

It really doesn't feel like Spring today, but it is here! Haven't heard the peepers yet, but others have said they have, so it shouldn't be long! And if Joe Furey is right, it should feel like Spring (or summer) tomorrow!

WE WELCOME our Deputy, Willard King and Sister King this evening. Willard is our inspecting deputy, but I really don't think we have to be afraid of him.

WE ALSO WELCOME into full membership Ethan Forchette and Thomas Whyte, and hope they will gain from their membership in the Grange. Both boys come to us from the Junior Grange - Thomas was our immediate past Master, and we are happy that they have both joined the "big grange" as the kids call it.

THANK YOU to those who brought items for tonight's supper - to the members of the third degree team, and to Don Fancher for taking care of the tab=leau. All these are much appreciated.

Don and Eleanor have been on a mini-vacation to Maine..glad they arrived home before this evening. Arline Cote is also on a vacation trip-to Florida, where she will be staying with Charlie and Mary Ann Nash. Thanks to Barb for filling in for her at the piano, also.

We are sorry to learn that Sherwood Berger is a patient at the Bristol Hospital, and is not at all well. The last few months have been very hard on Sherwood, who celebrated his 94th birthday on April 4. And his son, Mickey, is in the Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, but he does expect to come home tomorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with both Mickey and Sherwood.

Seems as though there are quite a few reminders to make..hope you can take advantage of many of the following things. Don't forget that next Wednesday, at Eureka Grange from 4 to 8 p.m. there is a "drop in and say hello" birthday party for Ethel Bartholomew on her 90th birthday.

And on May 7th from 2 to 4 at this hall there is a birthday party for



Charlie Cooper..so drop in there and say "Happy Birthday" to him.

This coming Saturday, April 30, is Clean-up Day at Camp Berger, and any help that anyone can give is really appreciated. From 4:00 to 5:30 there will be a supper here at the hall for \$3.00, to be followed by the annual Pink Sash meeting conducted by our State Master. This should end about 7:00 and then there will be a "dress" rehearsal for the state chorus who will present the Spring Concert at Wallingford on the next day. Sound hectic? It is!

Mountain County Pomona will meet on Monday, May 9, with supper at 6:30 to be followed by the 5th degree and inspection. We will need help with the supper - any volunteers?

Our next meeting is May 10th, and the program is "The Sound of Silence", it is a neighbors' night, and there will be a country store. Refreshments by Bud, Marion and Sue...Bud is doing the cooking, of course.

May 11 - Wednesday Mountain County will be traveling to Whigville Grange, where the program will be the finals for the Pomona in the Fun Number (and we hope there is one from each grange!), as well as any Talent Entry.

May 13 the Junior Grange will be conferring their degree, and also being inspected. It is that time of year!

May 15 - the annual Roast Beef Dinner at Camp Berger - always a great meal and delightful surroundings. It is also Open House at the Camp - with many youngsters signed

up on that day to go to the Camp during the camping season. On that day, also, the Premium Books for the CT Agricultural Fair will be distributed to the Fair Directors and others. Makes you realize just how fast the time does go by.....

Might as well add to the picture.. don't forget that the Pomona Supper and Program will be held in this hall on the first Saturday in June, the 4th....and we're hoping for good support from Winchester. This is the one fund raiser that the Pomona holds, and we're hoping for a good one!

Congratulations to Rene and Joan Richards, whose children hosted a family 40th anniversary party here this past Sunday. Everyone was very happy with the day - including Rene and Joan!

What else....don't forget that Todd is looking for books and magazines for his department at the Agricultural Fair....and we are all looking for items for the Tag Sale on June 11, here at the hall.

Don't forget that each grange is asked for an article for the auction at the Agricultural Fair of about \$5.00 value...any one have something they don't want, but somebody else might?

Our best wishes go with Nancy and Karl Duetzmann as he assumes a new parish in Terryville. They are all moved, and his first day in the pulpit in Terryville will be this coming Sunday. We wish them well. In the meantime Peter Dakers of Canaan is the interim minister in our church.

Mark your calendars...they will look like mine!  
That's it for tonight.

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