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**A Resolution in Loving Memory of Marion T. Jones
September 21, 1919 to November 22, 2013**

**Whereas the Lord, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call our Sister,
Marion T. Jones, to her eternal home;**

**Whereas she had served the New Hampshire State Grange as an officer
for 30 years, filling the offices of Lady Assistant Steward, Flora, Lecturer,
Executive Committee, and Pianist;**

**Whereas she enriched many Grange programs with her ability to memorize, her
wit, and her willingness to play the piano in Grange Halls;**

**Whereas she was editor of the Granite State Granger for many years, writing ar-
ticles, taking pictures, and supporting the publication through subscriptions and
by selling novelty products at Grange events;**

**Therefore, be it resolved that this issue of the Granite State Granger be
dedicated to her; and**

**Be it further resolved that all who read this dedication strive to build
membership and strengthen the Grange which Marion T. Jones served
with so much pride and delight.**

Manchester Community Grange Helps Feed the Homeless

New Horizons is an emergency homeless shelter, soup kitchen, and food pantry in downtown Manchester. In September, they received a massive donation: a greenhouse built on the adjoining vacant lot, including beds, soil, and seeds. They already have hundreds of volunteers on call, but don't know anything about running a greenhouse. Manchester Community Grange #359 has stepped up to bridge the gap.

Sister Emily Sandblade has gardened in her backyard for decades, and is an active Master Gardener with the UNH Cooperative Extension. She is providing the knowledge and drive to get things organized and started. A half-dozen other Manchester Patrons are pitching in a few hours a week. Because they're starting late in the year, they are beginning with cold-resistant crops including spinach, peas, lettuce, and onions. As they improve the setup and procedures, they plan to provide 70% of the soup kitchen's daily vegetables. New Horizons' carpenter is building a new compost bin every week or so, and will add more beds when there is room.

You can follow their progress on Facebook: "Greenhouse @ New Horizons NH".



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with your donation.**

NH Granger of the Year

Mildred Ingham, Secretary and Lecturer of Blow-Me-Down Grange No. 234 was chosen for the New Hampshire Granger of the Year Award. Millie is a relatively new Granger, but she can't be matched for hard work and enthusiasm. She was presented a beautiful plaque by James Tetreault, State Grange Master, at the State Grange Celebration Banquet held on October 26th in Concord, NH,




Time to File Your Grange's Annual IRS Tax Return

This is a reminder to all Granges in NH that your fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 and now you have until February 15, 2014 to file your annual 990-N electronic tax return with the IRS. Failure to file for three consecutive years can result in a loss of your non-profit status. One change to the 990-N report this year is the amount of money earned. It has been raised from \$25,000 to \$50,000. So if your Grange has less than \$50,000 income you may file the 990-N report on line. The receipt you print upon completion of filing has also changed slightly.

The website address to file at is <http://epostcard.form990.org>. Complete filing instructions were mailed to every Grange in May of 2008. If you have lost your instructions or just need help, please contact NH State Grange Treasurer Daniel Bascom, 123 Franklin St., Rochester, NH 03867-2461 telephone 332-2164, cell phone 767-6613 or E-mail kdbascom@aol.com.

If your Grange is unable to file on line, you may contact Dan for a paper copy of the 2010 990-EZ form, and he will mail one to you. The paper version changes every year so you must use the 2012 form this year. The paper version is also due to the IRS by February 15, 2014.



**Outside My Window
on Parker Street
James Tetreault
NH State Grange Master**

What a great fall season it has been for the New Hampshire State Grange! Deputy Inspections have now closed, and we had a great State Grange Session in Concord. Thank you to Ken Berry, our Session Coordinator, and to the members of Merrimack County and Suncook Valley Pomona who played host to the State Grange this year. What a great job these two Pomona Granges did in hosting the hospitality room.

We were pleased to announce that 16 Granges in New Hampshire had net gains in membership. The Grange Growth Team also premiered its Grange Growth kit which can be used at any events where your Grange wants to promote itself. If you have an event you want the Grange Growth Team to assist you with, please make reservations with State Ceres Tricia Taylor by e-mail at: jdno7tt@yahoo.com or by phone at 630-0159. We ask that each Grange asking for assistance make a commitment of human resources. We will assist you, but we need members of your Grange who know people in your community to assist us by being present and able to talk to people.

We also announced our new members' website at <http://www.grange.org/nhstategrange>. You can direct potential new members to this website for a clear explanation of who we are. Please be advised that this in no way replaces our official website expertly maintained by Brother Wayne Turcotte at <http://www.nhgrange.org/home/>.

The State Officers did a tremendous job exemplifying the Sixth Degree on 35 new members of the New Hampshire State Grange. Our State Grange banquet was outstanding this year and congratulations to all of the State Grange Award recipients who received awards at the banquet. The contribution you make to our communities is appreciated. Kudos to Dick and Deb Patten who arranged the entertainment for our banquet this year.

The talent of the young man who sang was outstanding!! Who would think that we would hear someone sing opera at a State Grange Banquet?

I also want to congratulate Sister Beth Merrill on her re-election to the Executive Committee. A special thank you goes out to the regalia elves who are the unsung heroes of the State Grange and can take a hotel ball room and make it into a "Grange Hall".

A great opportunity to promote the Grange in New Hampshire came just prior to our State Session with the Seven to Save list announcement with every Grange hall in the State being spotlighted with this historical designation. What a tribute to our organization to talk about the roles our Granges have played historically and continue to play in our local communities.

The 147th Annual Session of the National Grange recently held in Manchester was a tremendous tribute to the strength of Grange in the Northeast. Members from across our region really stepped up to the plate and did a great job in pulling off a great National Grange session. Some of the highlights were a video welcome from Senator Jeanne Shaheen, a welcome proclamation from Governor Maggie Hassan, as well as a visit from Senator Kelly Ayotte. Brother Ed Luttrell of Oregon was re-elected as your National Master.

