



The Granite State Granger

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Important State Grange Information

by Gerald J. Leclerc, Secretary
New Hampshire State Grange

As you are already aware, changes have been made to this year's annual New Hampshire State Grange Session, condensing it to a one-day event on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at the Best Western PLUS ~ Portsmouth, NH. Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. with session opening at 9:00 a.m.

ONLY Delegates and State Officers are invited to attend!

Changes are being made to the registration process, as well as other changes to comply with the CDC guidelines for social gatherings. To maintain social distancing there will be a NEW registration format for the Delegates, and the meeting space will be set differently so that there is adequate space between Delegates.

To keep with social distancing, I am requesting that the Delegates "pre-register" by sending the payment and Credentials to me prior to State Session. Once I receive the credentials, I will assemble a Delegate packet for each. These packets will be placed on a table outside the meeting space with their name on the packet. The name badge in the packet will serve as the Delegate's admission to the meeting room. If the Delegate does not make it to the session, the registration fee will be returned.

If a delegate doesn't pre-register, there will be someone at the credentials table to assist when they arrive.

Additional information about the Delegates, such as a phone number, is being requested so contact can be made in the event that unexpected changes arise due to the virus.

With the uncertainty of what restaurants will be in operation, the New Hampshire State Grange will be providing lunch at no cost to the attendees. The food selection will be sent to the Secretary of each Grange.

Other measures are being done to keep our members safe while at the session. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available. Each delegate will receive bottled water, as the water station we generally have will not be available.

With this being a State Officer Election Year, it is very important to make every effort to attend. If you know of someone who is interested in being a State Officer, and you have their approval to be suggested, let your Grange's Delegate know so they can suggest that individual. If the person is elected, they will be contacted and, if possible, asked to come to the session for installation in the afternoon.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. I want to make sure we are all safe when we meet!

147th Annual Convention of
The New Hampshire State Grange
of the
Order of Patrons of Husbandry
Saturday, October 24, 2020
Best Western PLUS, Portsmouth, NH
603-436-7600

Registration opens at 7:45 a.m.
(\$10 Registration fee for
each Delegate)
Opening Session ~ 9:00 a.m.
Opening in the Sixth Degree
Calling the Roll of Officers
Grange lowered to the Fourth Degree
Calling the Roll of Granges
Reading NEW Resolutions
Reading and Approving the
2020 Convention Rules

State Master's Farewell Address
Christopher E. Heath

Election of State Officers
Report and Action on Resolutions
Tara Sad, Chairman

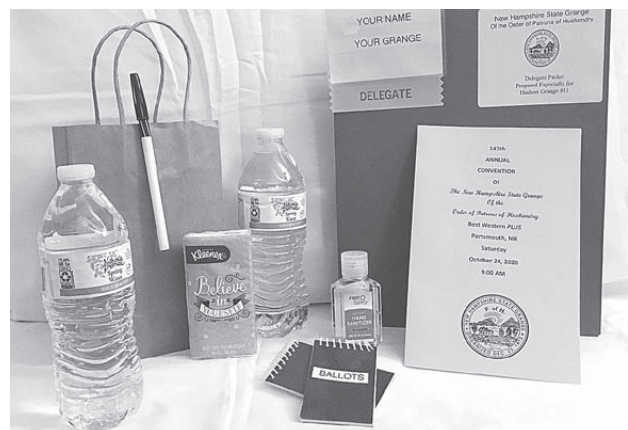
2020 Expense and Income Budgets
Daniel P. Bascom, State Treasurer

11:45 Lunch
(Provided by the New Hampshire
State Grange)

1:00 New Hampshire Grange
Foundation Annual Meeting
Foundation Directors and Officers

Continuation of above business
Installation of State Officers

Note: Order of items above may
change if needed.



Remember Your Donations
The usual and customary donations to Youth funds, Education Loan Fund, State Lecturer's gift, State Grange Building Fund, Kelley Farm, etc. are still being collected this year. If your Grange is not meeting, your Master and Executive Committee may authorize the expenditures. If you have approved a budget, your Grange may make the payments with no vote.



*From my pad
to your pad*
Christopher Heath
NH State Grange Master

It is so hard to believe that we are near the end of another year in our Grange journey. This past year has been anything but normal and has been very trying on many Grangers. Be faithful, O Patrons, for we are all going through this together. We are all fighters, and we will survive this trial of our lives. I hope and pray that everyone is doing as well as can be expected during these uncertain times. As more and more restrictions are lifted, I hope that many of you will start holding your meetings again. Remember to use your masks, keep your social distance, wash your hands often, and, if you're sick, stay home for the well-being of others.

As, hopefully, many of you have heard by now, we have shortened State Session to one day this year and are restricting attendance to officers, spouses of officers, and delegates. This is to reduce the risk and to adhere to the guidelines provided by the Governor. We will be providing masks and hand sanitizer for attendees as well, so that everyone will be prepared. The State Grange will be providing a boxed lunch for all attendees. This is so that we can get the required work completed and no one will have to leave the facility unless for an emergency.

One of those required items that we need to complete is the election of officers. We will be accepting suggestions for officers as usual. Due to the fact of the shortened schedule and limited attendance for the session, I am asking that anyone who plans to suggest someone, checks with that person to make sure they are willing to take the office prior to the suggestion. This way we will be sure that the person will take the office as they may not be there to speak.

In lieu of members not being able to attend the session, we are going to try and provide options for you to join us virtually this year. Our hope is to use media platforms, including but not limited to, Facebook Live and Zoom, to pro-

vide you members the ability to see what is happening during the session. We will provide more information on this once it becomes available. We will include instructions on how to get to the platforms and links to view the meeting. We know that this is going to be a difficult year, for most of you not being able to attend, so we are trying our best to accommodate everyone.

If your Grange is still uncomfortable with meeting face to face, please do what you feel is safe. The State and National Grange are not going to count this against your Grange. We all understand the severity of the virus and the devastating effects it can have to the person who catches it. Your Grange still needs to meet its responsibilities to your service providers as well as the National and State Granges.

