompson of East Madison Grange to become members of our Pomona. It was voted to purchase an MSG Junior Grange brick in memory of Annie Owens - Bingham Grange. Carroll Dean led the program with several members taking part.

We met May 12 at Anson Grange. Our guest was MSG Family H & H Dir. Glenda Barker. She joined our Pomona as an affiliate member. MSG Master James Owens spoke about the plight of "The Maine Granger." I hope this isn't my last column. The guest speaker was Dana Berry from Backyard Farms in Madison. He showed slides and gave some interesting facts about the greenhouse from the beginning until now. A second greenhouse is near completion.

Upcoming meetings: July 14 - Canaan Grange; Aug. 25 - East Madison Grange; Sept. 8 - Victor Grange, Fairfield Center, Installation; Oct. 13 - Kennebec Valley Grange, Madison, Degree. Potluck Suppers - 6:30; Meetings - 7:30.

E. Madison 228

East Madison
Joan Arsenault, 634-2146

On Feb. 14 we met at the fire station with 14 members present. We voted to donate to the Agriculture Scholarship Fund. Homemade ice cream was enjoyed by all.

Feb. 28 was a beautiful, sunny day for this meeting with 15 members present. We discussed going to a sugar shack for Maine Maple Syrup Sunday. The program was fair planning and we also discussed buying dictionaries for the third graders.

On March 14 the Worthy Master announced the fair dates. The program was readings by our members.

March 28 was Legislative Night. We welcomed Phil Curtis, a representative of the Maine State Legislature. He circulated the "2009 Senate & House Register" and a "Facts about Maine" packet to everyone. He spoke about the budget and the revenue for the State. 12 members were present.

On May 10 we observed our 132nd Anniversary with a wonderful gathering.

At this time Lewis Bryson, State Community Service Comm., was escorted to the Master's station.

Amber Lambky spoke about opening a grist mill at the old jail in Skowhegan. Wanda Hammond, accompanied by a friend, sang for us. Keith Blackwell read a "Message" by George Carlin, a famous comedian. Definitely a "Message" all should read.

Lawrence Amazeen was escorted to the altar and Bryson presented him with an 80-yr. certificate.

Belinda Jones received a 70-yr. certificate in memory of her aunt, Helen Hunnewell. Helen was a true granger and a very hard worker. A "Resolution of Respect" was read in memory of Sister Hunnewell.

Jean Mason favored us with a song and then joined Ray Walters to play together on the keyboard.

A beef stew supper was enjoyed by all. There were 42 members present.

On May 23 we met in our hall and had a Memorial Service

in memory of our members who have passed. A very lovely service was held by our Chaplain pro-tem.

East Madison Days will be held on July 17-18-19.

Victor 49

Fairfield Center

On April 18 we held our Open House and Community Service Award with about 30 people attending. This year the award went to Betsy Towner, an "outstanding volunteer" involved in many of the activities going on in Fairfield and Fairfield Center.

We have also joined the Methodist Church in making sure there is a buffet dinner in Fairfield Center on the fourth Saturday of every month from 4:30-6 p.m. The first one was held at the Grange on April 25 and had food and volunteers from the church, the Pet Food Pantry and the Grange. Half of the proceeds went to the Pet Food Pantry and half to the Grange.

Our next big event was the Annual Silent Auction and Chicken Barbecue on June 14. We again joined forces with the church and auction, many donated items and barbecue, many delicious chicken meals. Take out was available and most of our customers chose to do this.

Plans are also in the making for our other events. Among them, buffet dinners on July 25 and Aug. 22 from 4:30-6 p.m., a car show on Aug. 30 from 10-2, Fall Fest on Oct. 10, and our dinner theater on Nov. 6, 7, and 8.

Skowhegan 208

Skowhegan
Harriet Spencer, 362-3351

Skowhegan Grange met March 11. Thanks to TOPS the CWA sales table is doing a good business. It was suggested hall rental rules and prices were needed. The supper and program for our 133rd Anniversary April 8 were discussed. The four degrees were conferred on new members Joy Meurier and Brenda Vashon at Bingham Grange Feb. 28. Ralph & Marjorie Black have also

joined our Grange by demit. Welcome, new members.

We met April 8 to celebrate our 133rd Anniversary. The open meeting was preceded by a chicken pie supper with cake for dessert. Honored guests were MSG Master James Owens, AS & LAS Arthur & Joanne Dority, and CWA Dir. Diane Pinkham. Also present were Past Ex. Com. members, John Ingraham, Clayton Clark, and William Clark. The program began with music by the Country Ramblers - Dale Genest, Al & Shirley Kelly, and Elmer Prentiss. Guest speaker was Judy Blaisdell, Maine Agricultural Events Coordinator. She showed slides and spoke about the Maine Building at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, MA.