I was pleased to hear the announcement that the New Hampshire State Grange was one of 12 State Granges to achieve a net gain in membership on the membership year that just closed. Thank you to all of the Granges who made this possible, and let's not get complacent. This is our first net gain in 50 years. This means we are on the right track of

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growing the Grange. I also want to take a moment to share this achievement with Past State Masters Sister Beth Merrill and Brother John West who really started the process under their administrations. I say thank you to both of these Grange leaders for having the vision to put forward a new thought process to grow the Grange in our state.

Our State Grange was also recognized as a "Distinguished State Grange." Thank you Brother Bob Trombi, State Steward, who coordinated this award. Congratulations also go out to Antrim and Rochester Granges who received "Distinguished Subordinate Grange awards."

Matt and Lynn Clark did a great job representing our Youth at the Youth opening on Friday, Matt served as Master and Lynn as Chaplain.

Sister Beth Merrill retired as your National Grange Lady Assistant and Brother Dan Bascom as Priest Archon of the Assembly of Demeter. We have been proud to have both these outstanding NH leaders serve as Officers of the National Grange over the last few years.

I was pleased to have been elected Lecturer of the National Grange, but I want to make it clear that my primary job and focus over the next 10 months is leading and growing the New Hampshire State Grange!! If I or any State Grange leader can be of any assistance please feel free to contact us.

I hope that you all have A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!!

Hampton Falls Grange #171



Members of Hampton Falls Grange pose with their filled baskets for shut ins. From left to right we have: Chris, Cher, Janet, Norman, Katherine, Bob, and Bobbie. Master Lucy took the picture. Cher is our newest member. She'll be installed as our Chaplain next month.



**Grange
Services**
Lois Enman, Director

Hello to all. I hope members of your Grange attended the National Convention held in Manchester, NH in November. Many displays, program information and ideas were offered for our Granges to PROMOTE the work we do in our communities.

Members' Benefits

Members should be checking the National Grange website at www.nationalgrange.org for new programs that are being offered. You can access the "members only" section of the website with the annual word. The website provides updated information on Prescription Drug Programs, Beltone Hearing Aids, CVS Caremark, Choice Hotel Discounts, Hertz Car Rentals, Mobile Phone programs, True Hearing and a major Credit Card. These programs may be of interest to new members.

Our committee would like to remind you that the Invitation to Membership and Summary of Members Benefits pamphlet can be printed off the NH State Grange website www.nhgrange.org.

Please contact me or any member of this committee so we can help with questions or concerns you may have during the coming year.

Lois L. Enman
Rochester Grange #86

Patrice Lawlor
Hudson Grange #11

Rodney Huntoon
Concord Grange #322

Norma Neary
Chichester Grange #132

Lester Gibbs
Grafton Star Grange #60

Linda Phelps
Wicwas Lake Grange #292


**NH State Grange Trustees
of Trust Funds**

Financial Aid Available Now

The NH State Grange Trustees of Trust Funds have money available now for assistance to members who may be in need. The applicant must require some form of financial assistance or aid for their personal care, comfort, welfare and well being or of their immediate family. The request for assistance could be to help pay for hearing aids, eyeglasses, dentures, medical bills or any one of a number of other reasons.

The application forms and complete guidelines are available on the NH State Grange website www.nhgrange.org or you may contact any of the Trustees or Grange Services Committee members for assistance with the paperwork. Your Grange Secretary or Master should have a Roster listing these members and their contact information. Your Subordinate Secretary has also recently received a copy of the application and guidelines by mail for your reference and use. Some of the guidelines for applying are listed below but check the actual paperwork for complete details.

1. The applicant must be a member of the Grange for at least two (2) consecutive years in a NH State Subordinate Grange.
2. The applicant must be in good standing in his/her Grange. The good standing should be verified by current dues card or by a Golden Sheaf card if applicable.
3. The applicant must require some form of financial assistance or aid for their personal care, comfort, well being or of their immediate family. Currently assistance may be up to \$500 per fiscal year if funds are available.
4. A letter of recommendation must accompany all applications and should give as many facts as possible of the person in need. Please specify your relationship to the applicant.



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5. If the request is for money, a financial assistance application must be completed and signed by the applicant. If the money is to be used to purchase an item such as hearing aids, eyeglasses etc., a signed estimate of the cost from the doctor or provider must accompany the financial application. If the money is needed for another purpose, written estimates or actual copies of bills must be accompany the application.

6. All of the required paperwork must be completed as thoroughly as possible and all letters of recommendation, letters of good standing or copies of dues cards, and estimates or copies of bills must be included before mailing to the Trustees of Trust Funds. This will help to ensure a timely processing of the request. All applications must be reviewed by the Trustees of Trust Funds.

7. Your application is confidential and your name will not be revealed in any reports made to the State Grange. This is not charity - this fund was established by Grangers like you to aid their brothers and sisters in time of need.

8. The request may take up to ninety (90) days from the receipt of the completed application to the Trustees Secretary. Completed financial aid requests should be submitted to: Secretary of Trustees of Trust Funds, Rhoda Davis, 317 Route 129, Loudon, NH 03307

State Master's Kudos for Net Gains in Membership	
Gain	Grange Name
27	Londonderry #44
25	Wicwas Lake #292
20	Hinsdsale #358
12	Rochester #86
11	Lower Intervale #321
3	Aurora #235
3	Dorchester #280
3	Friendship #110
3	Sunapee Lake #112
2	Mt. Livermore #288
2	Park #249
1	Antrim #98
1	Arlington #139
1	Centennial #185
1	Croydon #357
1	Halloween #317

Home Grown Politics
*Across New Hampshire Farmland
 to Concord and Washington*
Bob Haefner
Legislative and Agriculture Dept.