Please remember that your Executive Committee, in conjunction with your Master, can conduct the business of the Grange when the Grange is not in session. This includes making donations to committees and towards the State Lecturer's Fund. Just because meetings are on hold doesn't mean that the committees and the Lecturer don't need our help financially. Please consider making your donations before the State Session so this can be reported in the Directors' and Lecturer's report.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me over these three terms as your Master. None of this would have been possible without your guidance, support, encouragement, advice and criticism. Constructive feedback and constant communication have helped make everything possible. I know that this past year has restricted my ability to see as many as I

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Chichester, NH 03258

should have, but I know that in the future there will be a time when we will be back to some normalcy. When that day arrives, we will all get back to our normal routines and will get a chance to see each other again. Remember to have Faith in God, Nurture Hope, Dispense Charity and be noted for Fidelity. I don't want to leave a legacy and I don't care if they remember me. The only thing that matters is that the Grange continue the good works it has strived to do for over the past 150 years!

Family Weekend 2020

Our annual Grange Family Weekend was held July 24-26 at Davidson Campground in Bristol, NH. We had a nice warm weekend with nine campsites being used and a total of 24 for the full weekend. On Saturday we had some day visitors to bring our total to 32. We had seven in attendance who had never been to a family weekend.

The campground's pool was open and enjoyed by some of our group. There was also a nice beach area on the Pemigewasset River for some relaxation. With a relaxed schedule, the weekend was a nice time to catch up with our Grange family after a time of staying at home. Stories and memories were shared, new memories made and friendships rekindled.

We enjoyed playing cribbage, corn hole, bingo, swimming, bike riding, potluck supper and campfires. Plans are in the works for next year's event, so watch for information and plan on joining us for a great time of fun and fellowship.



Enjoying Bingo at Family Weekend



**Agriculture
Department**
Norman Brandt, Director

The year is coming to an end and State Session is right around the corner. With all of the fun virus stuff going on many things are moving as slow as a pig in a mud hole in the summer sun.

I don't know about you, but I have had some great growth here at my place; pickling cukes enough to do 5 batches of bread and butter pickles and give away quite a few cukes; black raspberries for raspberry jelly; strawberries for Jam; and blackberries for blackberry jelly. I have some zucchini for zucchini relish and just picked a box of crab apples for crab apple butter and some crab apple Jelly.



The Bacon seeds I planted have been growing very well, too. I still have a few up for sale, but by the time this paper gets out I'm sure they will have been spoken for. One of them, that I'm thinking of naming Chris Pat Bacon, has been brown nosing since she was very small always coming over to be patted and laying on my feet while I'm making sure everyone is all right. She has become quite large and still wants to be patted whenever I step over the electric fence. Because the others see her getting attention all the time, the other eleven have been trying to get the same treatment.

The first six meat chickens I got this spring were dressed off weighing 10+ pounds each. One of them had seven-pound breasts on him, not bad for ten weeks of growing. With so many people trying to grow their own food the seed companies and the meat companies have

been finding it hard to keep up with the demand.

It really makes me glad that I went to so many Grange Farming Programs over the years, helping me learn so much about growing food to feed my family and neighbors. Between that and the stuff my Grandfather had taught us as kids about processing our own animals, I feel like we could be considered a large asset with the combined knowledge that we all have. Even though we can't be doing large classes and programs we can always mentor and teach our strong points to promote our organization.

I hope everyone is staying safe and enjoying the summer. I hope we can all see each other again. I hope all of this comes to a good end and a soon ending. Until then, Be Safe.



Dictionary Project Concerns by Hannah West

I hope that many Granges will be continuing the Dictionary Project this year. With so many schools working on staggered schedules or continuing with remote learning, delivering the dictionaries to the students could pose some problems. The dictionaries are the property of the individual student, not the school. Placing a box of dictionaries outside the school's main office may not accomplish the Dictionary Project's mission.

Please check with the third-grade teacher before you order your dictionaries to determine not only how many books are needed but also how they will reach the hands of the students. Be understanding if the third-grade teacher says that he/she would rather skip the dictionaries this year. There may be a school policy that makes it impossible or the teacher may feel that the logistics are just too much this year.

Even if students are in the classroom and the teacher is willing, it is unlikely that the schools will allow anyone but staff members to enter the building. Perhaps you could prepare a short audio-visual presentation for the teacher to show before passing out the dictionaries. Maybe you could arrange a Zoom conference with the class. Most schools now have considerable technology in place to use for remote learning. You could then deliver the books to the school building, perhaps allow a few days for the boxes to sit in isolation, and then make your virtual presentation. If you can't handle the technology, please at least send along a letter to the students introducing yourself and saying how much you want them to learn new words and explore all the information in the gazetteer section. Be sure to include information about where to send Thank-You notes both to you and to the sponsors if you have them.

If students in the school are learning completely remotely, perhaps the school has a method of distributing items to students and would be willing to include dictionaries for third graders in that process. You could fold a short letter with thank-you information into the front of each book. The worst-case scenario would be to postpone or discontinue the project for this year and reassess at a later date.

It may also be the case that those who have provided you with financial help in the past will be unable to help this year. Ask them but be understanding if they cannot spare the money.

I would be very sorry to see the Dictionary Project become another victim of the COVID-19 virus, so please give it your best effort. However, the schools, and the sponsors, if you need them, have the final say.

Deadline
The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in December, 2020. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before Nov. 8, 2020. Report on events of September and October. Look ahead to events of December, January, and February.

2020 National Grange Quilt Block Contest Rules

A. The National Grange Quilt Block Contest is open to everyone.
 B. All contest entries must be received by the National Grange Lecturer by October 31, 2020. Send entries to:

Christine Hamp, National Lecturer
16418 N. Birdie Road
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026

C. Any entries received after the deadline will not be judged. However, all entries received will be exhibited at the 154th National Grange convention in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

D. The quilt block you enter in the contest for judging must be made by you.

E. There is no limit on the number of quilt blocks a person may submit, but choose one quilt block per person to be judged.

F. All entries will be retained by the National Grange to be made into finished quilts and other items to be sold at a later date to raise funds for the Grange Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity.

G. A 2020 Quilt Block Contest Entry Form must be completed for the block to be judged.

Groups

- Group I – Adult (Age 14+)
- Group II – Junior (Age 13 and under)
- Group III – MEN (Age 14+)

Prizes

Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Group. Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants.

2020 National Grange Quilt Block Contest Shoo Fly or Choice*

(*Any block of your choosing.)

Color: Each block should incorporate teal or turquoise.

Fabric A: use a light color.

Fabric B: use a dark color.

Fabric: All fabric used should be cotton.

Constructing the Quilt Block

Fabric A: Cut four (4) 4½” squares and two (2) 5½” squares.

Fabric B: Cut one (1) 4½” square and two (2) 5½” squares.

