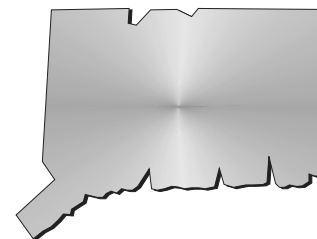




Connecticut Granger



Vol. 48, No. 10

The Official Newspaper of the Connecticut State Grange

July/August 2008

State President



Robert Sendewicz
 State Master/President
 president@ctstategrange.org

There are just a few Subordinate Granges left to evaluate and the reports are pretty good. From what I have read the Granges have taken in more than sixty new members this past year. This is very encouraging and I hope it will continue into the fall. I would have liked to see more joining Pomona Granges and I am sure I will see this in October. I commend all Granges for doing their best during the evaluations. Specifically those that made the extra effort and put on degrees or had special programs to attract new members. I am sure that some of the plans we put into operation will reap benefits in the coming months.

Since this article covers July and August I will get right to the meat of

it. The most important item is the National Session. There are many odd jobs left to fill and some are not on my mind right now. Those of you who have already been assigned a job need not be concerned now. Those of you who have not will be contacted soon. It would be helpful if you could contact Jody Cameron (Convention Coord.) at jodycameron2000@sbcglabal.net or at (860) 564-7614 to let us know which days you will be attending the session so he can fit you to a particular job. Also it will help just knowing when you will be there in case a last minute position has to be filled. The excitement is building and I can feel that this is going to be a great event for the Northeast Region.

Let us not forget the mundane work that must continue before then. There are several events of importance that are on the calendar for these two months. Those that stand out the most are "Let's Celebrate" and the Northeast Regional Lecturer's Conference. The details of these events are available inside this issue. We should do our

best to support both of them. Besides they are enjoyable events. Bring some non Grange friends to Lets Celebrate. They will learn about the Grange and have fun at the same time.

Going into September we have the Big E. I know many of you are making items for the National Session but I hope you are still making some for the CWA at the New England Grange Building. I hope you will also spend some time working in the building during the fair. The fair has been a big success the last two years and the Big E Trustees have gone out of their way to make this year even greater.

Sister Doris Shaw will be contacting many of you soon to man the Connecticut Room in the building.

Please volunteer and also help out in the store. This building is a great place to educate people about the Grange. The more we educate people about the Grange the easier it will be to build our Order.

Sister Marge and I hope you enjoy the free time you have left this summer and I will still be going around visiting your Granges.

Help Celebrate on July 26



Marge Bernhardt
 State Lecturer
 lecturer@ctstategrange.org

"The Grange Is...an organization where friendships are formed

and fun could be had for the young and young at heart. It's also a place where members are always ready to lend a helping hand to those who need it." The above was written by Helene Forrest of Hillstown Grange.

My thanks to all who attended Grange Sunday at Good Will Grange Hall. Our winners were as follows:

TALENT CONTEST

1. Ron Purington & Dan

Mutchler representing Lyme Grange and New London County Pomona.

2. Mary Turner and Robyn Lee representing Cheshire Grange and New Haven County Pomona.

"A NUMBER"

1. Manchester Grange (E. Central Pomona)

2. Redding Grange (Fairfield County Pomona)

3. Old Lyme Grange (New Haven Cty. Pomona)

...continued on page 7

Farm Bill now law



Gordon Gibson
 Legislative Director
 legislative@ctstategrange.org

Last month I closed my column with some comments on the 2007 Federal Farm Bill. Since then Congress renamed the bill as the 2008 Farm Bill, passed the necessary corrections, sent the revised farm bill to President Bush who vetoed it and Congress overrode the President's veto. The Farm Bill is

now law. The new law has fourteen major sections, each of which is referred to as a "Title." The new Farm Bill addresses all aspects of agriculture, so some parts of it are of major concern to the Northeast while other parts will have very little effect on our region. Of course this could be said about any region in the United States.

For many years there have been complaints about large farm operations making good profits while at the same time receiving government subsidies. There have also been complaints about people who are not involved with agriculture receiving subsidies. Under the new law, farms that have more than \$750,000 per year in income and individuals who have non-farm income of \$500,000 per year will be ineligible to receive any government subsidies. The dollar amounts may sound high, but at least it is a start in the right direction.

The new Farm Bill increases the total spending on conservation programs by \$7.9 billion. The conservation programs are designed to protect both farmland and land on farms that should be set aside

...continued on page 3

All Roads Lead to Connecticut!

19 Weeks

4^{1/2} Months

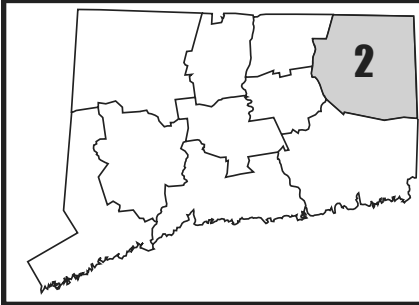
See You There!





I N S I D E	Central Pomona No. 1	11
	Quinebaug Pomona No. 2	2
	East Central Pomona No. 3	3
	Mountain County Pomona No. 4	4
	New Haven County Pomona No. 5	5
	New London County Pomona No. 6	6
	Excelsior Pomona No. 7	7
	Fairfield County Pomona No. 9	8
	Farmington Valley Pomona No. 11	9
	North Central Pomona No. 13	10
	Deadline for the September Issue: August 5	

Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



- Senexet No. 40
- ✓ Brooklyn No. 43
- ✓ Wolf Den No. 61
- ✓ Ekonk No. 89
- Ashford No. 90
- Putnam No. 97
- ✓ Killingly No. 112
- Highland No. 113
- Echo No. 180

BROOKLYN GRANGE #43

Corr: Myrtle Morse

During our April meeting Brooklyn Grangers discovered that maple sugar farmers are now tapping red maple trees as well as the sugar maples. We tasted the syrup. It was not quite as sweet as the sugar maple but most delightful. It would be great over ice cream.

In May Ralph and Peg Seguine conducted a beautiful Memorial Service for members lost during the Grange year.

WOLF DEN GRANGE #61

Corr: Elsie M. Johnson

July 9: CWA Program

July 23: Picnic

Aug. 13: Deaf & Membership

Aug. 27: Potluck, 6:30 P.M.

Those delicious strawberries are now available. So visit your local farmer's markets and get fresh fruits and vegetables.

Our Bluegrass Show was very good and well attended and enjoyed by many. Some of us went to Ashford Grange to their 300 year celebration. Some of us also went to Killingly Grange for Quinebaug Pomona's degree night.

In late April there was a graveside service for departed member Cleo Carter.

Neighbor's night was well attended with State Master Robert Sendewicz and Sister Marge, two non-members and members from Senexet, Killingly and Brooklyn Granges. The State Master presented two of

our members with 25 year Silver Star Certificates. The CWA Baking Contest was held and first prize went to CWA Chairperson Lois Brandt. Ted Magao brought in several bags of cans and tabs. The Lecturer's program was Albert Bruno and Richard Dufresne and their guitars with Glenna assisting.

I turned in 343 Campbell's labels to the school - so keep those labels and tabs coming in. We had election night and all went well. We had visitors from Senexet and Killingly Granges. CWA handiwork contest in July at Killingly. We have seen the first draft plans for the Grange Hall renovations, but some details need to be worked out yet. Looking forward to our picnic or "night out."

Picnics being planned for backyards this summer. So be careful handling food- especially leftovers. School is out- so be more aware of kids on bikes. Happy Summer and Happy Birthday to all!

EKONK COMMUNITY GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

July 20: Awards/Picnic 1 p.m.

Aug. 4th: "Sundae Night Out!" 7 p.m.

Aug. 9th: 26th Annual Fair 10:30-2:30

We draped the charter for Alice Baum. Alice was 93 and came to us from Canterbury last year. Many folks might remember her outstanding Junior Grange Installing Team. She was a dedicated Granger and organized the Canterbury

Seniors.

We welcomed Jim and Pat Palmer in June and they found all of our records in fine shape.

At this meeting we were privileged to hear our 14 year old member, Katrina Sebastian, sing.

What a talented young lady! Katrina had the lead in the Plainfield High School production of "Bye Bye Birdie" and she sang us one of the many songs from that musical. If you were at the State Talent Contest June 8th, you also heard the talented Katrina sing!

Jacob Gervais, 11, was selected to travel to Washington, D.C. in October as part of the Dwight D. Eisenhower educational experience. For this, he will actually earn credits towards his High School graduation! Jake just completed 5th grade at Sterling Community School and is Assistant Steward our Community Junior Grange~a very bright young man!

Jody and Jodi Ann Cameron donated two "Scenes of Sterling" pictures that now grace the walls in our hall and we thank them for that.

Marion Emmons purchased a new flag in memory of her husband, Austin, to replace our former flag (donated by Bonnie & Ric Deojay) that had been tattered by the Ekonk winds!

We voted to again prepare the Sterling Community Calendars, that are so appreciated by the residents of our town~this will be our 7th year with this particular project.

Kay Ruff was commended at our June meeting for her outstanding Power Point Presentation combined with meal & talk at Glastonbury that resulted in EIGHT new Grangers that very night~our youth want Ekonk to try this approach (this was very successfully done in Richmond, RI last

year)! Kay said the most important thing to do is TAKE PICTURES!!!

Special HELLO to our Chaplain, Barbara Cameron, whom we missed at our June meeting.

Many of us are very involved with upcoming National Grange in CT. We are excited to be honored by hosting the Delegate Tour luncheon at our hall - Rick & Elena Hermonot will be serving their famous "Gobbler Sundaes" that day, it is a wonderful opportunity!