The last time I wrote this column I was asking for pies and Century farms. The pies are made, delivered to the DAMF for the Centennial Celebration, and eaten. I really want to thank all of the folks that made pies. We needed 20 and got 19, close enough. Thank you folks for the great homemade desserts. I still am looking for Century Farms. I again ask that each Subordinate Grange across the State report to me the farms that are 100 or more years old, in the same family and on the same land in your Grange's Town and also the surrounding towns. Send the information to:

Bob Haefner
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I continue to be active as the Grange Representative on the Farm Bureau Government Affairs Committee. I talked to a Vice President at AT&T about our extending broadband in rural NH. He told me about the 450 4G towers that they are building across NH, some replacing older 3G and many new towers to carry broadband. I also wrote a letter as your Legislative and Agriculture Director to the FDA in opposition to the new FSMA rules that will be a blow to our small farmers in NH.

We had a good State Session again in October, with twelve resolutions deliberated. Four passed, two were amended and passed, and six failed. Four of the six that were passed or passed and amended were sent on to National Grange. One was rejected by the National Grange, one sent back as a state issue and two were accepted.

The National Grange Annual Meeting in NH for the first time in 100 years by any measure was a great success. Congratulations to Beth and her team. We did get our US Junior Senator to session to speak. I understand it had been at least ten years if not longer, since a Senator

did speak at the convention. The all local food Salute to Agriculture Breakfast was a success with National making a profit on the meal and still we got the more expensive breakfast at a cost less than the cheaper breakfast. Steve Taylor spoke, and the Delegates loved him.

A group of 386 candidates took the 7th degree. What a great statement that is. To top it all off Our State Master was elected National Lecturer. Congrats, Jim. While the National Grange was here, The National Grange Legislative Director, Grace Boatright had an Op Ed published in the Concord Monitor. It was by far one of the best attended National Session in years. I believe the Idea Fair was a success as well.

I gave this year's Legislator award to Representative Guy Comtois from Center Barnstead for his efforts in getting farm friendly legislation passed. That was given at the awards banquet. I traveled to Dalton to give the Century Farm award to Forbes Dairy of Lancaster. I will be presenting the Young Farmer award to Piccadilly Farm in Winchester at Arlington Grange at their next meeting.



Mohawk Grange #217

The October Chicken Pie Supper at Mohawk Grange in Colebrook was attended by over 200 people - both "locals" and "leaf peepers" who always plan their trip up here to coincide with the supper! The Two Sparrows Orchard did very well selling apples outside the Grange Hall. The owner (pictured above) always donates a percentage of his sales to the Grange, as well as donating some of the apple pies folks had for dessert. His orchard is less than a mile from the Grange.

**Host Region Welcomes
 National Delegates back to
 Convention after 100 Years**
 by T.J. Malaskee & Corey Spence
 Pfizer Communications Fellows

"Imagine the history we are making tonight," began National Master Ed Luttrell at the Northeast Region Host Banquet. "One century ago our brothers and sisters met [here in New Hampshire]."

The annual Host Banquet held by the Northeast Region States of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, New York, and Connecticut paid tribute to the return of the National Grange to New Hampshire.

Jim Tetreault, New Hampshire Master and newly elected National Lecturer, entertained the audience with his story of the Youth Granger resolution of two decades before to bring the National Grange Convention back to the state. Convention Coordinator Beth Merrill, also a part of that youth delegation, said, "I don't recall the New Hampshire delegates being exceptionally pleased with that resolution."

Monday's banquet welcomed the convention to New Hampshire with entertainment by local family music sensation Santa Croce. Kathy Yardley of Walpole Grange #125 said, "They came to my Grange's Awards Night. They are a great bunch of kids." The acoustic group of six siblings performed covers and encouraged the guests to join in a rendition of the classic 1873 Grange song "The Yellow Corn." Many who had attended the Kelley Farm Experience this past July remembered this song.

"It was just a great, catchy tune," National Grange Leadership/Membership Development Director Michael Martin said.

The culmination of the night's festivities resulted in the Assembly of Demeter also know as "The Forgotten Ones" hoodwinking the National Master and pulling him before the crowd on a life-sized goat. The night ended in raucous laughter and many glad tidings for a good convention were exchanged.

**If you don't have a plan for yourself,
 you'll be a part of someone else's.**
 American Proverb

Community Service Thoughts



Richard Patten

I want to thank everyone who brought non-perishable food, domestic violence packets for men, teddy bears for children in traumatic situations, and much more! I was so pleased and the recipients were overwhelmed with the donations. The homeless veterans at Liberty House in Manchester are so happy to think the Grange has remembered them. The greeting cards are so welcome that each of them posts the cards in their rooms when received. I would like to thank the Granges who sent in books, single page reports, and much more for all they do in the community. Please keep up the great work.

We are now into a new Grange year and what better way to show the community you care by helping make the holidays special for someone who has no hope or reason to celebrate. We will be making up Christmas stockings for 15 homeless veterans at Liberty House. I will be assisting Deb with goodie bags for the residents at Glencliff in Warren as well.

Please try to support Operation Santa Claus, Toys for Tots, Friends for Forgotten Children, and your local Welfare Departments. It is sad to think a boy or girl may have no presents to open on Christmas morning. They think that Santa Claus has forgotten them. Don't forget to remember our beloved elderly senior citizens. They gave so much when they were younger cooking for their families, shopping for gifts, and now in their twilight years, many of them are alone. Your Grange might deliver a basket of homebaked goods, a poinsettia plant, and cards. Cards mean so much to people. Believe me, I enjoy getting cards.

It is also the teenagers who are forgotten. People think that they are older and don't expect presents like the young kids, but they have feelings. If you could buy a \$5 dollar gift certificate at McDonalds, Burger King, or a movie ticket or a certificate to WalMart, they would be so

excited. Christmas is for all ages, so let's try to make it a happy time.

If your Grange doesn't want to exchange gifts between members, how about inviting a family in your community to your Grange for a Christmas party? You could serve a nice lunch, have gifts for them and cards. Make it festive for a family who doesn't have much. Another idea is to get a food basket with everything you need to have a Christmas dinner with a turkey, ham, or chicken along with dessert. Don't forget to include a few gifts for everyone to open.