Place a 5½” square A and a 5½” square B with right sides together. Make a pencil line diagonally on back of fabric. Sew a ¼” seam on both sides of the line. See

Diagram 1 below (dotted lines are sewing lines). Repeat with other set of 5½” squares. Cut on pencil line and press toward the dark fabric. Now trim the four (4) A/B blocks to measure 4½” square. See Diagram 2 below.

Assemble in horizontal rows as shown below in Diagram 3. Sew the block together using ¼” seam allowances. Each finished quilt block should measure 12½” x 12½”.

Press all seams. Clip and remove all threads.

***The Choice block must also incorporate teal or turquoise and finished, should measure 12½” x 12½”.**

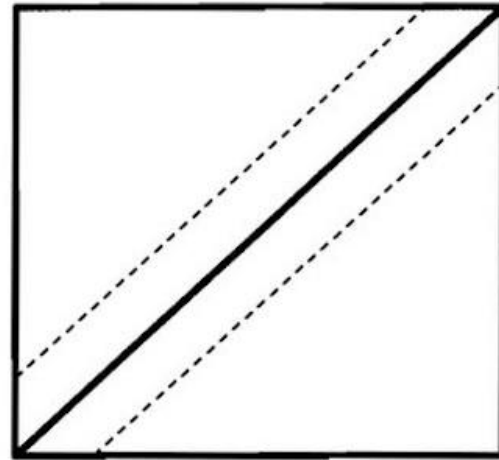


Diagram 1.

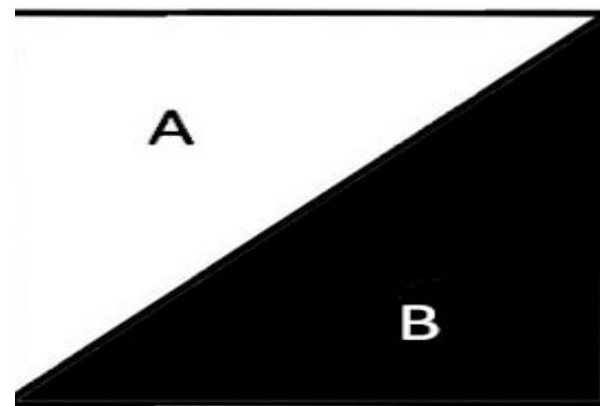


Diagram 2.

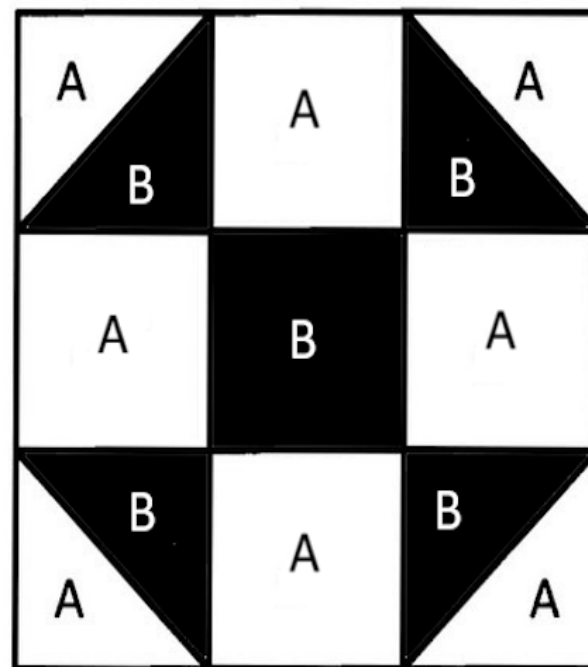


Diagram 3.

Grange In Action

Granges are highly encouraged to apply for this National Grange recognition program. Granges continuing outreach during the COVID crisis should qualify. Deadline of September 25. If Granges applied to the Distinguished Grange program, they may not apply for Grange in Action.

The Grange In Action program is designed to encourage all Granges to be active in their communities and complete events or projects, no matter how small. Granges who wish to be recognized as a “Grange In Action” should complete the following requirements:

- Submit a 1 page letter size with pictures and caption of at least 3 various events/activities that the Grange either sponsored or assisted with from Sept. 1, 2019 to Sept. 1, 2020 – anything over 1 page will be disqualified
- The Grange Name, number and State must be on the front of the page
- On a separate page please include the Name, address, phone and/or cell number and email address of the one who submitted the Grange in Action
- Granges that qualify for the 2020 Distinguished Grange award are not eligible for this recognition.
- Deadline to submit the 1 page to National Grange is September 25, 2020 postmark or electronic by midnight on September 25, 2020
- Mail to National Grange, Attn. Loretta Washington – 1616H Street, NW, 11th Washington, DC 20006
- Email to Loretta Washington @ lwashington@nationalgrange.org please put in the subject line for the email: Grange in Action report.

Those Granges that submitted a 1 page entry will receive a certificate with the National Grange President’s signature.

Chichester Grange

Chichester Grange #132 held its annual Memorial Day Program on May 30, the traditional Memorial Day. Outside with masks and social distancing, the brief program continued a Chichester Grange tradition and provided an opportunity for residents of Chichester to commemorate the occasion.



What a challenging year this has been so far! We hope you have been healthy and staying safe. In light of the recent developments regarding state session we have decided to make some changes to the year-end reports and projects.

Community Service

COVID-19 has certainly impacted our Granges and our community service activities. If your Grange has not been able to do as much as you would have liked, have no fear – we would still like you to send us your reports. In fact, we strongly encourage you to send them because National Grange will still be awarding prize money for the top four Granges in NH, so please make sure you get those to us by **September 15th, 2020.**

Also, if you plan to submit your report in booklet form please do so! The National Community Service Director assures us that the judging of the booklets will still happen even though National Grange session has been shortened. The booklets are due to us by September 15th, 2020 as well. **Report forms can be found in your Family & Community program booklet. If you need a report form let us know and we will get it to you.** We would really like to know the total number of your community service hours so even if that is all you have to report, send them in. We include this information on our report to National Grange.

If your Grange was fortunate enough to be able to present community awards this year we applaud you! The pandemic has certainly made our normal programs and projects challenging this year. National Grange is recognizing recipients for Firefighter/EMT, Law Enforcement Officer and Teacher awards at the national level. We encourage you to submit your local winners to us for consideration to send on to National Grange. Please send us those entries by September 15th, 2020.

Santa Remembers Teens gift cards/money can still be sent to us and we will send them on to the state organization.

Family

As you have probably heard by now the Big E has been cancelled for this year. All of those wonderful handicrafts you have been working on for the Grange Building store will have to wait until next year, so hang on to them.