We met May 13 for Guest Officers Night. Guests filling the chairs were O. Kay Young, L. Carroll Dean, S. Herbert Edgerly, AS. Richard Witham, LAS. Florence Witham, C. Doris Dean, and F. Cathy Edgerly. Five families expressed interest in buying a subscription to "The Maine Granger." It was decided to have a yard sale August 15 in the Clark Insurance Agency parking lot. Tables will be for rent. Our guests furnished the program.

Upcoming meetings: July 8 - Barbeque & Picnic, members of Benton Grange will be our guests; Aug. 26 - Planning Meeting; Sept. 9 - Installation at Benton Grange; Oct. 14 - Veterans' Day & Thanksgiving. Potluck Suppers - 6:15; Meetings - 7:30.

Kennebec Valley 128

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Kennebec Valley met on Feb. 7. All of our officers were present with the State Master as our pianist. Doris reported for CWA. Our next meeting is to be the pumpkin bar contest. We had thank yous from some of our senior members for their Christmas goodies. We voted to let the county 4-H use the hall for county demonstrations. Keith suggested we hold a military whist card party on March 21. We had a speaker from Western Mountain Alliance.

We met again on March 7. Garret Lambert filled in as G.K. and Cheryl Perkins was pianist. We voted to exhibit again this year at Skowhegan Fair. Wright Pinkham was our speaker for this meeting. We are going to have a public ham dinner for Easter Sunday. We are planning to make May baskets for our seniors. Keith is planning to cook venison for the Legislators' dinner.

Kennebec Valley met April 4 after a potluck supper; we took in two new names. For the program Jamie Doirion talked about the history of Madison, mostly the changes along Main Street. He passed around pictures of present and past Main Street.

We put on an Easter Dinner on Easter Sunday and cleared over \$600.

On May 2 we celebrated our 134th anniversary.

We presented Dorothy Rich with her 60-year seal and Norman Dean with his 55. Bob Elston was our guest and he sang many songs for us.

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Waldo Pomona 12

Lois Zezima, 382-3315

Waldo Pomona enjoyed a potluck supper at Harvest Home in Brooks. Afterwards we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with skits, games and music.

In April, Diane Pinkham was our guest speaker at Seven Star Grange Hall. She spoke on the contest put on by the CWA and talked about their other activities. Also Millie Gibbs was chosen the women's winner of the Pumpkin bar contest and Brit Rothrock was the winner for the men.

In May, we held a Redneck night at Knox Station with 43 people attending. We had humorous readings, jokes, played Redneck Horseshoes and a balloon stomp game. We also enjoyed music by Dale Hustus. Our auction was held at Harvest Home Grange Hall. We called a little over \$400.

July 14 we will be at Harvest Moon and will have a speaker on Amish Living. Aug. 4, we will be at Dirigo in Freedom for 3 point night. Penobscot and East Kennebec Pomonas are invited. Supper at 6, meeting at 7.

Dirigo 98

Lois Zezima, 382-3315

Dirigo # 98 has been very busy with a variety of activities. In March, we had a Chili Cookoff with several members from our grange and Betty Vanidestine from Harvest Home and Richard Banker from Harvest Moon entering. It was decided that the winner was a tie between Linda Kennedy and Dick Banker. In April we decided to do projects for Togus Hospital and to adopt a local service person instead of do a Community Program. We also did a "So you know Maine" program, where teams competed to answer questions about Maine. Brit Rothrock won the Pumpkin bar contest for men and Louise Connelly won for women. Several members helped serve breakfast and lunch at Ingraham Equipment's Open House on April 22. Robert Granville ran a 50/50 raffle there and reports we made more than \$150. At our Ag night, Jeanne Burham talked about and showed slides of the grounds of the "Big E." Also Maine State Dairy Princess for 2008, Asley Hardy, spoke about her past year and the many events she had attended.

Thanks to Bev and John Ingraham for an enjoyable evening.

Dirigo #98 is pleased to say that we have 3 people to do degrees and one person who transferred from another grange.

June 27 will be our Strawberry Festival. July 16 will be guest officers. July 18-19, yard sale and BBQ at Ingraham Equipment.

August 1 is our Blueberry festival. Hope to see you at these events.

Knox Station 579

Knox
Marjorie Larrabee, 568-3657

Knox Station grange #579 met March 12 at Ruth Worcester's home in Montville for a very nice supper and evening. We moved our banking from TD North to our local Bangor Savings Bank. We insured with TD North. We had Pumpkin Bars judging. There were 4 ladies and 1 man's. Agnes Nelson and Brit Rothrock were the winners. Ruth had an interesting program.