Your Grange might think about collecting new or used magazines or books to take to local nursing homes, hospitals, or shelters. Many homeless shelters are opening with winter on the horizon. Please check and see if they need bedding supplies, games or toys for children, or reading materials.

Don't forget your local SPCA or Animal shelters. You might do a food collection of cat or dog food, animal supplies or cleaning items for the cages. I know the local SPCA is always looking for assistance with food or cleaning supplies.

The Community Service and Family Activities have combined their reports so be sure to review them. Please call Debbie or myself if you have questions.

I will be talking about the Recognition Awards in my next letter. I am hopeful that you will continue to honor deserving individuals in your community or surrounding communities. With all the dangers in today's world, it is important to take time to thank people who are putting their lives on the line everyday for us. Firefighters and paramedics respond to our homes for a fire, medical emergency, or motor vehicle accident. The police respond when we have our home burglarized or someone has forced their way in. Our teachers think they are coming into their classroom to teach boys and girls but they may encounter a loaded weapon. Our veterans, active duty or retired, fought to keep us free. We have men and women today who won't be home to celebrate the holidays because they are in a foreign country protecting innocent people of all ages who desire freedom. I will have more information soon on this. Happy Holidays!

**How the First Grange Was Chartered
 in Georgia since 1885**

by Michael Martin

Leadership/Membership Director

In January, the South Carolina State Grange staffed an informational booth at the first annual South Carolina Agribusiness and Farm Exposition. Former National Lecturer Pete Pompper, North Carolina State Grange Membership Director Jessica Horton and I assisted State Master Jerry Martin with this exhibit. Jerry, assisted by Communications Director Amanda Leigh Brozana, purchased a full-page ad in the exposition program, which gained much publicity among this agricultural audience.

In addition to speaking with hundreds of exhibition participants and visitors, we made a connection with a fledgling group of hobby farmers. We spoke frequently throughout the event. The hobby farmer group had formed via Facebook about four months prior and already had 350 "likes" on their Facebook page. As a result, Jerry Martin invited the hobby farmers to attend a Grange meeting and Jerry attended several hobby farmer meetings and events.

Out of this cross-pollination of experiences and ideas, the hobby farmers, being a very new organization, really liked the organizational structure of the Grange (local, state, national) and were highly enthusiastic about the local autonomy of Subordinate Granges.

Some of the hobby farmers were in nearby Georgia. They started talking with Jerry about how to organize a Grange for their colleagues. Jerry referred them to me, and soon we had a round-robin discussion via telephone and email between David Young, organizer of the Hobby Farmers of the Central Savannah River Area in Georgia and Jerry, Pete, Jessica and myself. Many thanks to Jimmy Gentry and the North Carolina State Grange for allowing the flexibility for Jessica to travel repeatedly to Georgia.

An informational meeting was scheduled in Augusta, Georgia. This was followed two weeks later by an organizational meeting, and on August 8, 2013, Savannah River Grange was organized. This is the first Grange organized in Georgia since 1885!

Dear Dick and the whole Grange family, Our family, especially Dan, would like to heartfully thank you all for honoring Dan for all he has done as a volunteer. It was a lovely dinner and ceremony and we were thrilled to be able to take part in the Grange's important role in honoring so many worthy people in our state. It was great to finally meet you and we wish you all the best in the important job the Grange does in our state and across the country for our agricultural world. Thank you again, Ruth and Dan Harper

Blow-Me-Down Grange #234
It is an honor to announce that Blow-Me-Down Grange had several contest winners that received ribbons at State Session in October: First Place: Karen Gritzke on her handmade Thank You Cards; Second Place: Doris Mercier on her Doll; Third Place: Phyllis Aldrich on her Doll, and Henry Ingham on his Bird Photo.

Karen's Thank You Cards were among the items chosen to be exhibited in the Idea Fair at the National Grange Convention in Manchester, NH, in November. Well done folks!

A Hearty Grange Welcome to the Following New Members

Seana Shandon	Arlington
Heather Syhas	Aurora
Anne Dow	Bakers River
John Dow	Bakers River
Pauline Barker	Concord
Karina Bertrand	Joe English
Frances Titus	Lake Shore
Susan O'Hearn	Mount Hope
Melissa Locke	Mount Hope
Frankie Blodgett	Mount Hope
Susan Ladmer	Peterborough
Marie Krasinski	Peterborough
Steve D'Allesio	Walpole
Jordan Durand	Wicwas Lake
Normand Pinette	Wicwas Lake
Terri Thompson	Wicwas Lake

"I am so pleased to have participated in the State Grange conference in Concord, and I thank you for submitting my name for Citizen of the year. It was wonderful to stand up in front of the organization surrounded by our Antrim Grange members, and I was proud to be a part of our local group." Lyman Gilmore

- Calendar of Events**
(a work in progress)
- Jan. 10-12 - NE Leaders Conference Warwick, Rhode Island
 - Jan. 18 - Grange Growth Seminar - Concord
 - Feb. 1 - Youth Rally - Hooksett
 - Feb. 1 - Junior Day - Hooksett
 - Feb. 7 & 8 - Farm & Forest Expo. - Radisson Hotel, Manchester
 - March 9 - Bowling, Lakeside Lanes, Manchester, 12 noon
 - March 22 - Youth Glow Bowling - Merrimack Ten Pin
 - March 22-23 - NH Maple Weekend - Visit a Sugar House near you
 - April 5- Spring Fling, Tilton
 - April 20 - Happy Easter
 - April 26 - Variety Show & Penny Sale Hooksett
 - May 12 - Degree Day - Place TBA
 - June 6-8 - June Youth Rally- Copper Cannon Camp, Franconia
 - June 6-8 - Junior Grange Camp - Copper Cannon, Franconia
 - June 22 - NE Go-to-Church Sunday
 - July 1 - Scholarship Applications due
 - July 11 - 13 - Northeast Youth Conf. New Hampshire hosts
 - July 17-20 - Stratham Fair
 - July 23-27 - North Haverhill Fair
 - July 24-27 - Grange Family Weekend
 - Aug. 1 - Needlework entries and Big E items due to F&C Committee
 - Aug. 1 - Junior Grange Recruiter awards due to Jr. Director
 - Aug. 4-6 - NE Lecturers' Conference New York State
 - Aug. 16 - Fisher Cats game - Manchester
 - Aug. 15- 17 - Cornish Fair
 - Aug. 27 - Sept. 1 - Lancaster Fair
 - Aug. 28 - Sept. 1 - Hopkinton Fair
 - Sept. 12-28 - Eastern States Expo.
 - Sept. 19 - NH Day at Big E
 - Sept. 21 - Grange Day at Big E
 - Sept. 25 - Youth Report due to Pomona Chairman
 - Sept. 25 - Youth Report Booklets due to Youth Director
 - Sept. 29 - Lecturer's Contest Entries due to State Lecturer
 - Oct. 1 - Youth Report Forms due to State Youth Director