Needlework entries will still be accepted for judging, but only at the state level (since we can’t send them on to the Big E for judging). You can send your entries by September 15th to:

Kathy Yardley
 361 Valley Rd
 Walpole, NH 03608

The baking contest will not be judged at State Grange because of the shortened schedule of the session. Hopefully you got to try out some oatmeal cookie recipes while you were quarantined!

Since we won’t be able to collect your “Mountain of Mittens” donations at State Session, we suggest that you make a “mountain” (or other display) of the mittens, gloves, hats and scarves you collect, take a picture of it and send it along with your report. We ask that you distribute your “mountain of mittens” locally, rather than sending them to us. Perhaps you could think about combining that delivery to your schools along with the dictionaries for the third graders.

We hope that you will continue to be careful when out and about during this second wave of the pandemic. Protect yourself and be considerate of others by social distancing and stay safe and healthy.

Concord Grange # 322

Like many other Granges we have not met since the end of February. We had to postpone our Community Awards Night. Our 106th anniversary was in May. That celebration also has been postponed and we will reschedule at some point. The Grange is still planning the fall events for the holidays.

We have sent Thinking of You Cards to our members who are in the nursing homes, living alone, or out of state.

2020 National Grange Convention Shortened Open to Delegates and Officers Only Several Other Changes Made by National Grange President Betsy Huber

The National Grange Executive Committee is very sorry to announce that the 2020 National Grange Convention will have many changes because of the Covid-19 pandemic and therefore will be open for National delegates and officers only. No visitors or Grangers will be invited to attend in person this year.

The convention will be cut to two days and the only business will be voting on resolutions and electing two executive committee officers. Extra activities, such as the Evening of Excellence, Youth and Junior Public Speaking and Sign a Song, will take place virtually. The Seventh Degree will not be exemplified this year.

Other recognitions such as Community Service awards, Distinguished Grange, Grange Legacy Family, and the Quilt Block Contest, will be held and awards given, but there will be no ceremony. National Grange Department Directors have released their plans. Each may be contacted for further guidance as needed.

The Valley Forge Casino Resort, site of the convention, has been closed since March 14. We don’t know when it will be permitted to open, because the counties around Philadelphia are a hot spot for the virus. The hotel is willing to allow us to downsize our convention to two days, 80 people, hopefully without penalty, so we are exercising that option at this time.

Also we do not want to endanger any of our members by asking them to travel and to spend days in a large crowd. The health and safety of our Grange family comes first. We feel it may not be safe to gather, even by November. Many of your State Sessions will see major changes this year also. We hope you will understand this decision, and keep on working at the local level as much as you can to help your communities.

He who sings scares away his woes.
 ~Cervantes

Non-Profit Status Renewal

The New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division has sent out a letter to each Grange concerning your nonprofit report to the State of NH for 2020. This is NOT the e-filing that Treasurer Dan Bascom does for the Granges. **Every 5 years each Grange has to report to the Secretary of State in order to keep its non-profit status.** This one is due by December 31, 2020.

You can follow the directions and report online using a credit card. This will cost you a total of \$27.00. They charge an extra \$2.00 for using a credit card. Or you can send an email to annualreports@sos.nh.gov. You will need to provide them with your Grange name, business ID number (found on the letter) and the name and address where you want the form sent. Cost is only \$25.00.

If you have not received this letter. Either your secretary has changed or he/she has moved. It would have been sent to the secretary on file 5 years ago.

It is also possible that your Grange did not file 5 years ago and has been dropped. You can go online at quickstart.sos.nh.gov, put in your Grange name and check your status. The State Treasurer went online last year and found only a few Granges that had been dropped and most of them have been reinstated.

If for some reason you cannot find your business ID. please email State Treasurer Dan Bascom kdbascom@aol.com as he has a list of all Granges.

Care Packages for Deployed Troops

The **Pease Greeters** would like to know of troops who are deployed so that the Greeters can send them care packages. You could contact any of the following organizations in your area to see if they know of any deployed troops: American Legion, VFW, Moose, Elks, Knights of Columbus, Church organizations.

Please send names or have the organizations contact:

Wendy Whittle

email: wwandfw@gmail.com

or **Betti Abdulla**

e-mail: peasegreeterscarepackages@gmail.com



(l to r) Alayna, Ava and Gen Twiss.

Support the Granite State Granger with your donation.

Grange Bulletin Board

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who sent get well cards, telephone calls, and e-mails during my broken arm recovery. I appreciated so much the communications. It has been a long recovery.
Dick Patten

A Hearty Grange Welcome to New Members

Deborah Ziembra	Baker's River
Megan Pratt	Mt Pistareen
Steve Chickering	Mt Pistareen
Deb Chickering	Mt Pistareen

Watatic Grange

While our Grange is not meeting formally we tried to think of a project we could do to connect to others and possibly make a small difference in their lives. Five members of Watatic Grange prepared thirty greeting cards with a message of "Thinking of you and wishing you well" along with a few words of encouragement. The cards were sent to residents at the Fairview nursing facility in Hudson and gratefully received by the Activities Director.

Aurora Grange

Aurora Grange #235 in Pittsburg held its annual picnic at the home of Chip and Eddie Evarts on August 11, 2020. The weather was perfect; the food was delicious; and the conversation was lots of fun.



In Memoriam

Judith Judd	Aurora
Loretta Wright	Aurora
Bryce Massie	Arlington
William Poland	Blow-Me-Down
Louise Flanders	Chichester
Barbara Gilman	Chichester
Beverly Greeley	Concord
Carolee Barrett	Golden Rod
Christine Felch	Hampton Falls
Claire Gagnon	Hudson
Myra Jennison	Jeremiah Smith
David Holmes	Joe English
Richard Abbott	Joe English
Howard Towne	Joe English
Forrest Webber	Lower Intervale
Edith Scofield	Lower Intervale
Bernadette Chevrette	Pembroke
Lorraine Gilman	Rochester
Daniel Harvey	Rockingham
Marion Bascom	Walpole
Esther West	Wingold
Ruth Swasey	Wingold
Katherine Imbressea	Wingold

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Kathy Yardley
361 Valley Rd
Walpole, NH 03608

Sept. 25 - Virtual Talent Contest Registrations due to State Lecturer Jane Trombi

Sept. 19 – NH Virtual Talent Contest
Sept. 25 – Deadline for National Grange in Action Program Recognition entries to arrive at National Grange office

Sept. 25 – Deadline for National Grange Quilt Square Contest entries. Send to National Lecturer Christine Hamp
16418 N. Birdie Road
Nine Mile Falls WA 99026

October 24 – NH State Grange Convention – Best Wester Plus, Portsmouth. Delegates & State Officers only

October 31 – Deadline for National Grange Photography Contest entries. Send to National Lecturer Christine Hamp

November 8 – Deadline for December Granite State Granger news. Send to Hannah West.