On March 26 we met at the Rothrock home. For Ag report, Joyce has seen Red-Winged Blackbirds, Robins, Grackles, and Red Poles. Both of our Towns had their Town Meetings on Saturday. We will order gas so we can get back in our hall. Brit read us "The Potato Story" and Anne did a program on "Bad Backs" which was so informative.

On April 9 we opened our

hall for Spring. We made plans for our Pomona meeting, for cleaning the hall, and starting our Public Suppers on May 16. Brit's program was on how the date for Easter is figured. He told about his job working with EMC Director, Dale Rowley.

April 24 was our next meeting. Anne has worked for "Country Living Day" and has given blood. Brit has worked 3 canoe races. Our Golden Sheaf member, Dan Raven, passed away. We hosted a Memorial for him May 2. Anne did a program on Patriots' Day. We had Pomona on May 5.

At our May 14 meeting we draped the charter for Dan Raven. We thanked Minnie Raven for the donation for the Memorial. We read about the new plan for the Maine Granger and voted not to subscribe.

Our May 28 meeting had all the Officers present except two. The Schofield's took their 4-H Club members to Augusta to help put flags on the Veterans' graves. We had to replace a refrigerator in our kitchen. Our program was by Karl Julian. He did the History of Memorial Day, ending with the Lord's Prayer.

We meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays with a 6 p.m. supper and a 7 p.m. meeting. Visitors are always welcome.

Washington Pomona #16

Cathance 510

Cooper
Arline Flood, 454-3347

Cathance is back in business again. The town plow was used to move four feet of packed snow and in the act of doing this, sunk into the water and ice lurking underneath and had to have a truck haul it out. It was opened up in time for the annual town meeting, but was extremely narrow.

Paul and Hild Lister were back and brought demits from a grange in Florida. We are glad to have them back.

Betty Hatton and Brenda Robb, Carleton Hatton's family, came while we draped the charter in his memory.

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Charleton passed away in Florida in March after a short illness. His parents, Ralph and Leta Hatton were very active in the Charlotte Grange, Pomona and State Grange. Carleton grew up in the grange family and worked his way up to Master.

Will Day won the CWA prize and Susan Leone and Paul Lister the mystery prizes. As always our lecturer had a good program. The CWA Chairman Arline Flood passed

out booklets to the ladies. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

The second meeting it rained on our parade but had a very good turnout. We have a couple more members transferring into our little grange and we couldn't be happier. We wish Mary Campbell well as she takes care of her brother who can't be left alone. Ralph Flood won the CWA prize, a box of early Violas.

was an abundance of trees and limbs scattered over the property, one of which plunged through an upstairs window and broke it. So a bit of repair work was needed, and a full work day is being scheduled shortly to spruce things up. We had several visitors that first meeting and put them all to work filling chairs. Deputy Margaret Morse, Janice Bowden, and Shirley Dodge came from John F. Hill, and Donna and Alan Goodrich joined us from Mousam Lake. The charter was draped for Arthur Perkins and Forrest Hutchins. Donations were approved for the B.M. Shibles Scholarship fund, the Ag Scholarship, and for Grange Cottage. The members voted to allow the hall to be used in June for a couple of events, including Recognition Day for the Great Works Land Trust volunteers. Our Deputy Margaret Morse presented service awards at the altar to Judy Hussey (25 yrs), Robert Grover (55 yrs), and Ruth Hammond (60 yrs). Other awards to be delivered go to Eleanor Hines, Beatrice Spiller, Emily Butler, Janice Dickerson, Betty Ann Hammond, and Mary Clough.

At our April 18 meeting, Ruth reported that she had visited Betty Ann Hammond who is recovering from an amputated leg. Janice Dickerson is in the hospital on dialysis. Bob Grover made a visit to Mary Steves and she wanted to be remembered to the Grange. We have been very pleased to have Sybil Dupuis at the piano this spring; the music is very much welcomed. M. Dale Clock suggested that we recount memories of Grange years past, and he told of his very first visit to the Grange hall with Grace Hammond. Bob Grover was impressed that as a boy he won the mystery march on his very first visit. Many remembered the bean suppers, the plays and minstrel shows, and the menfolk playing cards in the back room.

On May 2 we draped the charter for Edgar Witcher. It was reported that Richard Harriman is recovering from a heart attack and a series of stints that he has had. Bill Dickerson is facing back surgery while Jan Dickerson is now in rehab. A card has been sent to Harland Roberts, and Ed Cahoon reported that he was able to visit with Mary Steves when he saw her out recently. Sherry presented a very nice program with games and quizzes featuring spring and Mother's Day themes. She also gave all the moms trays of snapdragons for their spring planting.