Grange Bulletin Board

Raymond S. Burton (1939 - 2013)
BATH - New Hampshire Executive Councilor and Grafton County Commissioner Raymond S. Burton, 74, of River Road, died peacefully at his home, the Burton Family Farm, on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013. Raymond was born in Burlington, Vt., on Aug. 13, 1939, to Stephen J. and Natalie (Hill) Burton. He attended the Bath Village School, then graduated from Woodsville High School, Class of 1958. Following his high school graduation, he earned his Bachelor Degree in Education from Plymouth State College in 1962. As an educator, he taught for a short time in Andover and as a teaching principal at the Warren Village School and Springfield College.

In his public life, Raymond will forever be known for his lifelong dedication to the people of New Hampshire, particularly the residents of the North Country, whom he continuously served as Executive Councilor for District 1 since 1981. Councilor Burton attended functions throughout his District and belonged to multiple committees and organizations, including the Grafton Kane Masonic Lodge # 46 of North Haverhill; Chairman of the Bath Town Republican Committee, Clerk of the Grafton County Board of Commissioners, member of the Governor's Highway Advisory Council, member of the Grafton County Conservation District, member of the NH Farm Bureau, member of the Pine Grove Grange (7th Degree), and a member of the United Church of Christ in Bath.

As Grangers and as citizens of New Hampshire we will miss him.

Thank you
for a wonderful experience at State Session. I can't say enough about that. My heart is full of blessings for everyone that was there that worked so hard in the background to make this time a memorable time.
Dawne Hugron, Antrim Grange

Stage Curtain Restoration Meeting
Blazing Star Grange in Danbury will be hosting the first meeting to enlist helpers and sponsors for the restoration of its historic stage curtains on January 4, 2014, at 3 p.m. in the Grange Hall. The hall is located on North Rd, at the intersection of Routes 104 and 4. For more information call Donna at 768-5579, or Phyllis at 744-2332. All are welcome.

Special Meatloaf Supper
January 24, 2014
Old Fashioned Meal with Old Fashioned Fun!
Meal includes: Mashed Potato, Veggies, Rolls, Cake & Ice Cream.
Entertainment by Roger Tatro and Don MacLeay.
Blow-Me-Down Grange Hall
1107 Rte 12
Plainfield, NH.
Starts at 4:30 PM.
PRICE: \$9 ages 12 and up;
\$6 ages 11-4;
3 and under FREE.

Thank You from the Red Cross Blood Program
Hi Dick,

Thank you for a great day with National Grange! With a goal of 17, we processed 31 donors and walked away with 31 good pints of lifesaving blood.

Please let me know the exact days you are at the Crowne Plaza in Nashua next year and I can set up the blood drive. Thanks again!

Tom

Deadline
The next issue of the Granite State Granger will be mailed in March, 2014. Please send items for the paper to Hannah West on or before February 10, 2014. Report on events of December and January. Look ahead to events of March, April and May.



It's "Curtains" for Blazing Star Grange in 2014
Danbury's historic Grange hall is home to a remarkable, one-of-a-kind treasure. Organized in 1875, Blazing Star Grange's hall was eventually built in 1911, featuring a large main room for meetings and performances. By 1922, the stage had a full set of three scenic curtains and a 'grand drape', as well as 'ears', wings and teasers.

What makes this set so outstanding is that it was produced by New Hampshire-born Arthur Egbert Foster in his studio in Manchester, and probably shipped by train to Danbury, where it was permanently installed.

"Finding an entire set of backdrops, teasers, wings and flats is rare", said Chris Hadsel, director of Vermont's Curtains Without Borders, at an initial meeting Oct 27 at the Grange Hall. Although Foster produced other work in NH, Maine and Massachusetts, only one other curtain, in Deerfield, has been located in the state.

Curtains often included a scene of a town's local interest. The Grange's "country scene" depicts what is believed to be a view of Mt. Kearsarge, while the "Springtime" drape, pictured above, depicts a locally known home beside a river.

The set includes an advertising curtain painted in the 1930s in a bold and structural style, using primary colors, by another artist. Featured on it are the names of businesses in the vicinity of Danbury in a "downtown" street scene, with an airborne blimp painted with another advertisement.

Throughout 2014, the Grange will be hosting informational meetings with the additional purpose of gathering helpers and sponsors for the restoration of these pieces of historical artwork.

Visit the State Grange website at www.nhgrange.org

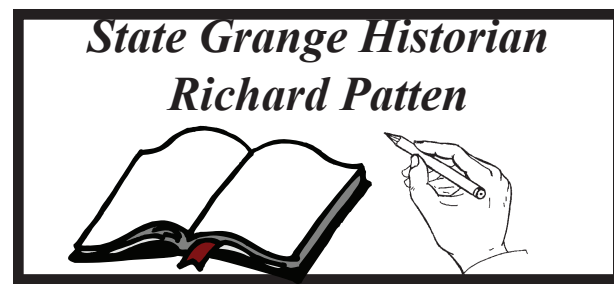
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Everyone is encouraged to attend on Saturday the 11th for workshops and the Banquet with entertainment in the evening.
Hotel and Conference Registrations due by December 30, 2013

Danbury Grange Winter Markets
The Winter Markets are held on the first Saturday of every month through May from 9 am - 1 pm in the Grange Hall, central Danbury. The next market is **January 4**. For more information visit our website at: www.danburygrange.org/
Blazing Star Grange #71 supports the idea that buying locally is environmentally responsible and fiscally sustainable. Your patronage of the monthly markets will keep the local economy healthy.