December 31 – Deadline for Non-Profit Status renewal with NH Secretary of State



Jane Heath and Doris Mitton exhibit the gift quilt Doris completed at a Crafty Grangers' session.

New Hampshire State Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry
147th Annual Session
Saturday, October 24, 2020
Best Western PLUS, Portsmouth, NH
603-436-7600

2020 Convention Room Rates:
King – Double \$109
9% State room tax not included

SPECIAL NOTES: Session will begin at 9:00 a.m, on Saturday morning. It is recommended that room reservations be made for Friday evening if you wish to be on time for the opening on Saturday. Check in is any time after 4:00 p.m. When making your reservations, please indicate that you are with the New Hampshire State Grange so as to be charged the group rate.

Convention room rates will not be offered after September 22, 2020.



Support the ELF!

Please send your Educational Loan Fund donations to:
Patrice Lawlor
PO Box 386
Pelham NH 03076

Visit the State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org

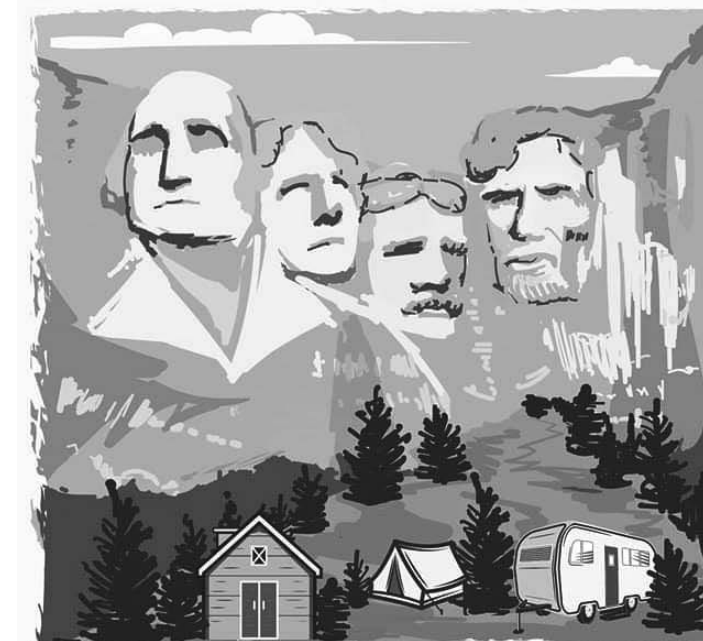
Lilly the Gardener

by Norman Brandt

Last fall I had fed the pigs sugar pumpkins. This spring the pig pens were full of pumpkin seedlings.

As Lilly's babies left the farrowing building I noticed that three of the seedlings had small barriers formed around them, two with sticks one with stones. Over the eight weeks her babies were with her all the other seedlings were destroyed except the three that had the barriers around them.

Now I keep seeing buds on the vine, but right as they start flowering I noticed they disappear... Lots of buds but no flowers. Who knew that pigs like to garden also?



Save the Date

DAYS END CAMPGROUND
STURGIS, SOUTH DAKOTA
JULY 20-25, 2021

DETAILS & REGISTRATION AT GRANGEREVIVAL.COM
An occasion for all Patrons & Friends



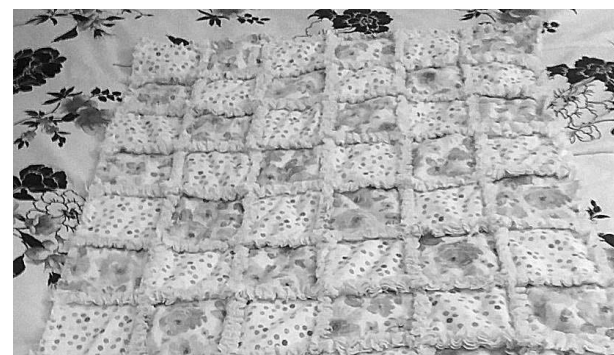
Here we are in the middle of summer, and I have not gone far due to the Coronavirus. I hope you are finding things to do to keep safe. Do you need any masks? I can make cloth ones to send for you to keep safe.

Norman and I have planted a garden and have enjoyed sugar snap peas, swiss chard, and kale. Now cucumbers are coming so fast we have made three batches of bread and butter pickles. Finding we had black raspberries in the yard, we kept picking and made a batch of black raspberry jelly. We picked strawberries and blueberries and made jam. Blackberries, crab apples and elderberries are coming now.

Crafty Grangers

A group of crafty Grangers have met at the State Grange building in Hooksett to work on projects of their choice. We are quilting, sewing, card making, scrapbooking, or coloring. Our quilters are working on a quilt for NH to use at the New England Grange Building at the Big E for when it is our turn to have a quilt to raffle. We are also there to inspire others to learn a new skill.

Jane Trombi has been showing others how to make Mosaic scrapbook pages, Beth Merrill and Kathy Yardley have been inspiring us to stamp and color cards, Doris Mitton and Jane Heath have taught us many quilting tips. At a recent weekend, Pat Bailey was inspired to make her first quilt! (See photo below.) We plan on having more craft weekends, so we hope some of you can join us. Our next one is scheduled for September 25 – 26.



This time of year is usually very busy with fairs, but everything has stopped this year. Have any of the Juniors made the Big E contest with the shell I gave them at February Fun Day? I need to get them to the committee of Junior Directors, if you have any. I am waiting to hear from the Junior Directors Committee on a Zoom meeting to discuss what we want to do.

There are changes for the State Grange convention this year, and I will not have a display of Junior contest entries, so if your children have items they have made, please send me a photo of their entry so they can be judged and receive ribbons and prize money.

If you have any ideas for the coming year's program or crafts, please let me know so we can have things the children are into. I have seen many items on Pinterest on rock painting to name one. They even have tutorials showing how to paint them. They have lots of recipes that the children can see and try.

I have received notes from my grandchildren and, I have sent answers back to them. This writing back and forth gives the children practice. If you would like to have them try sending me a note of things they have done this summer, I will recognize them by sending a ribbon for their work.