John F. Hill 393

Eliot

Janice M. Bowden, 449-1309

Our first meeting of March was canceled due to snow.

On March 12 we entertained 14 members of York Pomona.

Regular meeting was held on March 23. We voted to buy nine books for various grades and present them to the Eliot Elementary School.

During the Lecturer's Program, we had an unscramble the word game, Tic Tac Toe and a skit. The 50/50 winner was June Downing and the rug march was won by Shirley Dodge.

Our first meeting in April was held upstairs in the hall for the first time since last December.

Carmalita Higgins and June Downing were in charge of the program for the evening.

They had some readings and a couple games. We collected 23 items for the local food pantry. Doris Grover won the 50/50 raffle and Shirley Dodge won the rug march. We voted to purchase vegetable seeds to donate to the community garden, which will be planted at the Eliot United Methodist Church.

On April 27 we held our second meeting of the month, with Vicki Huff joining us for the evening.

We played a fruit and vegetable game during the Lecturer's Program. The 50/50 winner was Vicki Huff and the rug march winner was Shirley Dodge.

On May 11, Mike Griffin from North Scarborough Grange was our honored guest and conducted our inspection. He was very kind to us and gave us an A plus. Thanks Mike.

We had the sad duty of draping our charter in memory of Evelyn Sirrell, who had passed away on May 8. She was a 50-year member.

Scholarship applications were presented for our review. The winner from Marshwood High School in Eliot was Emma Morrison. The winner from Traip Academy in Kittery was Dylan Schartz-Wallach. The choice from the applications for the Barak M. Scholarship will be chosen at a later date.

We voted to send Margaret Morse to the Lecturers' Conference, expenses paid.

We will not be participating in Acton Fair this year.

June Brackett was in charge of the Lecturer's Program and she had a quiz on names of towns and cities in Maine. Collection for the food pantry was 32 items and some cash.

On May 25 we had a very informal meeting, due to the lack of a quorum. Doris Grover was in the hospital and Carmalita Higgins was in Missouri to attend her grandson's graduation.

We had a members' talent

Agricultural Committee

The Agricultural Committee has been busy as usual with obtaining items for our scholarship raffle. We now have these items: A commercial gas grill, 19" color TV with DVD player, \$100 gift card from Ingraham Equipment, \$25 gift card from Cabela's, assorted gift collection from Cabela's, pick up load of bark mulch worth \$75 from Hunt Lumber, canvas bag and assortment from L.L. Bean, canvas painting donated by Bill and Shirley Hatch. Tickets are \$1 each of 6 for \$5.

We met and picked our three students for the scholarships for 2009. They will need to submit transcripts for the first semester in order to receive the \$500.

night with Alberta Remick doing a piano solo; June Downing and Janice Bowden a duet singing "God Bless America"; Shirley Dodge reading; June Brackett a solo; Margaret Morse a saxophone solo; and Vicki Huff read "Flanders Field".

Saco 53

Saco

J. Burnham, 839-4300

Saco Grange 53 has been meeting regularly since the last Maine Granger was printed. In March we had a sale to benefit the Children's Center Program in Scarborough. We collected books to give to the Barbara Bush Hospital. Most of the books were for children of all ages. Pine Grove Nursery also donated to this cause as well.

In April we had open house and presented Mark Sharpp, an employee at Shaws, with the Community Citizen Award for his volunteering with our March Madness sale at the end of March. We had a spaghetti dinner before our meeting.

We have continued our bean suppers as this helps with the donations we give. The church is still using the grange hall for Sunday and Wednesday meetings. Community service is one of the real active programs the grange is doing. We are hoping to donate dictionaries to many third graders this fall along with those who are grandchildren of members.

Our Junior, Domic, is looking forward to camp this August. Some members have booked campsites for the family campout July 24-26.

Three members painted the front porch a nice white. It was really needed. Some of our older members aren't able to attend meetings, so the members who are able to drive at night call to see if anyone needs a ride. It is a nice gesture. Keep up the good work everyone.

York Pomona 14

Janice M. Bowden, 439-4309

Our March meeting was held on March 12 at John F. Hill Grange in Eliot, preceded by a delicious lasagna supper. Since it was a Past Masters and Past Pomonas night, there were many different faces filling the chairs. The address of welcome was given by Margaret Morse, Master of John F. Hill. The response was given by Lorraine Goodness, Past Pomona and present Flora of York Pomona.