Congratulations to Jim Tetreault!
Our NH State Master is the newly elected Lecturer of the National Grange.



Pictured above are some of the fourteen dozen muffins baked by members of Suncook Valley Pomona #12 for the Hospitality Room at National Grange. They were accompanied by 40 pounds of bananas.



with a net gain of 40; Grafton Star of Hanover initiated 44 with a net gain of 17; Nashua initiated 42 with a net gain of 49; and White Mountain of Littleton initiated 42 with a net gain of 34.

The Pomona Grange membership in 1903 included 8,093 members as of September 30. Eastern New Hampshire Pomona had a membership of 830; Hillsborough County Pomona, 735; Belknap County Pomona, 709; East Rockingham Pomona, 579; Cheshire County Pomona, 477; Carroll County Pomona, 474; Merrimack County Pomona, 406; Grafton County Pomona, 353; Androscoggin Valley Pomona, 328; Upper Coos Pomona, 326; Suncook Valley Pomona, 264; Ammonoosuc Valley Pomona, 287; Sullivan County Pomona, 264; Lake and Valley Pomona, 251; and Pemigewasset Valley Pomona, 121 members.

I read the report of the Committee on State Normal School which made several recommendations to the delegates. Normal Schools provided training for teachers. It was reported that many people in this state were not aware that New Hampshire had a Normal School in Plymouth. It was explained that "the New Hampshire State Normal School takes a high school graduate and with two years' training makes a proficient teacher, one who is admitted to teach in the public schools in most states of the Union on presenting a certificate of graduation from this normal school. The desirability of this training is proved by the fact that graduates of Dartmouth, Harvard, and other colleges get special training here before taking up their work as teachers and professors."

It was at the 1903 Session that this committee instructed the NH State Grange to appoint a committee to make recommendations to the next Legislature and for this committee to support the recommendations of the Grange. This means the State Grange Legislative Committee is 110 years old. This is why a resolution was submitted at this year's State Session asking the Legislators who belong to the Grange to meet with the State Legislative Committee to review what the Grange stands for and what it doesn't support.

The General Deputy's report in

1903 was interesting. The Granges were asked to plant trees for Arbor Day in 1902. The first prize for planting 1030 trees with 647 still living in 1903 was Starr King Grange of Jefferson who received \$100 dollars in gold; second place was Scammel Grange of Durham with 575 trees planted and 500 still living, receiving \$60 dollars in gold; third place was Mt. Livermore Grange of Holderness with 553 trees planted and 383 still living, getting \$40 dollars in gold; Peterborough, Errol, and Jeremiah Smith Grange of Lee were very close.

It is time to leave 1903 for a brief trip to 1953. The 1953 annual session was the 80th anniversary and held in Concord at the Cty Hall. I try imagine how City Hall must have looked back then. I go to Concord City Hall for various items, and I can't believe how this building could have hosted meetings - especially a convention. I was told by the city manager that City Hall underwent a massive reconstruction. The main meeting room that was used for conventions was torn down and offices were constructed.

There were 119 applications to receive the lessons of the Sixth Degree including Concord City Clerk Arthur Roby, Sr. Who else took this degree? Does anyone remember Ralph W. Emerson, Keene; Barbara Ford, Nashua; Florence Sattley, Pembroke; Edith Low, Epping; William, Madge, and William Jr Arnold all of Concord, Helen Clark, Franklin; Ainslee Phillips, Manchester; and Florence Scott, Webster. The Subordinate Grange membership as of June 30 was 31,870 with new Granges organized being Mt. Croydon and Lakeside Grange of Enfield.

I noticed in the 1953 Journal of Proceedings the State Grange Rural Electrification Committee was discontinued at the urging of the committee after fourteen years of service. "The distribution lines of the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. some fourteen hundred miles in rural areas, serving almost 6,300 consumers and similar extensions of the private utilities in rural areas has brought a situation where electric service is available to almost every rural location." The Grange had a strong influence in bringing rural electrification not only to New Hampshire but to many parts of Rural America.



Each Grange should have received the Junior Program for activities, and I have sent this information to our Webmaster to place on www.nhgrange.org for more information.

We are beginning a new year in the Junior Grange and I want to thank all of the Juniors who participated in the contests for 2013.

Congratulations to the Contest Winners for 2013.

Holiday Cards

Alayna Twiss (Gracie) Christmas & Birthday 2nd/3rd.
Malachi Silvernale Valentine Card 2nd,
Chyann Campbell Valentine Card 1st
Christopher Johnson Valentine Card 3rd.
Christopher Bowne (CJ) Valentine Card 2nd.
Ava Twiss Christmas Card 1st
Brianna Hickey Valentine Card 3rd,
Genevieve Twiss Birthday Card 1st
Mollie Durand Valentine Card 2nd,
Jordan Durand Valentine Card 1st

Collage Contest

Jamie Wiggin 2nd,
Genevieve Twiss 1st
Unzip the Word about Junior Grange
Brandon Burnor 3rd,
Genevieve Twiss 3rd,
Nikkiya Burnor 2nd,
Brianna Hickey 1st
Lily Lynch 3rd,
Ava Twiss 3rd,
Christopher Johnson 1st,
Christopher Bowne (CJ) 1st,
Trevor Clark 3rd,
Chyan Campbell 2nd
Isabell Brandt 2nd

I have heard of some more families interested in having their children become Juniors. Please contact me by phone 603-642-5074 (leave a message if I am not home) and give me where you would like me to visit and I will come to your Grange to obligate them as Juniors.