Our Fair is August 9th and should be a fun, family day!

Have a great summer!

KILLINGLY GRANGE #112

Corr: Joseph Valys

July 21: It's Not My Birthday- Potluck Picnic, America's Birthday

New officers elected at our June 2 meeting

included: Master, Eleanor Davis; Overseer Earl Aubin; Lecturer Denise Aubin and Secretary Sharon LaFountain.

This year the Town of Killingly celebrates its 300th birthday. The biggest part of the year-long celebration took place on May 31: Killingly's Tercentennial Parade. The parade consisted of numerous floats from different organizations in the town including Killingly Grange #112. Everyone worked hard to put together a beautiful float for the parade that won first place in the town's "civic" category. Because of their hard work and dedication Killingly Grange was awarded a Tercentennial trophy to display and a generous cash prize. Happy Birthday Killingly! And congratulations to Killingly Grange #112!

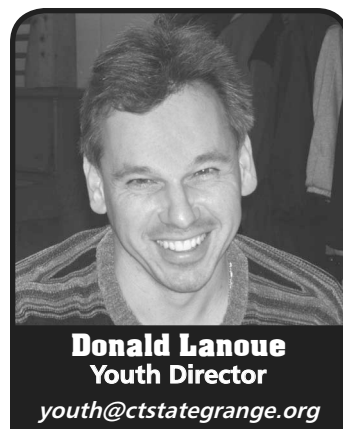
Ekonk Grange No. 89



Above: Members of Ekonk Community Grange and Ekonk Community Jr. Grange march in the Sterling Memorial Day Parade. Below: Winners of the Sterling Community School Earth Day Poster Contest, sponsored by Ekonk Grange: (l to r) Mackenzie Singer, Sonia Ferrogatta, Seth Barr, Andrew Hawkins and Shelly Wargot.



Thank you!



Donald Lanoue
Youth Director

youth@ctstategrange.org

Hello everyone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that enjoyed the lasagna dinner. I would also give a special thank you to Pat Palmer for making the lasagnas and working the kitchen for me.

Though as I am writing this article the weather is hot and muggy I hope that the youth will be helping their granges out at their fairs or other grange activities. Lets go and support the Celebration Day on July 26. I am sure if you attend the celebration you will have a good time or maybe you can even help out on this date. Though we do not have a special booth or anything I am sure the CWA will appreciate any help we can give them.

(USPS 563-220)

"Connecticut Granger"

is published monthly except combined July-August issue for \$3.00/yr. by:

Connecticut Granger, Inc.,
170 Scoville St., Unit 14, Torrington, CT 06790

Second Class postage paid at Winsted, CT
06098

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to:
Connecticut Granger,
P.O. Box 127, Winsted, CT 06098-0127

DEADLINE/CORRECTIONS

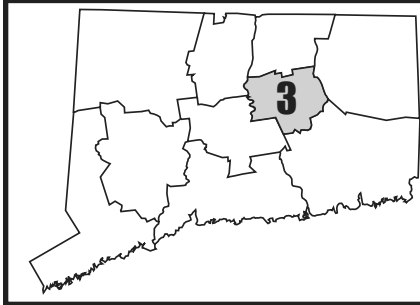
News is due on the **5th Day** of each month except July and should be sent to:
Connecticut State Grange
769 Hebron Ave., P.O. Box 6517,
Glastonbury 06033.

Address corrections should be sent to the Winsted Post Office address listed at left.

Connecticut Granger Staff

President/Editor Todd Gelineau
Vice President Brian Carptenter
Secretary Treasurer. Edith Schoell

East Central Pomona No. 3



- ✓ Glastonbury No. 26
- Manchester No. 31
- Coventry No. 75
- ✓ Hillstown No. 87
- ✓ Marlborough No. 205

EAST CENTRAL POMONA

Corr: John Waterhouse

Sept. 6: 7:30 P.M., Installation

Oct. 4: 5:00 P.M., Meeting; 6:00 P.M., Potluck Supper; 7:00 P.M., Fifth Degree

Our Antiques Appraisal Night was a great success. First, we made a nice profit which will help pay some of our bills. Second, we had non-Grangers visit our beautiful hall and see that the Grange is still alive and well. Finally, folks went home knowing what their treasures are worth. A great big thank you to Sisters Edith Schoell and Ruth Herbele and the other members of their committee who worked so hard to make this night a success.

We were pleased to see a reporter from our local paper, *The Glastonbury Citizen* in attendance taking notes and a few pictures. Thank you Brother Frank Forrest, our publicity expert for all your efforts.

See you in September-Happy Summer to all.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

July 3: Regular Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Ref. Pizza Night- Desserts

Aug. 7: Regular Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Picnic- All members.

Glastonbury members say "Welcome" to our 8 new members. They

are: Martha and Mary Baribault, Thomas Breen, Herbert and Ruth Grommeck, Louise Hyyppa, Linda Silano and Queria Sullivan. We look forward to seeing them at our upcoming meetings as often as they can make it.

"Thank you sincerely" to Jody Cameron and family for their assistance at our May 17th Sense of Giving Presentation and Dinner. Brother Cameron was a tremendous help in preparing the PowerPoint Program. Thank you also to State Master Robert Sendewicz, and wife Marge for attending and the State Master for speaking to those assembled.

Glastonbury members wish all a wonderful summer.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE

Corr: Rita Schaefer

July 10: Picnic

Aug. 28: Summer Nights

Here we go with the temperatures that can't decide which way they want to go. The farmers have finally started their crops but will probably be late.

By the time you read this our annual Chicken and Strawberry Shortcake Dinner will be history. Just got over the winter months and we'll now start summer vacations.

We had our Baking

Contest and are now ready for the next step. We've been trying to get our projects started because as the saying goes, the fair will be here shortly. Maybe we will not have much for vegetables or exhibitors but we'll do the best we can.

I'm hoping the Grange's efforts to restart the Junior Grange will be successful.

Our member Luly Carpenter has moved to Michigan with her niece – not young anymore. Will miss seeing her around.

A tribute to John Calusine who passed away this week. He was the carpenter who made all the wood items for our fairs and we thank him for them.

More news next time and enjoy your summer months and stay healthy.

MARLBOROUGH GRANGE #205

Corr: Ruth K. Posuniak

July – Mystery Ride and meeting. Lecturer Irene Brown will send members a postcard with the date, time and place to meet.

August 10, 2008 Marlborough Grange will hold its annual picnic at Blish Memorial Park, Park Road, Marlborough, CT. Time: 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.- Rain or Shine. Grange provides Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Drinks. Everyone to bring a potluck dish to share.

It is hoped all are working on needlework and contest entries. Judging will be at Good Will Grange Hall on July 12 at 9:00 P.M. Entries should be given to Laura Combs at 228-3668 prior to July 12th.

Farm Bill now law

Continued from page 1...

as protected wetlands. Funds are also provided to help farmers control stream pollution and preserve the quality of our nation's water supply, provide wildlife habitat and create an "Open Fields" program to provide public access to private land for hunting and fishing.

The Trade Title, which was inadvertently left out of the original bill sent to President Bush, is designed to provide food assistance and help fight hunger worldwide. This title increases the ability of the Agency for International Development to stockpile food around the world so it can be delivered faster whenever and wherever it is needed. This title also creates programs to promote United States agricultural products in foreign countries, similar to the programs to promote local food products created and funded by each state.

The Nutrition Title updates the Food Stamp program to reflect new technology and decrease abuse. It also changes the name of the program to the "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program." The Nutrition Title also expands the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) which helps many low-income elderly people who are reluctant to apply for food stamps and also expands the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program which provides senior citizens with vouchers to buy fresh produce at markets and roadside stands.

The Credit Title increases the amount a farmer can borrow on a guaranteed loan to \$300,000. It also provides for low interest loans for people starting their farm operation.

The Rural Development title addresses health care, emergency and first responder needs in rural areas. While we may think of some parts of Connecticut as still being rural, we already have most of these services available throughout our state.

Research into new and improved methods of farming has been an important part of the Department of Agriculture's work ever since it was created in 1861. This effort is continued under the Research Title of the 2008 Farm Bill.

One of the more important requirements of the entire Farm Bill is in the Livestock Title by requiring all meat and produce to be labeled with the country where it originated. With modern transportation and handling facilities now available, meat and produce from halfway around the world can be on the shelves in our stores a few days after it is harvested thousands of miles away. As people are becoming increasingly concerned about the quality of their food, it is important to know where our food is coming from.

Other titles in the 2008 Farm Bill deal with forestry, energy, crop insurance, trading in commodities futures and miscellaneous topics.

Now that the bill is law, the various branches of the Department of Agriculture are revising the rules for existing programs and writing the rules for the new programs so they can be implemented as quickly as possible.

Whigville Grange gets help from Scouts



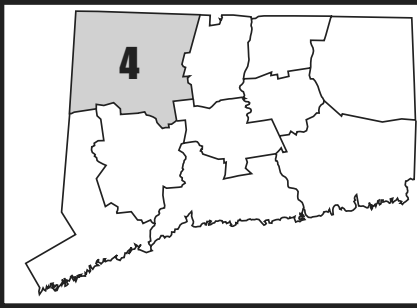
Members of Scout Troop 23 in Burlington give Whigville Grange a fresh painting.

Killingly takes first!



Killingly Grange members pose for a photo on their float in the Killingly Tercentennial Parade, which took first place in the parade's "Civic Category."

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



- Hope No. 20
- ✓ Whigville No. 48
- Eureka No. 62
- ✓ Winchester No. 74
- ✓ Taghannuck No. 100
- ✓ Litchfield No. 107
- Beacon No. 118
- ✓ Riverton No. 169

MT. COUNTY POMONA

Corr: Todd Gelineau

Sept. 8: "Work for All", Litchfield Grange Hall, 7:30 P.M.