There was very little business to attend to, so it was on to the Lecturer's Program. The opening thought was given by Vicki Huff, a reading "Going Green Ideas" was read by Jeannie Burnham, Recycling Tie-Tac-Toe by Vicki Huff. CWA raffle winners were Gloria Ross, Dottie Morrill, Donna Goodrich, Robert Grover, Bob Wood and Brenda Dyer. A reading "10 Ways to Use Baking Soda" was read by Donna Goodrich and the 50/50 raffle was won by David Harriman.

It was also announced that Nellie Webber had recently passed away, Nancy Cortright was having more chemo, and David Burnham had been operated on for a blood clot and was now resting at home and doing better.

The closing thought was read by Margaret Morse.

The April meeting was held on April 9 at Mousam Lake Grange. A ham and bean supper preceded the meeting. The welcome was given by Arvid Roberts, Master of Mousam Lake and the response was by Charlotte Stevens, Secretary of York Pomona.

It was announced that Evelyn Brown of Hollis Grange had won first place in the state for her pumpkin bars and that Jeannie Burnham won second place. The 50/50 winner was Robert Grover.

The May meeting was held on May 14 at Beauneg Beg Grange, preceded by a delicious smothered beef supper.

Yvonne Johnson, Deputy of Maine State Grange was our guest for the evening and she conferred the fifth degree on Steve Osmond from Riverside Grange.

It was announced that it was time to get gardens planted and to be thinking about Acton, which is not far away.

The address of welcome was given by Robert Grover, Treasurer of Beauneg Beg Grange with the response given by Lorraine Goodness, Lady Assistant Steward of Mousam Lake and Flora of York Pomona.

The Lecturer's Program included an opening thought "Success" read by Leslie Guy. A reading on Memorial Day by Janice Bowden, State Nickname Quiz with Bob Grover and Vicki Huff as the winners. CWA raffle winners were Lawrie Morrill, Vicki Huff, Gloria Ross, Lee Ann Cortright, Lorraine Goodness, Nancy Cortwright, Dottie Morrill, Bob Grover and Leslie Guy as winners. A quiz on national parks was won by Bob Grover, Lawrie Morrill and Sylvia Young. The 50/50 winner was Brenda Dyer. "Flanders Field" was read by Vicki Huff. The closing song was America the Beautiful.

The June 11 meeting at Riverside was scheduled for election of officers and a memorial program.

Hollis 132

Vicki Huff, 699-2830

As I write this, it is foggy and rainy outside but Hollis Grangers are looking forward to our busy summer. We participated in the "Beautify America" project sponsored by the National Grange. The seeds were given to Hollis Elementary first graders, Hollis Rec., the community garden in Hollis and a senior citizens group. They were well received by all and we are looking forward to hearing reports on how things are growing. We sponsored a well-attended candidates night at the community building on May 27. We will have exhibits at Ossipee Valley and Cumberland Fairs. We will have a float in the Acton Fair Parade. We held our first "fair project work day" at Lila's house and it was a success. We are going to continue this once a month, meeting on either Friday or Saturday so that those who work can attend sometimes. Congratulations to Evelyn Brown on placing first in the baking contest at State. It was quite the moment

when our Master surprised her at our meeting when she was presented with her ribbon and check.

We will be giving two scholarships again to graduates of Bonny Eagle High School. Our applicant for the Barak M. Shibles and Beaver Dam Grange scholarship was chosen to receive a scholarship this year.

We love to have visitors, we had six at our last meeting. Please contact either Master Vicki Huff 699-2830 or Secretary Lila Gannett 727-3222 to find out where we will be meeting if you wish to attend. Our meetings are the third Friday of the month. Enjoy the summer!

Bauneg Beg 382

Judy Hussey, 603-652-4277

Our members enjoyed a nice gathering in February when we met at Johnson's in North Berwick for a tasty seafood dinner. But it was not until April 4 that we re-opened the hall and got the water running again. The winter took its toll on the premises. Our hot water heater failed, the gas stove needed parts, and there



Entrants in Hancock Pomona's Easter hat contest: sitting, Ruth Clement (first place - women) and Caroline Blodgette; standing, Roxanne Grindle, Gloria Hatch, Linwood Clement (first place - men) and Miriam Black.

Grange urges U.S. EPA to delay oil spill prevention regulations

The National Grange joined other groups as the Agriculture Coalition on the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) to collectively comment on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) amendments delaying the effective date of SPCC regulations. While the Coalition stated that much of the regulation changes have been in response to comments made by the agricultural community, particularly the Agency's inclusion of a definition of a farm as provided by agricultural stakeholders and USDA, the group stated concern over the Agency's intent to evaluate certain undefined aspects of the rule. Further, the regulation provides no assurance that

future public comment periods would be made available if the rule is altered.