This coming June 6-8 we will be attending the Youth Rally camp weekend at Copper Cannon Camp in Franconia

and want to be sure you put this on your calendars now. I am in hopes to have a fundraiser to assist in the cost of the Junior campers.

Attending the National Grange, I was excited to see the many Juniors who attended and participated in the Junior activities. Please write me a note telling me of your experience and what you liked and didn't like with the activities.



The membership department completed its year by participating in two events. The first was the 100th Anniversary of the NH Agriculture Department, which was held on the NH State House lawn. A table with Grange membership information was there, staffed by membership committee member Norman Brandt.



Former Commissioner of Agriculture, Steve Taylor, gave a talk about the formation of the NH Agriculture Department which focused on the NH State Grange's involvement in the process. It was a proud moment for Grangers in the audience.

The second event was the National Grange Idea Fair. The NH State Grange exhibit from the 2013 Farm and Forest Expo was displayed again for those attending to see.

As you may have heard at State Grange in the Master's Address, there is a membership promotion running this year. Anyone who asks someone to join the Grange simply needs to fill out a postcard stating who they asked and what the

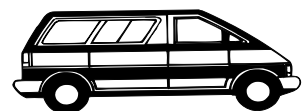
result was. These postcards can be sent to myself or the State Master. All postcards will be put in a drawing for a weekend at the Philbrook Farm Inn in Shelburne. The promotion will span the current membership year which began July 1, 2013 and continues to June 30, 2014. The winner will be drawn at the 2014 State Session.

The plan is to have two degree days this year, one in the spring and one in the fall. The first one is tentatively scheduled for Saturday May 10th and the second for September 6. If a Grange up north is interested in hosting the one on September, please let me know. Hosting involves the use of your meeting space and providing a lunch or dinner which would be available to those attending for a small fee (all profits are yours to keep). If any Grange would like to volunteer to compile a first degree for September, that is needed as well.

The Farm and Forest Expo is coming up February 7 and 8, 2014. As always, we are seeking volunteers to staff the Grange booth. A ticket to the Expo and parking reimbursement will be given to anyone who can help.

Finally, keep your eyes open for information about the National Membership Director, who will be coming to the Concord area for a workshop early in 2014.

<i>In Memoriam</i>	
Ida Hobbs	Antrim & Hooksett
Margaret Peterson	Blackwater
Shirley Waters	Chichester
Mildred Holmes	Crown Point
Avis Aldrich	Crown Point
Lewis Bartlett	Daniel Webster
Mae Bernier	Daniel Webster
Beulah Foss	Gilman
Lillian Merrill	Gilman
Herbert Capron	Golden Rod
Naomi Gamache	Halloween
Barbara Powers	Harmony
Marion Holbrook	Hinsdale
Marcus Magoon	Jeremiah Smith
Norman Heath	Mount Hope
Jim Flanders	Mt. Pistareen
Viola Boulet	Pembroke
Toshiko Bower	Rochester
Cecile Mowrey	Somersworth
Jeannette Woodes	Somersworth
Ruth Merrill	West Thornton



**Family & Community
Department
Deb Patten**

It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of another year. The holidays are upon us. There is so much work to be done – both at home and for families.

As we kick off another Grange year, it is time to get started on our Family Service projects. Our first project will be to put together goody bags for the residents of Glencliff Home. We will be filling goody bags with crackers, cookies, pens, small note pads, etc. and will have one for each of the 120 residents. I have been told by the staff that they so appreciate these goody bags for Christmas.

It is time to start getting the knitting needles going. There is a very strong need for mittens in schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, Group homes, etc. Please distribute these throughout the winter and also keep in mind that we will be looking for mittens for our Mountain of Mittens next fall at State Grange. Please remember to keep track of the number of mittens you donate during the year so your Grange will get credit on your annual report in 2014.

The program booklets were distributed at State Grange. Please be sure the Family & Community Chairperson in each Grange reviews the program in order to plan your program. Each Grange should plan to do as much as possible and report via the paper report form or in booklet form. For this year Family and Community have combined the report form into one. Hopefully this is less confusing.

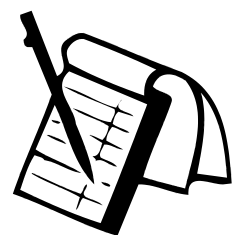
One of our projects is Galoshes from Grangers. Thank you very much to those Granges who donated boots at State Grange. Please keep this in mind for 2014 as we will once again be collecting boots in October 2014. You should be able to purchase boots at a reduced cost later in the winter season and hold them for October. If you purchase them now and distribute them, please be sure to in-

dicating that on your 2014 report as well.

The holidays can be a difficult time for families. Please do all you can to help those in need and show the true spirit of your Grange membership.

I want to wish you all a very safe, happy and healthy Holiday season!

**State Lecturer
Hannah West**



By now all Lecturers should have a copy of the 2014 Lecturer's Booklet which was distributed at State Grange in a manila envelope with materials from other departments. If you have questions, please contact me and I will do my best to answer them.

The annual report form, one for Subordinate and one for Pomona Granges, is included in the booklet this year. If you take the time to read it over before the year begins, it won't be a complete surprise next fall.

Please promote the Lecturer's Contests among your members. The rules can be photocopied and distributed to individuals.

The Cinquains (those little five-line poems) are back for 2014 with two subject categories – Grange and Nature. It is OK to make the nature topic into something more specific, like a squirrel or a daisy or a mountain. The same goes for Grange if your mind can break the topic down. In other types of creative writing, encourage your members to write an essay about "A Special Holiday" or to read a book and write about why it was enjoyable.

The topics for Create-a-Card are Thanksgiving, Birthday, and Sympathy this year. The Photography categories are People, Farm Animals, and Churches.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2013 contests. Unfortunately, there just isn't room to recognize them all here, but they will be listed in the Journal of Proceedings. I will give a special mention to three people whose entries went on to National Grange. Karen Gritzke of Blow-Me-Down Grange made the beautiful cards which were exhibited in

the Idea Fair. Shelly Huntoon of Concord Grange took the barn picture that New Hampshire entered in the National Lecturer's Photography Contest. Jordan Durand did New Hampshire proud at the Night of Excellence with her vocal solo.