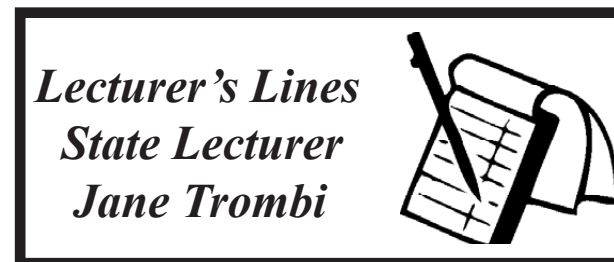
Watch for a packet with a craft and ideas to each family where there are Junior Grange members. If you have a family that you think would like something from Junior Grange, send me the name and address so I can get something to them.

We must all be careful as these times are very scary for children and even adults. Masks should help us or someone who is not well. Do you have ideas on how to talk with children when they have questions? There are some contacts with Insurance companies.

Keep well, and I hope we will soon be able to meet again for activities.

Quilts Completed

Jane Heath and Doris Mitton are pictured below with the Quilt of Valor that Doris from Northern NH Pomona made for a program the National Grange has partnered with to honor veterans with a quilt. Doris also finished a second quilt (pictured on page 7) to add to her collection for when she needs a quilt as a gift. She has been sewing since she was a child and took lessons in 4-H and school. During Covid Quarantine she has worked on over 25 items of sewing quilt tops, sewing machine covers, pillow cases, and over 150 face masks. She has a goal to finish some long-ago started projects that have been in her sewing cupboard.



Well, we've made it through several months of "staying at home" and I hope everyone has been healthy and making the best of life as we know it. As things start to open up, many Granges are starting to meet the best they can while still social distancing. I wonder what you have been doing to keep your members involved during these trying times? Add anything special you've done to your year-end lecturer's report, which is due October 1st. The forms are in the packet received at last year's state session and also on the website at nhgrange.org under Lecturer.

TALENT CONTEST

I am planning on a Virtual talent show on September 19, 2020 at 7 p.m. This will be done by Zoom. If you are interested, you MUST let me know so that I can send you an invitation to the Zoom conference. Deadline is September 15th for registering. Our state winner will be able to participate in the National Grange Virtual Evening of Excellence this fall.

LECTURER'S CONTESTS

Since we will not be having a display at state session this year, all contests will be virtual. If you do not have the ability to email items to me, please reach out to a fellow Granger to find someone who can help. All entries are due by October 1st. Make sure all entries have your name and Grange, as well as category and class.

Photo Contest

Categories will remain the same. Once you take the photo with your digital camera, just email me the photo.

Card Contest

Categories will remain the same. Once your card is complete, take a picture and email it to me. Only the front of the card needs to be in the picture.

Creative Writing Contest

The poetry can be typed up and emailed. If you are doing a book report and it is a report type, that can be emailed.

If you are doing a poster, collage, etc. for the book report, take a picture and email that picture.

Art Contest

Because of the nature of the art work and a photo not doing it justice, there will not be an art contest this year. Save any art work for next year's contest. I will put it in the program for next year that art work completed between October 2019 and October 2021 will be eligible.

National Grange Photo Contest

The Photography Showcase of the Best of Show winners from each State Grange at the National Convention has been canceled. In its place will be a Virtual Photography Contest – open to ALL members and non-members, regardless of age. See information below.

2020 National Grange Virtual Photo Contest Statement of Intent

The 2020 National Grange Virtual Photo Contest came about as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic causing massive changes to our annual National and State Grange conventions. This change allows for a photo contest even without state contests. All photos entered will become the property of the National Grange and may be used in National Grange publications and virtual media.

Rules

- A. The National Grange Virtual Photo Contest is open to all Grangers and yet-to-be Grangers.
 - B. Submitted photos can be of any subject. [Any photograph deemed inappropriate will not be judged or exhibited in the National Grange Virtual Photo Contest.]
 - C. All entries must be received electronically as a single (1) file no larger than 100MB via Google Forms at <https://bit.ly/grange20photo> by October 31, 2020.
 - D. There is one division – come one, come all!
 - E. Each individual is limited to entering three (3) photos.
 - F. Entries should be no more than one (1) year old.
 - G. Any entries received after the October 31, 2020 deadline will not be judged.
- PRIZES: Monetary prizes will be awarded: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$30 and 3rd - \$20.

Antrim Grange Hall Renovation Moving Forward by Beth Merrill

The Grange Hall Rehabilitation project, started in 2017, is moving forward finally with a critical step toward the repair of the Antrim Grange Hall. Grange members and project manager, Andras Lazar, met with historic building contractor, Brian Gallien, Ironwood Restoration LLC, and Mae Williams, historic preservation consultant, for a site visit in late July. Proper social distancing was implemented as they explored every nook and cranny (including the scary, dark ones) of our historic building. Over the next few months they will combine efforts in creating a Building Needs Assessment Report, which is crucial for moving forward with the foundation work on the Grange Hall, as well as providing information critical for future grant writing as the hall rehabilitation progresses. This report is being funded in part by a grant from the NH Preservation Alliance, which receives support for its grants program from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP).

"It is a very sweet little building, and was pretty fun to explore given the three major periods of construction: 1785 for sections of the frame, 1832 for the north section, move and other renovations, and 1890s for Grange-era alterations. As someone who's really interested in changes in construction techniques these three periods represent three really different construction types, and it will be fun going through and figuring out the story of how it evolved," Ms. Williams reported. "The building does need some serious attention, but I think we should be able to break the renovations down into doable tasks and present you with a logical process for completing them that isn't too overwhelming."

Antrim Grange is grateful for the continued financial support of generous community members who are making tax deductible donations to the New Hampshire Grange Foundation, c/o the Antrim Grange Hall Rehabilitation account. These can be mailed to Andrew Savage, Treasurer, 837 Bennett Way, Newmarket, NH 03857.

State Grange Historian

Richard Patten



I remember how Granges were having a hard time in paying their property taxes to the town or city. Many Granges were holding fundraisers to help with the taxes. However, in 1980, State Master Philip Shattuck mentioned in his Address about the problem with property taxes on Grange Halls. A special committee was appointed, and General Deputy Ed Pratt was in contact with State Rep. Edna Pearl Parr from Hampton. She submitted a bill to the State Legislature to declare the Grange Halls as exempt from taxes. I remember going to the State House in 1983 for a hearing on the Grange Hall Bill.