A big thank you needs to go out to anyone who contributed to the success of the Barn Dance held in May for the benefit of the Damiani Family. Before it was decided to hold a dance, many thought the Pomona would make a small donation from the treasury and that would be the end of our contribution. No one expected the outpouring of support and enthusiasm for this event. Special thanks go to Country Spice and Culver Griffin for donating their time and talents to the dance and to the Litchfield Fire Department for donating the use of their hall. After all was said and done, Pomona Master Todd Gelineau and Mountain County Pomona presented the Damiani Family with a check for \$4,675.00 at the May 22 meeting of Litchfield Grange.

As this issue of the Granger goes to press on the day of the June Pomona meeting, we cannot tell you how well we did with the annual Spring Gift Drawing but we are sure it was successful. We thank all members and friends of the Grange who purchased tickets and/or donated gifts for the drawing. One member of the Executive Committee was also elected at this meeting. We'll report back next issue.

WHIGVILLE GRANGE

Corr: Walter Murray

Boy Scouts of Troop 23 in Burlington performed community service work at the Whigville Grange Hall on South Main Street in Burlington over the past few weeks. The service project consisted of repairs and painting of the building lobby and installing thermal insulation in the attic. With the ever-increasing cost of fuel oil, heating the hall has been a budget buster. The new insulation is expected to reduce heating oil consumption next winter. The Grange is a non-profit community service organization that,

among other activities, serves as a sponsoring organization of Scouting in Burlington. The work was coordinated by Scout Matt Bodnar as part of his advancement to Eagle Scout; scouting's highest rank. Matt planned the project, organized fundraisers to purchase supplies, and organized other Scouts to help with the work.

WINCHESTER GRANGE

Corr: Todd Gelineau

July 8: "Grand Old Flag," Patriotic Country Store, Ref. Mildred Barshaw, Don Fancher

July 22: Fair Time, Ref. Win & Arlene Hurlbut & Sons

Aug. 9: Winchester Grange Fair & Flea Market

Aug. 12: "Out to the Ballgame," Ref. Noreen Marchand, Mary Sullivan

Aug. 26: "Grange Spirit," - Picnic at 6:30 P.M.

Winchester's annual Strawberry Festival was held on Father's Day with an excellent turnout and a record profit (at least in recent memory). For the first time, the spring Craft & Flea Market was combined with the Strawberry Festival making for a more complete event and a better profit on both.

Thank you to all of the members who made biscuits (over 500), hulled berries (400 quarts), served the shortcake and helped clean up afterwards. Thanks also to Maryanne Berlinski and Arlene Pozzo for coordinating the craft sale which also resulted in a few more vendors for our Grange Fair and Flea Market in August.

Speaking of which, August 9 is the day to circle on the calendar. As usual the judging of baking, fruits, vegetables, flowers, collections and book sale will take place upstairs while children's games, the flea market and great food from "Café 74" will be offered outside the hall. Join us!

TAGHANNUCK GRANGE #100

Corr: Myrtle Hayden

July 10: Memorial Prog.

July 24: Safety in the

Home

At our May 8th meeting we draped our charter in memory of Henry MacDonald.

On May 22nd, the Citizen of the Year Dinner honored First Selectman Gordon Redgway of Cornwall.

We hope our Rummage Sale was successful in June.

LITCHFIELD GRANGE

Corr: One-Eyed Owl

July 10: Agriculture Program

July 24: Mystery Ride

Aug. 16: Litchfield Grange Fair, 10-2

Aug. 28: CWA Program

Sept. 11: How's Your Garden- Pumpkins

We, the members of Litchfield Grange, with to extend our appreciation to Mountain County Pomona and its Subordinate Granges and Excelsior Pomona for the successful fundraiser for the Damiani Family. It was a wonderful experience for all of us in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. Brother Todd, as Chairman, is assuredly covering the barn dance in more detail.

The future and past of our Grange was culminated on Thursday, May 25, when the Damiani Family received the monies raised and the meeting closed with a stirring Memorial Service by Chaplain Bill Murphy in honor of our departed Sister Ruth Peck.

The first May meeting of Litchfield Grange was a visitation to Whigville Grange which is situated in a valley between Burlington and the Terryville/Bristol area. The program, put on by the CWA, concerned common items and how to use them in cleaning and other areas of our lives. It was a wonderful evening followed by the usual Grange flourish, called refreshments.

Chairperson Joanne Klingerman is busy putting the final touches on our annual Flea Market.

She has discovered Brother Ray to help store and arrange our large selection of books. The annual picnic will feature the attendance of the recipient of our stipend to a student who is a graduating senior of the Agricultural Program at WAMOGO Regional High School. We are also working on finding campers to send to Camp Berger. And with our dairy dinner, we should have a full month.

July will open with our

Agricultural Program by John Magyar, who with the help of his daughter, presents a different type of program. Also that night will be our baking contest for the CWA. And July will end with our Mystery Ride.

August is Fair month. Our Fair is August 16. Sister Janet is working on the quilts for our raffle and chairman of

the various activities will soon be named. We certainly invited all to come and join us in our fair either as a tenant or as a visitor.

We have had occasion lately to welcome back an old member (74 years) Beulah Patridge and to have Sister Marion Beecher at our May meeting. It was good to see them both again.

Barn Dance raises \$4,675 for family



Ray & Pat Damiani pose for a picture before the dance
Todd Gelineau, Editor

The Master of Litchfield Grange, Dick Healy, said it best, "We don't know a lot about barn raising but we can raise some money!" After the suggestion of Taghannuck Grange member, Myrtle Hayden, it was decided Mountain County Pomona would hold a barn dance to raise money for the Ray Damiani Family who lost their barn and a full season's store of hay to arson during the winter.

The Litchfield Fire Department donated the use of their beautiful banquet facility for the dance and many members and merchants in the area donated gifts and gift baskets to be raffled off during the dance. As it turns out, the Pomona needed a gymnasium as over 200 Grange and community members poured into the hall to support this worthy cause. The entire Damiani family attended and helped set up, sweep up and close up.

Culver Griffin and his Country Spice Band donated their services for the evening and the success of this event is certainly due to their generous donation of their time and music.

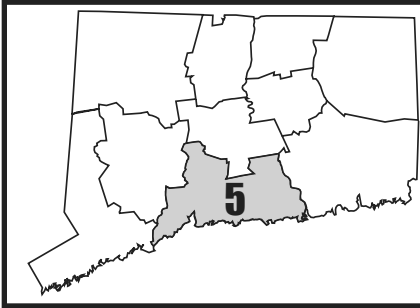
At the May 22 meeting of Litchfield Grange, Pomona Master Todd Gelineau was pleased to present a check in the amount of \$4,675 to a very grateful Damiani family. It is interesting to note that earlier that day, Pomona Treasurer Janet Healy was filling up her tank at her neighborhood gas station when someone recognized her as a Grange member and presented her with a \$100 bill to be added to the money raised at the dance.

The Barn Dance not only helped the Damiani Family, it also helped bind the members of Mountain County Pomona together in a common cause. Hopefully this project will be a stepping stone to even greater projects in the future.



Amy Whitcomb & Victor Salazar wait for the crowds

New Haven County Pomona No. 5



- ✓ Cheshire No. 23
- Wallingford No. 33
- ✓ North Haven No. 35
- Totoket No. 83
- ✓ Old Lyme No. 162

NEW HAVEN COUNTY POMONA #5

Corr: Charleen Dimmick

Aug. 25: 6pm-Picnic at the Bernhardtts. 6:30-pot luck dinner. Pomona furnishes dessert and drink.

Sept. 8: Regular meeting at Wallingford. Installation of officers.

Oct. 13: 5th Degree at Wallingford

In May, the Fifth Degree was conferred on Karen Turner of Cheshire, Andrea Barlow of Totoket, and Michael Reylea of Central Pomona.

Our thanks to Edith Schoell, State Secretary, for playing the piano and to Dorothy Fairchild, Pomona of Excelsior for filling in as Pomona for the degree.

Edith Schoell presented Ruel and Jane Miller with their Golden Sheaf cards.

At the June meeting, Don Lanoue was elected Master.

CHESHIRE GRANGE

Corr: Charleen Dimmick

July 16: 6pm-Picnic at the Bernhardtts. 6:30pm-Potluck dinner

Aug. 6: Mystery Ride

Aug. 20: Ice Cream social

Sept. 3: Installation of Officers. 6:30-potluck dinner

Sept. 17: Fair Work Night

In May, we awarded our Community Citizen award to Don and Jennifer Walsh for organizing the Lights Of Hope in memory of the Petit Family. Last year the event raised \$125,000 for multiple sclersis research.

We were entertained by Bruce Hazard who played a number of instruments including a washboard

and spoons.

The profits from the Fair food booth were donated to the Cheshire Food Bank.

Lorraine Lassen was presented with her Silver Star Certificate and Duane Wetmore received his 65-year seal.

In June, we welcomed Huena Wetmore back after her recovery from a broken arm.

The Charter was draped in memory of Sister Jean May.

The Chaplain led the Memorial Service in memory of the members who died during the previous year.

Elections were held and Ruel Miller was re-elected Master.

N. HAVEN GRANGE

Corr: A. Tolette

July 1: T-Shirt Night

Aug. 5: 50's Cruising

In June we held our annual election of officers. Here we go again. We were all recycled.

Our Master Ed Borrelli had surgery in May and is now recuperating.

Our T-Shirt Night in July sounds as if it should be fun. I wonder if we have to wear them or not.