I hope to see many of you at the Bowling Day at Lakeside Lanes in Manchester on March 9. Chris Heath is again organizing this event and more details and the sign-up form will be mailed to Grange Lecturers in February. Bowling is open to family members and friends of Grangers. Lanes will be available to children as well. This day is a good opportunity for a prospective member to socialize with Grangers in a neutral setting.

Please also give some thought to putting an act together for the Variety Show on April 26. Solos, group performances, and skits are all welcome as are acts that do not fit into any special category. Juniors cannot be considered for the Night of Excellence at National Grange, but I would be happy to see them perform at the Variety Show. Again there will be a Penny Sale and Lunch to raise funds to send someone to Ohio to perform at National Grange.

Donations to the State Lecturer's Talent Fund are welcome at any time. If each Grange would donate ten dollars, that amount plus some fund raising would result in enough money to actually meet the expense of sending someone to Ohio this year for the Night of Excellence.



Richard Currier of Harmony Grange #99 stands in front of the Mitten Tree at National Grange. The wooden framework made by Mark Collins was covered with approximately 2,100 mittens, hats, and scarves made by Grangers from all over the country. At the close of the convention the clothing was divided among the states in the host region to be distributed to those in need of warmth this winter.



**GRANGE
YOUTH**

Sherrill Bokousky

Youth nights were held around the state in 2013. There were different themes and activities that all could enjoy and a great opportunity to recognize Youth work around the state.

Summer Youth Rally was held on June 7, 8, and 9 at Copper Cannon Camp in Franconia. The morning workshop for deaf activities was made and presented by Sandra Bokousky Marcoux. Everyone had a chance to learn a little bit about hearing loss. Following that, all learned to finger spell the alphabet and some signed their names.

Saturday afternoon activities were the Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song contests. After the contests we were able to go outside and take part in a drill workshop that was presented by Matthew Clark. Matt developed a drill march with a spiral, pinwheel and crisscrossing lines, and after a few instructions he set us to work. Following that we all enjoyed some free time before supper. It was still damp outside so we had some rainy day card games going on and great relaxing time.

The Youth meeting with all attending was held Saturday evening after supper around a campfire. Business done was election of officers. It was a great weekend even though it was wet. All who attended had a great time. We will be going to Copper Cannon again next year.

The Northeast Regional Youth Conference was hosted by Vermont this year and was held at the Vermont Grange Center. Three from NH attended the full weekend with five more coming in for the day on Saturday for the Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song contests. I am pleased to say that Marie Hall and Davi Penny placed first in their categories and participated in National Grange's Evening of Excellence in November.

**Enemies will see through you;
friends will see you through.
Author unknown**

2014 Youth Scavenger Hunt

1. Where can you get a book to read?
2. You can make deposits, cash checks or make change here.
3. When I go here I bring my reusable bags to carry items home.
4. I go to meetings here once or twice a month.
5. This is a place where there are alleys, lanes, and special shoes to wear.
6. People gather for these, bring food to eat outside and use grills to cook.
7. A place people go to on Sunday mornings for worship.
8. Maintenance is needed when the grass grows too tall.
9. A place to stop at for a cold sweet treat during the warmer months.
10. These bloom in springtime and are sometime made into bouquets.
11. A place where tents and sleeping bags are used.
12. I go through one of these when I want "fast food"
13. I stop here for gas to fill my tank
14. I have to clean a path through the white stuff so I can start my car.
15. You can see boats here tied up or moving over the water,
16. Usually found on buildings this tells me what time it is.
17. This place has red trucks here.
18. Children visit here to play on swings and teeter totters
19. This is the place to visit to pick your own berries or apples.
20. A visit here will show a display of fruits and vegetables for sale.

We have begun the work to give more awareness to the National Achievement Awards. This is a great way to show youth work. Our workshops during the day were two of the ways to earn seals. The people who traveled to Minnesota received certificates with seals on them. Also earning seals were the participants of Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song. This is open to Youth and Young at Heart.

The youth reports and contest entries were due by October 1st. I really did not get many reports this year, but I ask all to try for next year. The reports tell me how to provide a program that fits and how well we are doing. I am pleased to report that the high score for the subordinate award is Watatic Grange with a score of 2000 points. The high score for the Pomona award is Suncook Valley Pomona with 420 points. Congratulations to both for a job well done.

The contests we have this year for NH are Calendar Contest and Recycled Art. All recycled art that we made at June Rally will be used for a Community Service project.

The winner of the Photo Scavenger Hunt is Mary West of Chichester Grange with a special mention to Kathe Wolfe for her work to find all the answers and make a book that was fun to see.

I look forward to the next year and the work ahead. 2014 will be a big year for us as we host the Northeast Regional Conference. We have a great deal of work ahead and will use the theme "One Degree More" as we power up the Grange Youth engine.



A new sign - the secret project of the building managers - was installed at the State Grange Building on

November 11, just in time for a visit by the National Grange delegates.





Mary Hall and Janice Converse



The Mitten Tree at National Grange

With Help from Friends Park Grange #249

When the call came for mittens, hats and scarves to decorate the mitten tree at National Grange, Connie Brown, a member of Park Grange #249, called on her friends for help. She didn't know how to knit or crochet, but her friends certainly do. Mary Hall made 45 pairs of mittens, 19 hats, and 13 scarves. Janice Converse made 8 pairs of mittens, 56 hats, and 21 scarves. Another friend, Marilyn Carr, made 9 of the fancy or dress scarves. These friends are not members of any Grange but very enthusiastically donated these items.

Connie also received 15 hats from Indian Mound Grange #177 in Florida; she used to be a member when she lived down there. With the help of other members Park Grange, was able to contribute over 200 items for the mitten tree at National Grange. Once displayed, these items will be given out to the local schools and soup kitchens. What can non-members help your Grange with?



Marilyn Carr



Mittens, hats, and scarves

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