While the EPA rulemaking of Dec. 5, 2008, aptly modified EPA regulations that have been in existence for more than 35 years and have a high compliance among non-farm sectors of the economy, much of the agricultural sector has yet to even hear of the new SPCC rules. Many other farmers or ranchers are understandably confused by the complexity of the new regulation and its constantly changing compliance deadlines. Additionally, there are stark, fundamental differences between the petroleum and industrial chemicals communities that have lived under this regulation for

decades and the agricultural community. Furthermore, the Agency has failed to provide data or even anecdotal evidence of agricultural spills of petroleum or other oil products to justify such a resource-intensive rulemaking. In fact, a 2005 USDA study found that nearly 70 percent of all farms will be potentially affected by the SPCC rule despite the fact that data on oil spill on farms, cooperatives, and other agribusinesses is almost nonexistent.

Upon review of the public comments submitted to EPA, the Agriculture Coalition became aware of an alternative option of self-certification for farms. The Coalition stated that this alternative approach deserves a full study by EPA. For a number of reasons, self-certification could prove to be the most sensible way to apply SPCC rules to all farms - if in fact EPA insists that farming operations must be regulated to protect against the risks of accidental oil spills, a view that the Coalition does not share.

The Agriculture Coalition recommended that the Agency issue a compliance deadline that provides adequate time for producers to develop SPCC plans, secure budgets, and make necessary capital expenditures to comply with the final rule once it has been published. Farms operate on loans and funds are often dedicated several years in advance to other crucial elements of the operation. They encouraged EPA to consider these factors as it establishes new compliance deadlines. They also recommended the Agency provide five years from the date of final publication for compliance for farms.

National Grange develops 10-point Blueprint for Rural America

The National Grange, the nation's oldest general farm and rural public interest organization, has developed a ten-point program to revitalize rural America and assure U.S. agricultural prosperity. The Grange has provided a grassroots voice for individuals, families, farmers, and rural communities since 1867. Today, Grange members affiliated with more than 2,700 local, county, and state Grange chapters across the nation are leaders in developing and advocating policies that benefit their communities.

The ten-point program includes building a solid foundation of prosperity for America's family farmers, ranchers, and foresters. The National Grange is supporting farm programs that make available credit, risk management, income support, and environmental stewardship for family farmers, ranchers and foresters, regardless of the crop or livestock they produce. "Maintaining a strong domestic agricultural industry is vital to national economic security," stated National Grange President Ed Luttrell.

Achieving energy security through domestic production of agriculturally derived renewable fuels is another top priority for the National Grange. "Renewable energy

from our nation's farms and rural communities is grossly underutilized and faces government regulatory and monopolistically driven hurdles to further integration into our national energy mix," stated Luttrell. The Grange supports generating at least 25% of domestic energy needs from renewable resources derived from America's family farms such as biodiesel, ethanol, biomass, solar, and wind energies by January 1, 2025.

Public safety in rural communities is a National Grange priority. Bio-terrorism that could destroy the livelihood of hundreds of thousands of family farmers and ranchers is a real threat via the importation or domestic transportation of invasive pests and diseases. Additionally, consumers are at risk from imported food and manufactured products that often fail to meet the same strict scrutiny that domestically produced products face.

Other points discussed in the 2009 Blueprint for Rural America document are:

- Responding to the national financial crisis sweeping across rural America
- Expanding telecommunications services in rural areas
- Improving the quality and availability of rural health care
- Promoting Practical and Effective Immigration Reform
- Supporting transportation improvements that protect the freedom of mobility
- Strengthening civic participation in our society
- Improving the quality of rural education

Leroy Watson, National Grange Legislative Director, concluded, "Our 300,000 members across the country believe these points need to be addressed for the betterment of rural America. By concentrating and acting on these fundamental issues, we will assure U.S. agricultural prosperity and strengthen our nation's economy to protect our future."



Castine: Irene and Foster Gray playing a duet on the piano.

Large coalition beseeches President to restore AG export funding

Over 120 organizations including the National Grange represented by the Coalition to Promote U.S. Agricultural Exports, recently wrote to President Barack Obama to express strong concern about his FY 10 budget outline proposing a reduction in funding for the Market Access Program (MAP). The budget outline proposes to cut MAP funding by 20 percent from its 2008 Farm Bill authorized level of \$200 million annually to \$160 million. The Coalition believes such a reduction in funding or other suggested changes to the eligibility criteria of MAP will negatively impact the ability of U.S. agriculture to promote American products in international markets, thereby weakening U.S. exports and undermining the Administration's larger efforts to stabilize the economy and preserve American jobs.