50's Cruising—does that mean cars, boats or age? Guess we'll have to wait until August to find out. In the meantime have a great summer.

Heather Moomaw, Emily Alexander's sister who lives in Massachusetts, was recently recognized by the United Way of North Central Mass. For her many hours of volunteer work with the Hope for Kids program. Congratulations, Heather.

OLD LYME GRANGE

Corr: Barbara Kulisch

July 11: "Stars & Stripes Forever!"

Aug. 22: Surprise!

We welcomed our Deputy to the May 9th meeting and all went very well. Our program for the evening was entitled "May Flowers" which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

June 29th found us presenting 75 year certificates down to 40 year seals to eight of our well-deserving members.

Who did we elect to lead us for the next two years? The installation of officers will be in September with Sister Edith Schoell and her team in charge! Hope you all are enjoying your summers off and your vacations. Our door is always open, so come on down!

Riverton Grange No. 169



(Left) Virginia Butler won the Riverton Grange Applesauce Bread contest with Marie Prelli Keefe and Maureen Prelli taking second and third respectively out of nine entries. (Right) Lecturer Shirley Moore introduces Janice Warren, a volunteer in the Master Wildlife Program of the D.E.P. Ms. Warren presented a slide show.

The "Lost" National Convention

Edith Schoell, State Historian

Did you know the Connecticut State Grange hosted National Grange in 1907? The planning didn't take long and not too much information is found. In the Journal of Proceedings of the Connecticut State Grange for 1906, the Master, O.S. Wood, stated in his address, "In accordance with the vote of the last session, I invited the National Grange to meet with us next year. It

seemed best for it to go to the Western country next year, but gave me the assurance that the session of 1907 might be expected to come to Connecticut, should we so desire."

In Brother Wood's address January 1907, he said "The next session of the National Grange is to be held in Connecticut if satisfactory arrangements can be made. For us it means systematic planning and a great amount of work. Nor is it any too soon to begin this work." (January to November) "All New England is interesting itself in the movement and anticipating a very large and enthusiastic meeting. The other New England States promise to send visitors by the hundreds and I am sure Connecticut never fails to do her duty."

National met in November 1907 and at the January 1908 Session, Brother Wood stated: "The session of the National Grange just closed is regarded, by all

the members, the most successful of any ever held... when the vote to invite the National Grange here was taken, and afterwards, considerable doubt was expressed in regard to the wisdom of the invitation, but, today, all concede that great good will result, for even those outside our Order were surprised at the Strength of the Grange, and the manifest devotion of its members... it will be a sad day for the Grange when the basic principles of our Order are made secondary to mere social functions."

"The main objects sought to be attained by the National Grange, so far as they affect Connecticut are, in legislation: The parcel post. Grange life insurance, preservation of our forests, further pure food legislation."

In Lida S. Ives' book "The Grange in Connecticut" she mentions National Grange meeting in Connecticut and that a class of 2,490 took the Seventh Degree in 1907.



Congratulations to Duane Wetmore for receiving his 65 year seal at a recent meeting of Cheshire Grange. Duane, a Past Voting Delegate to the National Grange receives the seal from State Master Robert Sendewicz on May 21.

WE OFFER A LIFETIME OF MEMBERSHIP

Nutmeg State Federal Credit Union has opened membership to everyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in Hartford, Tolland and Middlesex counties. The unique credit union advantage may actually make your banking easier. Call or visit our Web site to learn how our new charter makes us the credit union for everyone.

From savings accounts, low rate loans and retirement planning, to FREE checking, 24 hour banking, direct deposit, e-Pay, and FREE ATM/Debit transactions, we have something for everyone.



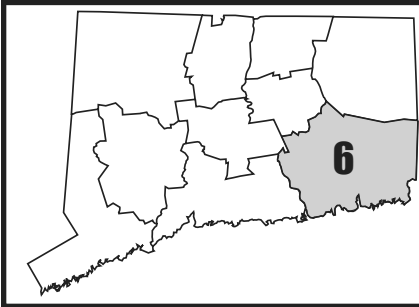
Call 860-513-5000 (local) ; 1-800-526-6933 (nationwide); or visit us online at www.nutmegstatefcu.org for more membership benefits.



MAIN OFFICE:
521 Cromwell Avenue, Rocky Hill, CT 06067
BRANCH OFFICES:
270 Broad Street, Manchester • 55 Curtis Street, New Britain



New London County Pomona No. 6



Lebanon No. 21
 ✓ Colchester No. 78
 Pachaug No. 96
 Preston City No. 110
 ✓ N. Stonington No. 138
 ✓ Lyme No. 147
 Stonington No. 168
 Norwich No. 172

NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

Sept: Installation of Officers, TBA

Pomona Youth hosts the annual square and round dance at Preston City Firehouse on June 7. This event raises money for the Youth events throughout the year. There are always lots of door prizes generously donated by the LoPreste Farm in Preston City and delicious refreshments donated by Grangers. If you missed it this year, be sure to mark it on your calendar for next year.

Installation of officers elected at our June 19th meeting held at Pachaug Grange will take place in September. The date, meeting place, and Master-elect will be announced in the September issue of the Granger.

As the soft spring breezes surrender

To searing, summer heat,

Just think of that cool, autumn evening

When, again, our Pomona will meet.

See you there. Have a safe and happy summer!

COLCHESTER GRANGE

Corr: Polly Leonard

June 7: Meeting, 7:00 P.M., St. Andrew's Hall

Due to the heat and Graduation Awards Night, we had a very small group at the meeting. Our January make-up meeting will be June 23, not the 16th. Hopefully everyone will be notified in time. Our fundraiser, tag sale on the Green, was especially successful. We will have another one in July at one of our homes.

Again, Colchester Grange won first prize in the Memorial Day Parade. We were voted most patriotic float. Good job, Joan, Wayne, Blanche, Diane, Sharon and Polly. We hope to get more members involved next year.

Joshua Hagson and Monica Manderville, our scholarship winners, will be studying environmental science in college. They will each receive a \$500 scholarship.

We are so happy that we are still able to give these scholarships.

This is what Grange is all about. See you next meeting. Come visit us.

N. STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller

July 18: "Whispering Hope" and our Grange in the 1980's

Aug. 8: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Aug. 22: "Those Were the Days" Our Grange in the 1940's

Aug. 29: We host 2-4-5 Club at 8:00 P.M.

The year of celebration is winding down. Our float in this year's Memorial Day Parade, sporting a glittering six-foot, three-tiered cake celebrating our 100th birthday, received rave reviews. We had an exhibition at the Watermark, a town restaurant, and will have the final installments at our July and August meetings. It has been quite a year!

On May 9, our officers performed the Welcome Ceremony for the 1st, 3rd and 4th Degrees, but the Degree Team, led by Debbie Barnes, Master, performed the Second Degree in its entirety. Alice Morgan at the piano kept us stepping, and Thurlow Coats was on hand for the singing.

On May 23 we enjoyed a lovely Memorial Program by the Chaplain, a cute skit by the CWA, and found out we remembered a lot more about the 70s than we did about the 90s.

The July 18th program will teach us about reconstructing financial files and the August 8th program will include the Lecturer's program for

state competition as well as the honoring of all our past Community Citizens and the crowning of a new one.

We will welcome the 2-4-5 Club on August 29. All Granges who meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays are cordially invited to attend this special 5th Friday, once a year event.

LYME GRANGE #147

Corr: Dick Champman

July 3: "English Bulldog" Hail our Independence

Aug. 7: "Dachshund", Picnic 6:30; Meeting 7:30 P.M.

Our evaluation was held on May 1 with

General Deputy Robert Buck in attendance. Cindy Anderson brought props and directed the Heritage First Degree. Our new Assistant Steward Dan Mutchler, memorized his parts for the first and second degrees and completed them with perfection. He even learned the Heritage part- we are so proud of him.

Degree Master was Ross Stands, Master of Old Lyme Grange. The job was done with perfection and eloquence. Barbara Kulisch, also of Old Lyme Grange, had little to do as prompter as our officers

did an excellent job.

Lillian Misheloff, Marita Rand and Amy Cooke were so helpful in our tableaux. We so much appreciate Sue Pianka, of North Stonington Grange for "tickling the ivories" for us.

Being May Day, everyone was given a May basket, thanks to our Master Lois Evankow. Under "suggestions" the deputy praised us for our outstanding work.

Please visit the Hamburg Fair on August 15, 16 and 17. Wise words: In your lifetime, try to be the person your dog thinks you are.

Celebrating 100 Years



North Stonington Grange's year long 100th Anniversary celebrations are coming to a close. One of the last events is the creation and showing of this float in the North Stonington Memorial Day Parade. The float, which features a multi-tiered "birthday cake" received rave reviews from the parade-goers.

From the Central Office



Edith Schoell
State Secretary

secretary@ctstategrange.org

Time is not standing still!! Elections are over and information regarding officers and committees should have been forwarded to the Central Office, together with the request for Dues Receipts. This information is necessary in order to have the Directories printed as soon as possible, and getting the dues receipts to the Subordinate secretaries.

Now is the time to be thinking of degrees, and having members join Pomona. They can then move on to the Sixth and Seventh Degrees. Both degrees are very impressive, and we are looking forward to a large class of candidates.

Enter the new Poster Contest



Carl Bernhardt
Information Director

publicity@ctstategrange.org

Junior Grange member is eligible to enter. The rules are very simple.

The posters submitted should advertise an event at your Grange, either past or future. The posters can be either hand drawn or computer drawn. Each class will be judged separately. The Classes are: (A) Subordinate Hand Drawn; (B) Subordinate Computer Drawn; (C) Jr. Hand Drawn; (D) Junior Computer Drawn.