The room was overloaded with Grange members from all over the State. There were several speakers from the Grange, including Past State Master John Saturley, Past State Master B. Franklin Hayes, and State Master Phil Shattuck along with Rep. Edna Pearl Parr and State Rep. Jack Chandler of Warner speaking. The committee passed the bill and it went to the full House where it passed. The bill went to the Senate where it passed and was sent to the Governor's Office. Governor John Sununu invited State Grange Leaders to be present when he signed the bill. The cities and towns also had to approve of this measure. It was a great day for the Grange as many were going to sell their halls because of the taxes.

When I go to the cemetery to visit my parents' and grandparents' graves, I always go by the gravestone of Mae Chesley, who was a Past Flora, and a Past State Youth Chairman. I noticed in her column in the 1954 May issue that she urged that bringing more young people into more prominent roles in Grange activities with well-planned entertainment and recreation is a necessary part of our program. If the opportunity of meeting people, making friends, and having fun is not provided through Grange meetings we cannot expect to help young adults in keeping them interested in all parts of

our work. The voice of the young people is needed in Grange Affairs, so it's up to the Youth Committees of State, Pomona, Subordinate Granges to encourage and assist our youth to regard their responsibilities seriously.

She wrote about some Youth Nights she had visited. Batchelder Grange of South Manchester held a mock wedding with an all-male cast. A real wedding like that would have been unheard of in 1954 but today in 2020, it is a reality. She mentioned that Sandown Grange held a successful Youth Night with members present from Chester, Nutfield, Danville, and Hampstead Granges. Dancing was enjoyed by all after the meeting. Pineconia Grange of Concord Plains held a successful Youth Night with members from visiting Granges filling the offices. Arnold Clement and his wife, Master of Rochester Grange, were present along with their daughter who participated on the program.

Dorothy McLain, State Juvenile Superintendent, mentioned some poems entered by Juvenile Granges for Mother's Day. One in particular is

"My Mother Always Knows"

My Mother has a happy way of always knowing what to say,

When I fall down and stub my toe or tease, "Please Mother, May I go?"

With just the touch of her soft hand, she somehow makes me understand.

That what she says is best for me, My Mother always knows, you see.

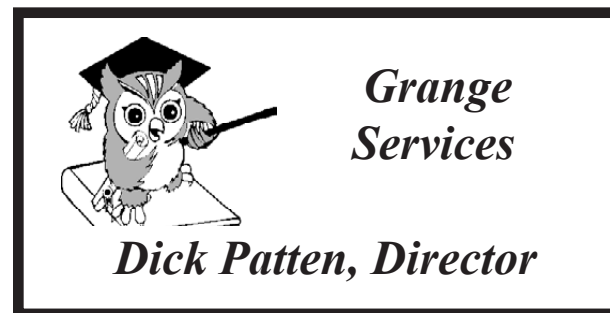
I was looking in the 1980 State Grange Journal. I can't believe it was forty years ago. Where has time gone? The Youth Officer Contest results were announced: Youth Master, Carolyn Ross, Gilman Grange; Youth Steward, Glenn Yardley, Walpole Grange; Youth Assistant Steward, Edward Rhodes, Walpole Grange; Youth Lady Assistant Steward, Jane Campbell, Warren Pond Grange; and Youth Ceres, Joanne King, Warren Pond Grange. The Youth Royalty winners were announced: State Prince, Glenn Yardley, Walpole Grange; State Princess, Donna Boucher, Wattannick Grange; and Young Couple of the Year, Donald and Carolyn Ross, East Kingston.

This summer despite the Corvid-19

warnings, I have been receiving several calls about former Granges that have been closed. Madbury Grange is one that I have been researching. The person knew this Grange was very active and sponsored a large fair each year in August. She wondered when they closed. After checking through records, it was in 1964. At one time this Grange had over 148 members. They were organized in 1933 and were assigned to Tri County Pomona and then Great Bay Pomona.

The second Grange I have been getting information was about Cardigan Grange in Alexandria. My cousin who lives in Bristol mentioned several men were having a discussion about Cardigan Grange meeting and invited him to come. My cousin was a member at Cardigan many years ago both in the Juvenile Grange and the Subordinate Grange until he went to World War 2. I spoke to the town clerk of Alexandria and she told me there is a group meeting there to raise funds to renovate the hall especially the roof. I also received another call from a gentleman asking information about Cardigan Grange. This Grange was very active when they were meeting. Their youth group won awards in the square dancing contest and other categories. I had many members of my Patten family who were members there.

I have been trying to locate Peter Brown, who was a great young man singing at Grange functions including at the State Grange Session during the Sixth Degree. He and his mother Mrs. Eleanor Brown along with two sisters, Ruth and Laura and a friend Patricia Dustin traveled to many youth nights. They loved dancing after the meetings. They belonged to Greenfield Grange. Then they disappeared, no one seem to know where they went. Thanks to Charlene Hooper and her daughter I got a lead. I found out they all had moved to Delaware. Eleanor Brown had remarried and last name was Stevers. During my searching, I found out she had died from injuries in an automobile accident in Virginia. Peter also died tragically in Camden Wyoming as a result of a tree that he must have been cutting falling down on him. He is buried in Delaware. I have addresses for Ruth and Laura but no contact.



This has been a very challenging year for the Grange, no matter what level I am speaking about. Many Granges continue not meeting for fear of this Corvid19 virus. There are some who have members with Zoom on their computers to have a virtual meeting. The Educational Loan and Education Committee met recently via a telephone conference call. These committees were combined along with the Contact Committee to create a Member Benefits Committee along with services and benefits offered by the National Grange.

The donations to the Educational Loan Fund were way down this year. This is mainly due to Granges not meeting. If your Grange has not donated, it is never too late to send in a donation to Patrice Lawlor. The committee received two scholarship applications this year. There was a little confusion as to how many times a college student could apply. The forms are going to be updated so hopefully more students will apply another year.

While we were meeting, I had a question about the Abby Sargent Memorial Scholarship. The NH State Grange has donated to this every year except for one year. We will be donating to this scholarship this year. I have wondered for many years, who is Abby Sargent, and what is the Grange involvement? When I first joined the Grange in 1966, I used to hear Past State Flora and a member of the State Education Committee Dorothy McLain speak about Abby Sargent and donating to the fund. However, as the years went by, nothing more was mentioned either at State Grange or in any reports. I decided to find out who she was.