MAP, which is administered by USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), forms a highly successful partnership between non-profit U.S. agricultural trade associations, farmer cooperatives, non-profit state-regional trade groups, small businesses, and USDA to share the costs of overseas marketing and promotional

activities such as consumer promotions, market research, trade shows, and trade servicing. Since its creation in 1985, MAP has proven to be highly successful in helping to boost U.S. agricultural exports, protecting and creating American jobs, and increasing farm income. Over this period, U.S. agricultural exports have increased by nearly 300 percent, and today over 1.2 million Americans have jobs that depend on these exports.

The Coalition emphasized that MAP is a cost-share program under which farmers and other participants are required to contribute as much as a 50 percent match of their own resources to be eligible. It has been and continues to be an excellent example of an effective public-private partnership. While government is an important partner in this effort, industry funds supporting both generic and branded promotion are now estimated to represent almost 60 percent of total annual spending on market development and promotion, up from roughly 45 percent in 1996 and less than 30 percent in 1991. Clearly, U.S. producers and industry are committed to the program.

Hancock Pomona snapshots



Halcyon: Carrie Saunders received her 65 & 70 year certificates.



Halcyon: Paul Sullivan on the keyboard.

Knitting pattern

Flap Hat

NOTES: Finished hat measures 18" circumference.

Yarn: Thick bulky yarn, 8 oz./132 yds.

Needles: US 13 circular needle (16"), set of US 13 dp needles (or size to obtain correct gauge)

Gauge: 9 sts. = 4" in st. st.

Other: tapestry needle

Knitting the band

With circular needle, cast on 42 sts. Join into a round, being careful not to twist sts. Work K1, P1 rib for 1 1/2".

Knitting the hat

Knit 1 round, increasing 2 sts. evenly spaces. You now have 44 sts. Work st. st. (knit every round) until hat measures 5 1/4" from beginning.

Decreasing for the crown

Decrease round 1: K2, *K4, K2tog; repeat from *. (37 sts.) Knit 1 round.

Decrease round 2: K2, *K3, K2tog; repeat from *. (30 sts.) Knit 1 round.

Decrease round 3: K2, *K2, K2tog; repeat from *. (23 sts.) Knit 1 round.

Decrease round 1: K2, *K1, K2tog; repeat from *. (16 sts.)

Knit 1 round.

Last decrease round: *K2tog; repeat from *. (8 sts.)

Cut yarn, leaving a 10" tail. Thread tail onto tapestry needle, draw through remaining 8 sts. Pull up snug and fasten off on the inside.

Knitting the earflaps

With two dp needles, pick up and knit 9 sts. along cast-on edge. Knit 4 rows.

Decrease row: K2tog, K5, K2tog. (7 sts.)

Knit 1 row.

Repeat these two rows until 3 sts. remain.

Work 3-st. I-cord (see below) to desired length. Bind off.

Fold hat in half and pick up 9 sts. exactly opposite this earflap and work second earflap in same manner.

Finishing

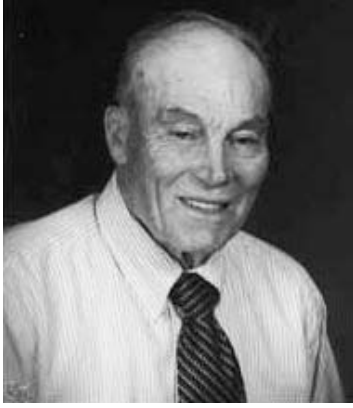
Weave in ends.

I-cord

Use the 3 sts. from earflap. *Knit all sts. Without turning the work, slide the sts. to the other end of the needle. Pull the working yarn across the back. Repeat from * until cord is desired length. Bind off.

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David Carroll, Past State Deputy, passes away



David B. Carroll

David B. Carroll, 90, died April 19, following a brief period of declining health, at the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Born March 30, 1919, in Union, he was a son of D. Linwood and Bessie Paine Carroll. He was educated in Union schools and graduated from Union High School in the Class of 1936.

David enlisted in the Army on Oct. 9, 1942, through Fort Devens, Mass. His service as an Army engineer with the 177th Engineer Battalion took him to the island of Amchitka in the Aleutian Island Campaign during WWII for two years. He concluded his service in the military police in Washington, D.C., and was honorably discharged with medals on Oct. 31, 1945.

While serving in Washington, D.C., he courted his future wife, Harriet Farris, who was also from Union. Together they returned to Union and were married May 5, 1946.