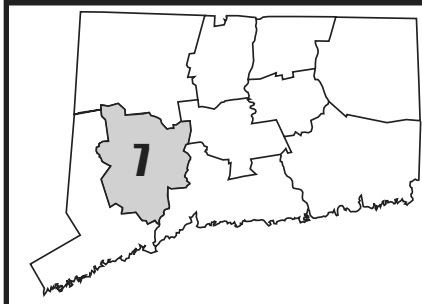
The Exhibitor should label their entry with their Name, Grange and Class. Each exhibitor

may enter one poster in both the Hand Drawn and Computer Drawn Classes. Judging will be at Good Will Grange Hall on Saturday, July 26th. Prize money will be awarded to each Class as follows: 1st Prize - \$15.00; 2nd Prize - \$10.00; 3rd Prize - \$5.00.

Entries may be mailed or given to members of the Information/Publicity Committee ahead of time, or may be brought to Good Will Grange Hall between the hours of 9:00 am and 10:00 am on the day of the judging.

See you on July 26th.

Excelsior Pomona No. 7



- Beacon Valley No. 103
- ✓ Bethlehem No. 107
- ✓ Watertown No. 122
- ✓ Prospect No. 144
- Bridgewater No. 153
- ✓ Wolcott No. 173
- ✓ Oxford No. 194

BETHLEHEM GRANGE

Corr: Linda Coad

July 28: "Let Freedom Ring"- Country Store, Red, White & Blue Line Graphic; Ref. Evelyn Maddox & Charles Shuttleworth, 7:30 P.M.
 Aug. 25: "Hazy Days" - Ref. Eloise Osuch, Linda Coad, 7:30 P.M.
 Sept. 22: Potluck Supper, 6:30 P.M.; Efficient Installation of Officers, 7:30 P.M.

As this is the summer double issue, this year is passing fast. CWA is looking for members to enter some of the Grange contests. Also don't forget the baking contest in memory of Lillian Merrill. This will now be a feature of the Bethlehem Fair.

WATERTOWN GRANGE

Corr: Mary Dubay

July 4: Meeting Omitted
 July 18: Blueberry Hill
 Aug. 1: Agriculture Program
 Aug. 15: Heat Wave

We start July off with Independence Day, also known as Fourth of July, so our first meeting in July is omitted because of the Holiday.

The program for the second meeting is called Blueberry Hill, must be time to pick the berries.

No holiday in the month of August, so we refer to it as the hazy, lazy days of summer.

Our program for the first meeting in August is the Agriculture Committee Program in the charge of Bill Fairchild, Chairman. Bill always has an interesting program, and he always gives a report at each meeting. Nice work, Bill.

Our second meeting is called Heat Wave which goes along with those hazy days of summer we refer to.

As part of our Community Service we donated to the Campership Fund in Waterbury, Send a Child to Camp which is for underprivileged children ages 7 to 13 from area communities, and gives them an opportunity to attend camp.

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer.

Come and see us when you can, we love company.

PROSPECT GRANGE

Corr: Frances Maxwell

Prospect Grange was happy to be able to award a great group with the Citizen of the Year Award. This group consists of 19 senior men and women that have sung their way across Connecticut at hospitals, rest homes and even at the Capitol in Hartford and the Thomaston Opera House. We also presented Mrs. Susan Turmel from the Spill the Beans Café in Prospect with the Public Service Award. She volunteers her time with the Prospect Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary and helps civic organizations with donations and the use of her café for various meetings free.

We held a lottery in our local Community School which has 4th and 5th Graders. We did a drawing and gave out 6 bicycle helmets and distributed bicycle safety literature to all 733 students there. The drawing for this lottery was held at our Grange picnic and the winning students were invited to come to receive their new helmet.

We had 8 entries in the CWA baking contest and 5 entries in the needlework contest and 2 in the craft contest. Marcia Meehan won the baking contest. Inez Bramhall won the stuffed toy contest and Jean Meehan won the plastic craft contest. Wilma Dietzel won for her panda afghan. We also look forward to the Pomona level judging.

Prospect Grange won the "A Number" competition for the Lecturer's Contest and we look forward to putting the skit on for Grange Sunday.

Prospect Grange would like to congratulate Marcia Meehan on her marriage. She is now Mrs. Marco Gaspar. She was married April 26th.

Our next meeting will be July 10th and August 14 at the Prospect Senior Center. We are

handicapped accessible and air conditioned. We meet at 7:30 P.M. and would love to have visitors.

WOLCOTT GRANGE

Corr: Cindy Legg

July 7: Omitted
 July 21: "Picnic"
 Aug. 4: Omitted
 Aug. 18: "Summer Sports"

Our first meetings in July and August will be omitted so our members will have more nights to enjoy the summer.

Our only meeting in July, the 21st, we will hold our Summer Picnic at Lou and Pearl Godin's house, and our only meeting in August the 18th, is "Summer Sports" program in the charge of our Secretary. Refreshments will be by Pomona, and we will have a Country Store.

This summer we will be doing a display at the Bethlehem Fair which is held on Labor Day Weekend.

Next year, 2009, will be our Grange's 100th Anniversary. We are planning to celebrate with several events during the year. More to follow.

We at Wolcott Grange hope that everyone has a safe and healthy summer. Come join us at our Grange hall near the center of Wolcott.

OXFORD GRANGE

Corr: Phil Rowland

July 20: Mystery Ride
 Aug. 3: Sharing Program, Collectibles & Hobbies
 Aug. 17: Grange Picnic, 6:30 P.M.

In keeping with the Grange's farming heritage, our recent agricultural program featured a display of live farm animals. Fortunately these were small animals - rabbits from Vaill's farm - and were easily brought into the hall where they created considerable interest among members. Thank you Al and Jeann, for conducting a unique and interesting program.

Evaluation Night went well too. Deputy Jean Meehan seemed pleased with our progress as well as with the Memorial Program, which had a patriotic theme.

More recently, the Memorial Day Food Sale gave us some profit while we watched the parade units pass the hall.

Speaking of food reminds me to report the Apple Sauce Medley Quick Bread contest winner - Loretta Rowland; second

place went to Audrey "Let's Celebrate" Day. Wellner. Enjoy July 4th, enjoy the

We hope to see you at summer!

Connecticut Granger thanks Peggy Prelli

In May, Sister Peggy Prelli submitted her resignation (we prefer to call it her retirement) from the Connecticut Granger as Subscription Coordinator. From its inception, the Prelli family has been a very important part of this publication. Past State Master Frank Prelli served for many years as the President of the corporation while Sister Peggy served the dual role of Editor and Subscription Coordinator.

In the age of personal computers, desktop publishing and internet accessibility it is very easy to forget what a daunting task it was to produce the Connecticut Granger in its earliest days. Today, we are able to receive articles via email and "drop" the text directly into the page layout. Back then, all articles were received by mail and were sorted, edited and sent to a publishing company which then typed them into strips the width of a standard column in the Granger. If there were errors in the typesetting, Sister Peggy would then have to cut and paste corrections and then make it all fit into the 12 page layout by literally cutting and pasting the columns onto a layout grid.

Then the mailing list had (and still has) to be updated with all of the address changes accumulated during the preceding month. We have used address labels for quite some time but earlier "state of the art" technology called for trays of addressograph cards that were fed into a machine that affixed the mailing address on each newspaper. I'm sure Sister Peggy is chuckling as she reads this and thinks about that process... a process that certainly wasn't amusing then!

She should also be amused to know that her duties will now be divided between the Editor (collecting subscriptions) and the Secretary/Treasurer (handling the subscription accounting).

Thank you, Sister Peggy, for all you and Brother Frank have done for the Connecticut Granger through the years.

"Let's Celebrate"

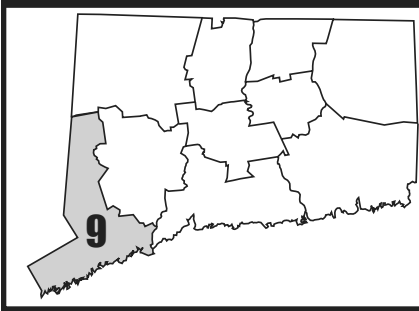
Continued from page 1...

Next up is "Let's Celebrate" on July 26th. Our Photo Contest will be held at this time. Please check the Bluebook for details. Photos should either be mailed ahead of time or be brought to Good Will Grange Hall that morning between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The Connecticut Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers will be entertaining at 2:00 p.m. followed by the announcement of all the different departments winners and refreshments.

DIRECTIONS ~ Just a reminder... The Putnam Bridge between Glastonbury and Wethersfield is scheduled to still be closed heading toward Glastonbury. For those coming from the west - follow 184 through Hartford across the river. Then take exit 55 (New London - Norwich). This is Route 2. Follow this to exit 6 in Glastonbury. (Griswold Street) At the end of the exit ramp go right on Griswold Street. At the next light take a left onto Main Street. You will see Katz Hardware on your right. It is on the corner of Naubuc Avenue. Turn right and the hall will be on your left.

After "Let's Celebrate" it will be time for the North East Grange Lecturers Conference in Farmington, Maine. If you haven't sent your application in yet, you need to hurry. There is a strict deadline of July 10th. Our program is on the color orange. As soon as I know who is going, I will be in contact with everyone to be in the program. Remember this is not my program, it is Connecticut's Program. I want everyone who attends to be a part of it.

Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



- ✓ Redding No. 15
- Harmony No. 92
- Greenfield Hill No. 133
- ✓ Trumbull No. 134
- ✓ Norfield No. 146
- ✓ Cannon No. 152

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

Corr: Karen MacDonald

We had a successful Spring Tag Sale, with thanks to all who contributed items and worked so hard with sales and the kitchen! We continue to collect for the Junior Grange Bicycle Helmet program. Congratulations to Gil Standley, who is being recognized by the Town of Trumbull by naming an orchard after him. We watch with great pride and admiration as we see all that our own Bob and Marge do while serving as the State President and First Lady..they keep us informed of all the Grange events throughout the state, and the upcoming National Convention. Personal thanks to the many Grange friends who shared sympathy on my mother's passing, we truly are a family at the Grange. Best wishes for summer fun, try to attend as many Subordinate picnics as possible; share a recipe and something homegrown--tonight, I'll be bringing some of my garden's fresh herbs to our Pot Luck and Talent night. Got to start my water boiling right now for my creamed new potatoes, dill and peas!

REDDING GRANGE #15

Corr: Marge Sendewicz

July 14: Grange Picnic 6:30 PM

Aug. 25: End of Summer

Sept. 8: Harvest Time

The first meeting in July we will have our Grange picnic at 6:30 pm. Meeting to follow at 8:00. There will be judging for the needle work contest during the picnic.

This is our only meeting in July. We do not hold our second meeting in July nor our first meeting in August. Our only meeting in August is the 25.

Our first meeting in September will be Harvest Time. As usual

we welcome visitors to any of our meetings and will make you feel at home.

On a sad note, our Secretary, Pearl Gunther, is back in the Danbury Hospital.

She had the misfortune of falling again and has broken her other hip. We hope she comes out of this one with the same speed as the first time.

We hope everyone enjoys their summer vacations. I hope to see many of you at the Lecturers Conference in Maine.

TRUMBULL GRANGE #134

Corr: Sue Sulier

Hi fellow Grangers, by the heat & humidity outside, you don't have to check the calendar to know it's July. During this month, please remember and pay homage to our American Revolutionists who risked everything, including their lives to form a new country, the greatest country in the world, the United States of America. I believe it is our duty and honor as proud Americans to deeply reflect on and live by the immortal words of favorite patriotic song, "God Bless America - Land That I Love - Stand Beside Her and Guide Her".

Now on to the Trumbull Grange stuff. Our Master/President, Louise Malatesta shoulder is slowly but surely improving. Louise was injured from a fall she took in her home several weeks ago. We love her and are sorry she is in discomfort and we pray for her speedy recovery. Our Past Master/President, Art Hanlon and his wife Arlyne, are both suffering from health related issues and we wish them well. Our Overseer, Pat Gerckens is visiting her Mom in CA. We hope she has a wonderful trip and a safe journey home.

Last month we had a truly inspirational guest speaker for our "Salute to Veterans and Pizza Night", Alan R. Kennedy, CT American Legion Honor/Color Guard Chaplain. The meeting started off with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by "God Bless America" and an Invocation by our guest speaker. Then we feasted on delicious pizza, cake and beverages. Alan read the stories of the 4 heroic Chaplains, the Navajo Wind Talkers, the tragic sinking of the Dorchester and an inspirational poem by Ann Johnson Flynn. He spoke movingly about the countless sacrifices our veterans have made and continue making to protect our beloved homeland. Alan tenderly spoke about his precious young son, Christopher's struggle with and subsequent demise to leukemia. I don't think there was a dry eye during Alan's emotionally charged program. Susan Sulier created and together with Alan handed out personalized certificates to the veterans present, including our State Master/President Bob Sendewicz, who served in the U.S. Navy. Each veteran spoke briefly about when, where and what branch of the military they served in. The true meaning of Memorial Day was felt by everyone who attended.

In closing, I wish you and yours love, health and happiness.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146

Corr: Ruth Hickcox

July 8: Music Night, Second Degree

Aug. 12: Family Grange Supper, 6:30, 3rd Degree

Sept. 9: Installation of Officers, 4th Degree

Taking seriously Isaiah's prophesy that "the uneven ground shall become level and the rough places a plain," Norfield's stewards did just that: they filled in the parking lot potholes with processed stone. Hallelujah!

We have begun presenting the four Subordinate Degrees. The First Degree was presented on May 13 and the Second Degree will

be on July 8. The Third Degree will be at our Grange Supper on August 12 and the Fourth Degree on September 9. We are also including music and the flag presentation at all meetings.

In February we passed a motion to increase our dues to \$27.50, but in May we voted according to the by-laws and the motion failed. The dues will remain at \$15.00.

Our old friend John Twarda died in May, and so another horticultural legend has passed from this earth. John had been a charter member of Fairfield County Horticultural Society, which was founded in 1938. He was also hired that year to run the estate and landscape the grounds for the Weston home of the late John Marshall Harlan, U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice.

John Twarda was a judge at many of our past fairs, as well as a winning participant. He was truly one of a kind.

CANNON GRANGE #152

Corr: Don Offinger

July 3: Picnic at Ambler Farm Park - 6 PM, bring a dish to pass

July 17: Picnic at Ambler Farm Park - 6 PM, bring a dish to pass

Aug. 7: Picnic at Ambler Farm Park - 6 PM, bring a dish to pass

Plans for our 76th Annual Agricultural Fair are getting set, and our

Fair Committee promises another enjoyable event, led by our Committee chairman Michelle McDonald. Lots of excitement is growing about our 2nd annual Rubber Duck race. Last year's event was such a big hit with kids and adults, that we are increasing the number of "ducks to rent". The committee is busy with refurbishing and constructing new roadside sings, planning the set-up inside the Hall and the events that will take place on the grounds. Billie Sue Hollingsworth is coordinating a very nice group of concessionaires who will be selling some unique and tasteful handmade crafts and artisan foods. This year's Fair will be staged on Sunday, August 24th, due to the early arrival of Labor Day. Plan to come for all or part of the day: you'll see many friends, some first-rate exhibits, fun games to play, and a beautiful setting along the Norwalk River in the heart of the Cannondale Historic District.

Please note that our schedule over the summer start with a delicious picnic at the historic Ambler Farm on Hurlbutt Street. Come enjoy chatting at the picnic tables while watching the wildlife: fireflies, orioles, bats, chipmunks, and Bambi. The sunsets are also terrific. Come see us!



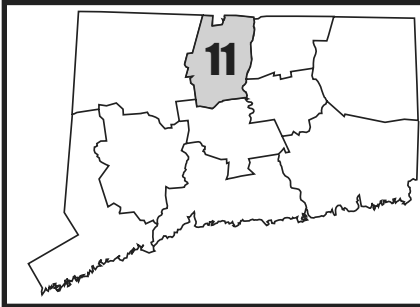
THE PATRONS GROUP

769 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury, CT 06033
(860) 633-3942 ★ 1-800-800-0863

Protecting our Connecticut policyholders'
financial security since 1833



Farmington Valley Pomona No. 11



- ✓ Granby No. 5
- ✓ Tunxis No. 13
- Cawasa No. 34
- ✓ Simsbury No. 197
- ✓ West Suffield No. 199
- Cherry Brook No. 210

FARMINGTON VALLEY POMONA # 11

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

Aug. 31: Pomona Picnic
No regular meetings held in July and August.

The summer promises to be another busy one. Vacations will be enjoyed along with picnics and special events.

Our first place winners in the CWA needlework contest will compete for State honors on "Let's Celebrate" day at Good Will Grange Hall on July 26th.

The Pomona picnic is popular and will be enjoyed by all. Overseer Art Rote is in charge of the arrangements. The place is the home of Lin Erickson, 21 Thayer Ave, Collinsville. Chaplain Bob Brockett will conduct a Grange service at noon- the picnic to follow. Maggie Schofield will man the grill. Meat, rolls, and dessert will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a potluck picnic dish. Come join us for a fun day.

GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Vivian C. Shaw

July 3: Planning Next Year's Programs

July 20: Sunday Picnic, 12 Noon, Salmon Brook Park, Granby

August: Grange Exhibit at Granby Center Library

Aug. 21: Fair Thoughts
Aug. 23: Public Card Party, 7:00 P.M.

FFA Student Samantha Carlson gave a fascinating program about lettuce and tomato plants on hydroponics vs. soil. We had three May tag sales. Chaplain Shirley Stulpin planned for a Memorial Program.

TUNXIS GRANGE # 13

Corr: Pam Covington

Tunxis welcomed Walter Forrest, Deputy of East Central Pomona and Sister Helen Forrest to our meeting on June 3. Although Tunxis did not have many members, a good time was had by all. For refreshments, we had bread from the bake-off contest of the CWA. Joan Goetjen won first place, but all the

bread tasted delicious. Congratulations, Joan!

We will have a second meeting on June 17 if we are able to call the lawyer and definitely set up this night. At the present, we are up in the air about this. Please check before coming to visit.

Tunxis Grange wishes everyone a very happy and healthy summer!

SIMSBURY GRANGE

Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner

July 10: "Hot Times"

July 5, 12, 19: Card Parties

Aug. 20: "Happy Times"

Aug. 2, 9, 16: Card Parties

Aug. 30: Simsbury Grange Fair

We ended our column last month with the hope our plant, tag, and food sale would go well. Our hopes were realized with a successful event. Thanks to all for the help and support we received.

Our memorial program was very nice as we all took part in remembering those who have gone before us.

August 30th will bring our 3rd annual Agricultural Fair. Hope you will visit with us and enjoy the many lovely exhibits put up by our local farm friends.

We'd be delighted to have you enter your garden products, plants and flowers, baking crafts and needlework for judging. Contact Fair President Frances Sarnecki or Fair Secretary Bob Palen for information.

I hope you all have a busy summer- but take time for picnics, vacations and some relaxation.

