

February 8, 2005

WHAT A RELIEF not to have to worry about the weather for a meeting night! Now watch it turn nasty....but I guess not until Thursday - or so they say!

ONCE AGAIN we are draping our charter in memory of a dear member. Sister Alma Brooks died yesterday at the convalescent home where she has been for some time. Alma was always so proud of the fact that she belonged to Winchester Grange and she talked about it frequently. She and Fred joined the grange in 1936 and were active right from the beginning of their grange journey. They were Assistant Stewards for six years, she was Juvenile Matron for several years; she was Lecturer of this grange for six years and Fred was a Past Master. They held office in Pomona as well, and were Deputies for the State Grange until Alma was elected State Lecturer. She served in this capacity for twelve years, with a series of beautiful programs. Fred did a tremendous job of working with her--together they made a great team! They worked together on the Rose Drill for the State Grange right the first year it was held and did a fantastic job, with many inspirational drills perfected as the result. For the last twenty years Alma has been chairman of the Student Loan/Scholarship Committee.

I know this is a lengthy story of the Brooks, but they were good grange members and contributed much to our organization.

RAMONA took off for California once again to visit with Terri. She plans to be gone until the end of the month...soaking up the sunshine!

Sorry Barb English had a fall and landed on her knee, which has been

been very painful. Yesterday the doctor told her she will have therapy for four weeks on the knee...so we hope this helps right away. Knees are SO IMPORTANT!

Many thanks to Chris and Karen for the refreshments this evening. Hope Chris is feeling better and can enjoy them also! Next meeting Next meeting is February 22 - and Todd is in charge of the "eats".

POMONA WILL MEET ON MONDAY NIGHT at Beacon Grange at 7:30. Do hope it will be a nice night and we have a good turnout.

Talked with Betty Bement and she said Joe is doing well... has an occasional bad day, but on the whole is making good progress following his bypass surgery. He is home and I'll bet he would love to get a card from you. Address is 1847 Norfolk Road, Torrington.

As usual my "promises" about getting the big letter done have fizzled right out...but it will be in your hands before long. I would remind you, however, you can pay your dues without receiving the newsletter! That is just a gentle nudge!

That seems to be all I can come up with for now....so no sense in prolonging nothing! Don't forget Pomona...don't forget dues....and don't forget to come to Grange!

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