The NH Farm Bureau, in Concord was excellent in giving me a name of a lady who has the history of her. I called and she was very helpful. Abby Sargent Memorial Scholarship, Incorporated was established in 1962 in memory of her career of active leadership in New Hamp-

shire and the Nation. Mrs. Abbie Sargent and husband made their home in Bedford, NH. There is a lot of history which I won't report here but will save for my Historian column. However, she became the first president of the Associated Women of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau in 1929. On asking to retire in 1944, she was nominated for vice president of the NH Farm Bureau. During her tenure, she started a Prize Speaking Contest for women and a statewide sale of home canned goods. She was a frequent speaker before civic and educational groups. She organized Farm Women Vacation Camps in all ten counties where women could go in summer for a week's stay at a cottage and enjoy rest and fellowship. Abby was a leader in starting the Cooperative Extension Home and Community groups in the counties.

In 1934, she was elected the first President of the Associated Women of American Farm Bureau Federation. She passed away on October 28, 1959. She and her husband were members of Narragansett Grange in Bedford where she was a Past Master and very active in the Grange. She and Dorothy McLain were best friends and former teachers. Thus, the involvement of Dorothy McLain in promoting this scholarship in the Grange. The youth members of the Grange can apply for this scholarship through the Farm Bureau.

I received a memo from the National Grange Member Benefits Director with the following information: RX Pharmacy Card provided by CVS Caremark (also for pet prescriptions)—program offers the RxSavings Plus Card, a NO FEE exclusive benefit to National Grange members that is not offered to the public. The RX-Savings Card allows members to go to almost any pharmacy. Unlike other savings plans, the CVS-Caremark program applies to 99% of prescription drugs. Save on Lipitor, Viagra, Plavix, high blood pressure medications and thousands more—even pet medications!

For the Rx Card Program, go to <http://nationalgrange.rxsavingsplus.com>. If your pet has been prescribed a medication, you may get a discount with the Rx-SavingPlus Prescription Discount Card at

a participating pharmacy.

During your pet's examination ask if the treatment plan they are recommending includes medications that are also used to treat human conditions. If so, you can request a written prescription from your veterinarian instead of the veterinarian clinic providing the medications.

The national Grange office is working on another prescription program. I inquired about the Good RX savings, but because it is a national program the Grange can't get a benefit from there.

Remember to notify your younger members they are eligible for any of the National Grange Benefits. I realize AARP offers many of the same benefits, but they do not offer to people younger than 50 years old.



GRANGE
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NEWS

Rachel Scanzani

With so many events having to be changed or cancelled, I hope that you have taken the time to participate in some other creative opportunities. Have you been working on your Youth Contest entries? Due to the changes for State Session, entries will need to be submitted earlier than planned. Please have all entries to the Youth Director by October 1st. We can arrange for contactless pick-up or drop-off or items can be mailed.

If you are looking for other ways of participating, the National Grange Youth Department is sponsoring Grange Baseball to be done virtually. It will be played as similar as possible to how we played in-person. Sign-ups will be open until Wednesday, September 16th. Sign-ups are limited to Juniors, Youth, and Young Adults. Gameplay will be on Sunday, September 20th, at 6 p.m. EDT; 5 p.m. CDT; 4 p.m. MDT; 3 p.m. PDT. Once sign-ups are closed, virtual rules will be sent to all participants, along with what team they will be playing for (Blue Agates or Golden Sheaves) and also the zoom link to be connected. Check your email for the sign-up link or contact the state Youth Director (rscanzani@nhgrange.org).

My First Grange Memories

by Camilie Twiss, Watatic Grange

My first memories of “going to Grange” are when I was five years old. My mother and stepfather, Emilie and George Standley, were married in June of 1947 and moved from Lancaster, Mass. to New Ipswich, NH where they joined Watatic Grange.

There were lots of nice people at Grange and I learned their names. They were Helen and Basil Mason, Bert and Minnie Maxwell, Ruth and Carl Sillanpaa, Clarinda Hardy, Emil Koivala, Mary and Albro Balch, Mildred Hastings, Tauno and Erma Tuomala, Josephine and Hjalmar Maki, Unto Vitannen and probably more. My mother told me that I especially liked the two older men who were Lecturer and Chaplain, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Carmichael. I would take turns sitting on their laps during the meetings. I think they reminded me of my Papa who still lived on the farm we had left in Lancaster.

There were teen agers and a few children my own age. All the offices were filled, people sat on the sidelines, and all four degrees were conferred in full form including hoodwinks and cloaks and the threat of having to “ride the goat”. Many of you will remember harvest marches featuring men in overalls and straw hats carrying large sickles and women in gingham aprons and bonnets carrying small

sheaves of wheat. Piano music was always part of the degrees, regular meetings and programs. Some of the pianists could certainly pound those keys!

Watatic Grange was very active in the community. Its members spearheaded the project of creating a playfield for the town which boasted a swimming pool fed by a natural stream, several sports fields and a picnic area. In 1950 there was a Grange float in the large bicentennial parade which featured the three graces in pastel colored robes, carrying the symbols of their offices and seated in a bower of hemlock boughs. Once I remember taking part in a minstrel show. I was in blackface as were many others on the stage (not acceptable in today’s world). A boy about my own age and I sat on hay bales on opposite sides of the stage and at the very end of the show we walked toward each other and he gave me a bouquet of flowers.

Every year there was a Grange Fair in September. Tables were set up and featured handiwork, baked goods, rummage items (flea market today), children’s games, fresh produce and a coffee shop with homemade donuts. The highlight was a chicken barbeque served in the early evening. People came from all over town for “take home” (sound like today?).

Each December the Grange put on a Christmas party for the children of

the town. “Santa”, I’m afraid, could not have fooled any child with his homemade costume trimmed in cotton batting and a bunched up pillow cinched in with a narrow black belt over his belly. But there were songs to be sung, games to be played, a tree, presents, and little boxes of hard candy to take home.

Our meeting place was a three story building on Main Street called “Union Hall”. The upper floor was not used. It was a large open room and was reached by a very narrow and steep stair case. The second floor was where our meetings were held. There was a stage with two side entries and a small room on one side that served as storage and a passage to the two hole “toilet”.

As we grew into older children my friend and I had to spend the meeting times away from the “secrets” of the order. Very important in that small room was a little window just big enough for a ten-year-old child to squeeze through. After a short jump to the ground, the town was ours! We would walk to the village gas station where Miss Batson would sometimes treat us to a bottle of orange tonic from a large tank of cool water. We would visit our first grade teacher who lived nearby and just walk around the village as happy and safe as could be. As darkness fell we would squeeze back in the window and wait until the business meeting ended. We were often complimented on how quiet we had been!

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