W. SUFFIELD GRANGE

Corr: Pam Covington

In June, West Suffield Grange had a very nice program presented by Gert Hastings as a Memorial Day program. Gert, you always do such a good job and everyone enjoys it.

We will have our picnic on July 8, and if anyone wants to visit us, they will be welcome! We enjoy having visitors come to

see us!

In August, we will have an Agricultural Program.

It is always fun to see what Bob Sheldon will come up with.

We at West Suffield wish everyone a happy summer!

National Membership Director visits Connecticut



(l to r) State Master Bob Sendewicz, National Membership/Leadership Director Rusty Hunt and State Ceres Eloise Osuch at the second meeting held at Beacon Valley Grange on June 19.

Todd Gelineau, Editor

Select members from across the state gathered at Coventry Grange on June 18 and at Beacon Valley Grange on June 19 to meet with new National Grange Membership/Leadership Director Rusty Hunt.

Prior to joining the staff of the National Grange, Brother Hunt served for 5 years as co-director of the Membership/

Leadership Department of the Washington State Grange.

State Master Sendewicz asked Rusty to come to Connecticut to meet with leaders and to discuss the development of a program that will assist struggling Granges and to make all of our Granges stronger. The purpose of the first two meetings was to become familiar with one another and to discuss priorities that are important to

Connecticut's Granges.

Approximately 18 members were selected to take part in the meetings and to serve on the teams that will work on Membership/Leadership Development projects. Additional meetings will be set up in the near future and more details about the progress of their work will be announced in upcoming issues.

Mystery Meeting Place

For our July Mystery Picture, we would like to know what Grange meets in this building? If you know or have any idea, please let your Information Director know by telephone, postcard or e-mail. Just mail your answers to: Carl H. Bernhardt; 424 Cedar Lane; Cheshire, CT 06410, or call (203) 272-4620. Our e-mail address is: mbc76@cox.net. We would like your answers by August 1st. The names of everyone who gives us the correct answer will be printed in the September issue of the *Connecticut Granger*.

The Mystery Picture shown in the May issue of the *Granger* is Canterbury Grange Hall. We did not receive any correct answers identifying this Grange Hall. We hope the next hall will be well known.

This Month's Mystery...



Canterbury Grange Hall



Glastonbury adds 8 new members

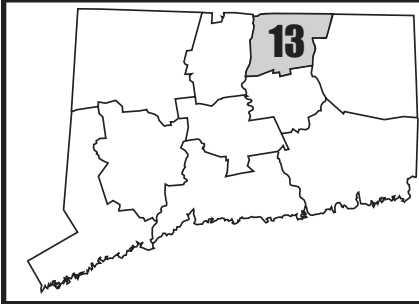
The members of Glastonbury knew that something had to be done and took the plunge into very unknown waters. Rather than throw up their hands and resign themselves to the fact that their Grange was dying they organized a membership meeting. Special invitations were sent out to people in the community telling them there would be a Grange informational meeting at the hall. Fifteen people accepted the invitation.

The meeting began with a PowerPoint presentation by Kay Ruff and Jody

Cameron giving all a feel for what Glastonbury Grange has to offer. After the presentation, everyone went downstairs for a Roast Beef Dinner prepared by the Cameron family.

During dinner, each was presented an application and were encouraged to browse through it. If interested, they were asked to fill it out and to stay for the obligation ceremony after dinner. To the astonishment of the Grange members, 8 new members paid the application fee and received the obligation.

North Central Pomona No. 13



- ✓ Stafford No. 1
- ✓ Tolland No. 51
- ✓ Vernon No. 52
- ✓ Enfield No. 151

N. CENTRAL POMONA

Corr: J. Jordan

North Central Pomona will be on vacation for the months of July and August. We wish all of you a happy and safe summer.

STAFFORD GRANGE

Corr: Maude Emhoff

July 15: "Let's Make an Ice Cream Sundae", 7:00 P.M.

We had our elections this week and made a few changes- which is good. Welcome to Mark Glazier, our new Master. While he is relatively new to the Grange, he is eager and exuberant. The willingness and desire to do a job is most important and new younger blood is evidently what we need.

We had two winners for the Applesauce Bread, namely: Maude Emhoff and Shirley Bradway. One more month and it will be officially summer. Where did Spring go to. But we cannot complain when we look at the devastating weather all over the country and world. Instead of planning vacation trips it looks as though it will be backyard picnics and activities close to home. Now we know what other countries have experienced with the high cost of fuel. Reality is setting in.

Happy Independence Day to all!

TOLLAND GRANGE

Corr: J. Jordan

July 1: Toast to Independence Day

Aug. 5: Dutch Treat

Spring has definitely arrived; the flowers this season are gorgeous. All that cool weather must have been good for something!

Our summer meetings are on celebrating the 4th of July and eating ice cream. It seems like the two just go together. Join us for an ice cream treat on August 5th. Haven't decided just yet where we are going so be sure to give Master Robert West a call if you plan on joining us.

Have a happy and safe summer.

VERNON GRANGE

Corr: Nancy Strong

July 11: The Hot Hot Summer

Aug. 1: It's Picnic Time Again!

We are planning an entry in the Vernon Bicentennial Parade in October. I have lined up an old 1931 pick-up truck and we are wondering if anyone reading this knows where we can find a Grange emblem to display on it??

Vernon Grange members did it again and submitted a number of excellent entries in the CWA needlework contests. We know we will have winners again in the State and maybe even in New England. In our July meeting we will have a summer program and enjoy the air conditioned Grange Hall. At our August meeting it will be picnic time again. Linda Niederwerfer, who is shut in, enjoyed having us at her house so much last year that she invited us back this year. We all are looking forward to it.

ENFIELD GRANGE

Corr: Irene Percoski

July 12: Spaghetti Time

Aug. 9: Grange Olympics, Ref. Joe Smith & Sophie Nuccio

Pumpkin seedlings are starting to pop up, that's okay for now, I just hope when they are transplanted outside the "critters" leave them alone. I wasn't able to attend our May meeting but heard that some interesting developments about our hall occurred. The Enfield Town Planner has become involved and will be working with other agencies to help us. Stay tuned!

Our baking contest was held and Judy Elliot was the winner. Congratulations, Judy! Our Overseer, Edie Welles, has had a successful hip replacement and will soon be back in stride. Come visit us and enjoy our spaghetti luncheon, we love company.

A Stitch in Time



Betty Jane Gardiner
Women's Activities Director
cwa@ctstategrange.org

Anne Marie Knochenhauer,
W.A. Committee

It is getting closer to the time of our "Let's Celebrate". Everybody should have their entries ready for that day; just make sure your name is on your entries so we know who won.

I always enjoy seeing all the homemade crafts and needlework entries from all age groups plus the bake goods for the baking contest. Let's not forget about our latest contest "Scrap booking

". I know our judges all have a difficult time deciding on the winners because all the items are so beautiful and tasty.

Don't forget that "Let's Celebrate" is July 26, 2008 at Good Will Grange Hall; 43 Naubuc Avenue; Glastonbury, Ct.. Entries are to be at the hall between 9 and 10; judging will be at 11 AM. It is very important that all entries remain in place until after the social hour is over. So everyone that came to "Let's Celebrate" can admire the handiwork of all whom had enter the contest. After the program the items from the Needlework and Scrap booking can be pick up by Pomona chairpersons, except for

the first place winners. The first place winners will go to the Big E to be judge on the New England level. All crafts items will go to the Big E to be sold except items that have won and will be use as gifts for the master, his wife plus any dignitaries.

Just a final note I hope everybody enjoy their summer. That some of you get a chance to get to Good Will Grange Hall for our "Let's Celebrate" day. The social hour will be at 2 P M with the Ct. Bristol old Tyme Fiddlers entertaining us. Winners will be announce at this time. It sounds like it will be a fun day. Hope to some of you.

Southern Connecticut Past Masters

July 12, 2008 will be our annual picnic at 2pm at the home of Rich & Michelle Bernhardt. Everyone is asked to bring a \$2.00 gift for the door prize. Pot Luck to follow "a game" afternoon!

We have enjoyed both a "Mother's Day" & "A Father's Day" program presented by Vice President, Barbara C. Kulisch.

Any questions, please contact our President, Lou Godin, at 1-203-879-9584.

No Peeking!

By Al Kamen, Washington Post

Folks working in the National Grange Building at 1616 H St. NW, next door to Decatur House and a block from the White House were taken aback by this "urgent notice," distributed Monday.

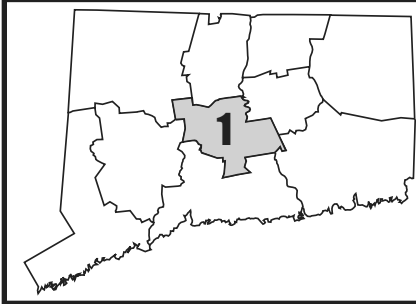
It's unclear why this unusual precaution was being taken. The 11-story building, whose upper five floors or so look out over Decatur House toward Lafayette Square, houses groups such as the Afterschool Alliance, the American Horse Council, the International Center for Journalists, the International Judicial Academy and Redbrick Partners real estate. That's in addition, of course, to the National Grange. We're told the Secret Service never explained its request to building management. The White House declined to comment.

Roast Beef Dinner a success



As reported in the last issue, the National Grange Hosting Committee's Roast Beef Dinner at Cheshire Grange No. 23 was a complete success.

