

No doubt about it...this weather is really worth waiting for - right?

Welcome to the members of Laurel Grange who are here for their travel-exchange program this evening. Terry took Winchester's program to Laurel a couple of weeks ago...and I understand the other granges are "trying to get them in" before June 1 - which is what we asked. See what happens!

Our Donald Dewey is presently at Highland Acres, recuperating after a stroke. He has been in the hospital, but is at the home for therapy. Been a rough time for Dot, as well - and we hope he will make good progress and get home before long.

Also at Highland Acres is Augusta Bukes of Victory, who has been coming to our meetings with Barb. Gus broke her hip and is also at the home for therapy.

Cards are being circulated for both Don and Augusta this evening.

June 4 - Pomona Supper and Program.. serving from 5:00 to 6:30, with the program about 7:00. Should last about an hour or so...and we are hoping for a good crowd. We need the usual help from Winchester, as well as the other granges. This is the only fund-raiser which the Pomona holds and has become quite popular. Advertise it...should be a good evening. Program will be musical and nonsense!

JUNE 11 - Tag Sale - and items are surely needed...I'm sure Barb will speak about this tonight.

That evening at 7:00 the CT State Youth Committee will hold the finals in the Drill Contest and the Public Speaking and Sign-a-Song contests in this hall. It's a very interesting evening and all are welcome to come.

JUNE 12 Grange Sunday at Camp Berger with the worship service at 11:30, followed by "bring your own lunch" and buy shortcake from the May-Bobs. The Lecturer's program will be at 1:30, with the odd-numbered Pomona

Granges responsible for the numbers. Following the program the Junior Granges will hold their Talent contest finals.

One day last week when I was flying home in my usual leisurely manner, I stopped at the Edwards store in Unionville to do some fast shopping and ran into Julie Berger. She was there with the van from Village Gate. Julie looks well and seemed to be doing very well. She wanted to thank all the Winchester members for all they have done for her and hopes to get to a meeting when she is back in Winchester. Julie is very happy at Village Gate - they have many things which she can do much easier than she could at home. Understand that she and Fred and Ruth Doubleday get together quite a bit, although Ruthie is not well at all. Her arthritis has just about "done her in" and she gets about very little.

I'm down to seventy-one members who have not paid their dues for '94...and that's not too bad, but it's still a long way from 100%. Have to get going again, I guess.

JUNE 19 - Strawberry Festival and we'll talk about that tonight and finalize everything at the next meeting. Doesn't seem possible that it's time to be thinking of strawberries!

NEXT MEETING - election of officers and please don't stay home for that reason. We are more fortunate than most granges, but there are still many who don't bother coming to election! Women are in charge of refreshments, with Louise Warren as coordinator. Talked with her and she suggested asking all the women to "bring anything they want...we'll have a smorgaasbord!" Not too much, but something. O.K?

Running out of space...nothing more to talk about anyway...but do keep in mind all the - various and sundry dates in this letter.

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