They made their home and raised a family on the Carroll family farm, which had been in David's family for six generations. He attended agriculture school on the GI Bill and began to expand the herd of Jersey cows and hens on his farm during the post-war period when farmers were encouraged to produce food for their country. He grew vegetables for the factory as

Past Deputy Dot Nickerson passes away

Dorothy Haskell Nickerson joined her husband Richard in heaven on March 29 after a very short illness. Dot was born on July 28, 1919 in Ellsworth, the first daughter of Henry and Alta Haskell. She graduated from Stockton Springs High School and went to work in Portland at a laundry service. She met and later married Richard B. Nickerson in Stockton Springs on Jan. 2, 1949. Richard was a career Navy man and she traveled the world with him. She had fond memories of Washington, D.C., Bermuda, San Diego and her happiest times were spent in Hawaii.

They bought a home in Jacksonville in the early 1970s. While there she became a very active member in both local and state granges. Dot and Dick were on the State Grange Youth Committee from 1977-1985. Dot was Junior Deputy from 1985-1990 and 1993-2002. During these same years she was deputy for both Washington and West Washington Pomonas, covering all of Washington County.

Dot served as Ceres and CWA chairperson of Jacksonville Grange from 1977-2002 except for one year. Her duties included organizing suppers and public dinners as well as all the sewing competitions at local and county levels.

well as home. He continued as a self-employed dairy farmer until 1984.

He managed and harvested the farm woods, becoming an official tree farmer in 1956. He was a board member of the Knox County Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service for six years.

Beginning at age 14 he became an active member of Seven Tree Grange in Union. He went on to become a Maine State Grange deputy under Master E. Carroll Bean, serving in that role for five years. During the years he held many offices, including master of both Subordinate Grange and Pomona Grange. When Seven Tree Grange closed, he transferred his membership to Pioneer Grange in East Union. He holds a 75-year certificate of Grange membership.

His wife of 63 years, Harriet, tells us that, upon their engagement, David told her that one thing she had to do to marry him was to join the Grange.

David held the office of Overseer at Pioneer at the time of his passing. He also was Degree Master in four of the five degrees performed by the Knox Pomona Degree Team. His last conferral was on March 14, reciting perfectly just one month before his passing. When asked how he managed to learn so much Grange ritual as well as he did, he replied that as a soldier in WWII he had carried a manual in his pocket and repeated its contents over and over to himself as he walked guard duty.

Always proud of his service to his country, David was a charter member of Post 9437 of the VFW in Washington and a lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter ME 1. He is a past commander of Union American Legion Post 110. He joined People's United Methodist Church in Union in March 1959, and was a member there for 50 years.

He found great pleasure in all the seasons of work on the farm, and he wrote poetry that reflects an understanding of life itself from beginning to end. He was proud to recently celebrate his 90th birthday with his family who he loved.

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We are independent. Each member will contribute what skills, talents, ideas, and resources that they can. Some members will supply ideas, others will be part of our media efforts, and even more will work in the background, doing what they do best; to support and magnify the efforts of our organization.

We are dependent. Yes, we are dependent upon each other. None of us are capable of carrying this fight by ourselves. As individuals without support from the Grange team, we would likely lose, we would have few options, and our future would be bleak.

However, we are a team. Grange members understand teamwork and that our unique blend of independence and dependence strengthens us beyond the mere sum of our parts. This year we will work together in ways that we haven't in decades. This year we will find new ideas and solutions National President Ed Luttrell that will aid us. We will get more positive media attention, we will raise more money, we will create new opportunities, and we will be stronger for it.

The companies that are trying to take our trademarked name for their own use are not really the enemy. I ask that each member realize that the farmers and ranchers who supply them with meat, milk, or even eggs, the employees that work in their factories and the companies and people who buy their products are not the problem. It is the management of these companies who have the wrong attitude. We want to open our Grange doors to the farmers, the workers, and the customers of these companies and give them the opportunity of Grange membership. The opportunity of being part of a great American team!

At the moment there are few companies that can claim to be a beloved American institution. Consider the fact that if the Grange was not respected and

even loved by some, would they still want our name? This coming year will see our members improving our ability to work together as a great team. The strength through the blending of independence and dependence is ours. Not only will we win this fight to

protect our name, but we will also have new opportunities to grow the Grange this year. If each member and each Grange faces this challenge with optimism and courage, our future is bright and full of hope.

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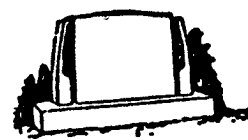
Castine: Easter hat parade, with Jeanette Belanger, Linwood Clement, Ruth Clement, Jackie Billings, Carolyn Blodgett and Gloria Hatch.



Victory providing song and music at Castine Grange. Pictured are Eileen Churchill, Rusty Wait, Marlese Cox, Foster Gray and Irene Gray on the piano.



A display of Grange awards and photo albums brought back many memories and was one of the highlights of North Haven's 100th Anniversary celebration.



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