Central Pomona No. 1



- ✓ Southington No. 25
- ✓ Meriden No. 29
- ✓ Westfield No. 50
- Higganum No. 124
- ✓ Hemlock No. 182

SOUTHINGTON GRANGE

Corr: Lisa Lamoureux
July 14: Summer Picnic (Everyone)

July 28: Omitted

Aug. 11: Getting Ready for the Fair (Pomona)

Aug. 16: Southington Grange 58th Annual Fair

Come one, come all to the Southington Grange 58th Annual Fair to be held on Saturday, August 16th. We will start off the day with a Pancake Breakfast. We will have a snack booth open for lunch and a chicken barbecue dinner. Entries for the fair can be dropped off either on Friday night between 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. or Saturday morning between 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. After that, judging starts. We will have our bake sale once again and entertainment during the day. End your day with a great chicken barbecue dinner and then the famous auction. I wonder how much Mildred Bell's pie will go for this year? If you want to know, you have to come to find out. You can contact any Southington Grange member for tickets or more information. Hope to see you at the fair.

As always, our doors are open for anyone and everyone who would like to join us for a meeting. Remember, we meet on the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 P.M. at the Southington Grange Hall located at the corners of Summit and Knowles Streets in the Plantsville section of Southington.

MERIDEN GRANGE

Corr: Dianne Clark

July 18: Picnic

Aug. 8: Picnic

Sept. 12: Fair Set-Up

Sept. 13: Meriden Grange 79th Fair

April 25th we conferred the First and Second Degrees with Evaluation and after three new members took the Third and Fourth Degrees at Meriden Grange. Michael Relyar, Linda and Kayla were the candidates. We are happy to have new members. The degree work was presented very nicely.

May 9th Donald Lanoue, State Youth Director, presented a wonderful program for Youth Night.

On May 10 we had a

Grange dinner of pork roast, potatoes, cole slaw, green beans and ice cream for dessert.

If we get enough actors we plan a play for the "A Number" Contest for Central Pomona on the subject of "Mothers."

On June 9 we plan a Military Whist Card Party. Our June 13 program is on the flag and the June 27 program is on summer fun. Hope you can join us.

Have a nice summer from Meriden Grange to all Granges.

WESTFIELD GRANGE

Corr: Phyllis Redford

July 17: Picnic at the Park

Aug. 21: Picnic at the Park

Sept. 4: Summer Is Over... Back to Work

At Westfield we observed Memorial Day with a program in the old fashioned way... to honor those who have passed on to the Grange above. We learned about some famous, but little known locally, persons. From Middletown, Commodore Thomas McDonough, of the Constitution (Old Ironsides) is buried near St. John Church in the North End.

Genera Joseph Mansfield, killed Sept. 18, 1863 at Antietam is buried in Indian Hill Cemetery.

Henry Clay Work, son of an active abolitionist, born in Middletown October 2, 1832, buried in Hartford. He was composer of "Marching Through Georgia," "Grandfather's Clock," and the famous temperance song of the era, "Father Dear Father Come Home with Me Now."

At this writing we have no recent word on the condition of Mickie Vecchitto.

Westfield Grange has voted to meet only once a month... the first Thursday with the option of the Third Thursday as an alternative, if necessary. Visitors should call Mildred at 638-1284 or Phyllis at 346-1117 for confirmation.

A happy and safe summer to all.

HEMLOCK GRANGE

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

July 11: Lect. Program

July 25: Picnic

Aug. 8: Hot Time

Aug. 22: Japanese Surprise

Nancy McBrien is in charge of the Lecturer's program. The picnic will be at Cliff and Eleanor Robinson's house. Time 6:00 P.M.

Bill Sanborn is in charge of the Hot Time program and Nancy McBrien is in charge of the Japanese Surprise program. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

The color guard of Southington Grange No. 25 gets ready for the Southington Memorial Day Parade. From left: Jim Lamoureux, Dennis Putala, Paul Johnson and Ray Legg.

Southington Grange



Talent and "A Number" winners



East Central Pomona's entry in the "A Number" contest by Manchester Grange No. 31 took first place in this year's contest at Grange Sunday at Good Will Grange Hall on June 8. Below, Ron Purington & Dan Mutchler took first place in their talent number representing Lyme Grange and New London County Pomona No. 6. Dan & Ron will now represent Connecticut at the Northeast Lecturer's Conference in August.



Chaplain's Message



Amy Whitcomb
State Chaplain

chaplain@ctstategrange.org

As the lazy days of summer come to us we take time to relax and look about our world. God is the source of our serenity. What a precious time this is, a time to life our spirits and our hearts to God within and to experience this divine presence more fully. Centered in the presence of God we relax

our bodies, breath deeply, and let any negative thought fade away. With each breath we take we feel God's presence surrounding and enfolding us. We picture ourselves basking in the crisp, clean air of a mountaintop retreat and breath in fresh feelings of peace.

God is the source of infinite peace, and immersed in this divine presence, we radiate serenity and poise. Relaxing in this sacred moment, we deepen our awareness of God and the peace that passes understanding when we pray or reflect on our World. In the stillness of this sacred mountaintop experience, we lift our thoughts and focus on the true source of wisdom and inspiration, God. From this heightened perspective, we look beyond any challenge to see the light that guides us to our good. God is the light that makes our way clear and gently guides our steps. This light inspires us to make wise decisions, and we trust it to reveal ideas that open the way to meaningful experiences that transform our lives. Secure in this light, we await divine direction and new insights now in the silence.

Enjoy the solitude of the summer's peace and look forward to the fall season. Have a wonderful summer season.

National issues email fraud alert

The newest kind of Internet fraud is a form of online identity theft known as phishing. Phishing scams can be difficult to differentiate from a legitimate communication. Please be aware of any emails that specifically ask you for your personal information or identification. These emails are not legitimate emails from the National Grange.

The scam begins when you receive an e-mail that appears to be from a legitimate source, with a seemingly justifiable request - possibly to verify your personal information or membership details. You may be asked to respond directly to this e-mail. More likely, the e-mail will ask you to click on a link included in the body of the message. There may also be

a consequence stated in the e-mail for not complying with the request, such as "your membership will be terminated or suspended".

When you click on the link, you will be taken to a Web page asking you to enter or update personal information such as passwords, social security numbers, or bank account numbers. This page may look authentic, with the same logos, fonts, and colors of the National Grange. It may even include links to the

National Grange site to further your confusion. This Web page, however, is bogus and set up to steal your information.

Recently, a grange member received one of these emails mentioning that the National Grange was offering an inheritance and they needed to supply their banking and social security information. The National Grange will never ask you for this kind sensitive information. Please, for your safety, these emails should be deleted without answering any questions or clicking on any links.

Thank you,
National Grange IT Department

In Memoriam

Maybelle Bens, G.S.	Cheshire
Jean May	Cheshire
Alice C. Baum, G.S.	Ekonk
Henry MacDonald	Taghannuck
John Twarda	Norfield

G.S. denotes Golden Sheaf (50 Year) Members

Please keep us notified of deceased members.
Use the email or the regular mailing address listed on page 2 of this issue. Thank you.

Junior Grange Corner



Joan Perry
Junior Director

juniors@ctstategrange.org

Good grief. One day we can't get warm enough and the next we can't get cool enough. On a very warm Grange Sunday at Goodwill Grange Hall we enjoyed a very nice church service by Worthy Chaplain Amy Whitcomb followed by a delicious lasagna luncheon put on by the State Youth Committee.

We had the runoff for the "Big E" contest for the Juniors. The contest was to make something for Valentine's Day. In the 7 and under age group the winner was Hanna Contino of N. Stonington Community Junior and in the 11-14 age group the winner was Julia Cullers also of N. Stonington Community Junior. Congratulations!! We were also

very proud to have Katrina Sabastian of Ekonk Community Junior entered in both the Talent and the Junior Talent. She did a wonderful rendition of "I Don't Know How To Love Him" from Jesus Christ Superstar and "Amazing Grace." Fantastic job Kristina!!!! I hope you enter again next year. Thanks to all.

Remember "Celebrate Day" on July 26. The State Junior Committee will be providing the luncheon. Remember, SMILE AT THE FACE IN THE MIRROR. IT'S BEAUTIFUL!!!

New Hampshire adds a new Grange

from the Granite State Granger

When State Secretary Carolyn Ross calls the Roll of Granges at the Annual Session tis October, Peterborough Grange No. 35 will be included in the list for the first time in 28 years, as it will once again be eligible to send delegates to the State Convention. On April 2nd, State Master Beth Merrill and Past State Master John West attended an informational breakfast meeting at the request of an informally established group of area farmers who were interested in becoming a Grange. News of this meeting spread rapidly and the hostess, Ruth Holmes, was amazed with the number of people who came that had not previously participated in the group's meetings. John West gave a concise, yet detailed account of the Grange's history, and then both he and Beth answered many questions from the group. A first meeting date was set for April 6th for the purpose of reorganizing Peterborough Grange.

The first several organizational meetings were held at the home of Dan and Ruth Holmes. A total of 26 Charter members, representing eight area towns, were accepted and obligated into membership. The four officers elected at the first meeting were: Master, Ruth Holmes; Overseer, Brad Miller; Secretary, Lindsay Johnson; and Treasurer, Emily Drury. All other officers were elected at a subsequent meeting.

A committee formed to search for a suitable permanent meeting location was investigating the Peterborough Town House as a possible meeting location at press time. A 5:30 P.M. potluck supper precedes each 6:30 P.M. meeting on the first and third Sundays of the month. The new members are planning to attend the degree day in Keene on June 21st, and plans are underway for a "coming out" party later in the summer.

We Welcome New Members...

New members of Glastonbury Grange No. 26

Martha Baribault	Ruth Grommeck
Mary Baribault	Louise Hyypa
Thomas Breen	Linda Silano
Herbert Grommeck	Querria Sullivan

Please keep us informed of your new members. List them on your Granger report forms or email the names to the Editor at the address listed on page 2.