
I HAVE a variety of reasons for sending this newsletter out to all of you - right at the present time...all of which will be explained as I go along, if you have the courage and the perseverance to continue reading..which I hope you will!

FIRST OF ALL - it is to serve as a "plea" for those who have not yet paid their dues for 1985 - and there are about two hundred fifty members who have not yet "paid up" - and your dues would make the difference between a treasury that looks very unhealthy and one that could wear a big smile! If you have not yet paid - please do right away. It is very important - we still owe eight hundred dollars for the loan at the bank and would like to get this taken care of right away - so other important things can be taken care of.

THERE WILL BE A FOOD SALE at the Winsted Super Saver on July 20, and items of food are needed - and will be much appreciated. Barbara English, Dot Dewey and Mary Ann Nash are contacting people in the area, with a request for cooperation and donations. Yours will be appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GALS who have been making the toys for the Toy Contest in the CWA department. The goal was 100 - and it has been reached! If you have been at the hall any time during the past several months you have been able to watch the number grow, as the toys were made and placed around the ledge in the dining room. It has been an endless source of delight and conversation to those in the room - to see the beautiful toys! Should not say just to the "gals" either, because both Don Dewey and Charlie Nash have assisted at some of the workshops. Anyway - thanks to all those who have helped in this project, which will give many happy toys to many happy children around the state.

TUESDAY EVENING, July 9 - will be the program by the CWA - an annual program and one of their requirements. It will also be a Neighbors' Night - and there will be a Country Store to help cover the projects to which the committee is asked to donate. We are expecting a good crowd - and a fun evening. Hope you will try to be there.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Ethel Hurlbut who died on Saturday at the Masonic Hospital in Wallingford. Ethel will be missed by her many friends. While no longer a member of the Grange, we feel as though she was a true sister to all of us - having been a member at various times in her life. To many of the generation who attended the "little brown schoolhouse" she was their beloved teacher from first grade on...to another generation she was their kindergarten teacher at Batcheller School...to some of us she was a colleague in the teaching profession - and a good friend to all.

DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MEETINGS we have sorrowfully draped our charter for several good and faithful members. Sherwood Rogers' loss is felt most keenly - Delia Morton died in May, and while she has lived in Florida for a number of years, her heart was still in Winchester. Mary Cote - faithful Mary - died in June, and again we draped our charter.

ON THE HAPPIER SIDE, we welcomed into membership several people and are happy to report that they seem interested and hopefully will attend meetings and enjoy the fellowship that Winchester Grange will offer them. Randee and George Majka, who are building a new house on Blue Street;

Lyn and Mark Obegenski who live on Hollow Road in a lovely new home; Mario and Ruth Lallier from Winsted who have been coming regularly to meetings for which we are thankful; Linda Devaney, wife of Kurt; Kara Hurlbut, the youngest of Jean and Larry's "offspring"; and by demit from Riverton - Laura Whyte and from Victory - Connie Whyte. We also have received Jim Danaher by demit from Hope and Barbara and Ellen Danaher by demit from Plymouth. We welcome all of them into Winchester Grange. Several applications have been received for the fall degree work - which will be September 10th and 17th. Need an application? Just let me know.

WE REGRET that Norbert Barth has suffered another heart attack and is presently in the Winsted Hospital - but are happy to say that he is making good progress. Norbert and Connie are no longer members of the grange, but we keep close contact through sister Sandy Adams, and our very best wishes are with him.

GOOD TO SEE Ruth and Fred Doubleday back home in Winchester Center after their rather harrowing winter in Florida, where Fred became very ill. Sure glad he is better, although I guess he isn't doing any heavy work for a while. But it is good to see them both back where they belong.

SORRY TO LEARN that Sister Dot Krizewski had a fall ending with a broken hip - causing a stay in the hospital. She is now recuperating at her daughter's home in Winchester. Can't keep you down very long, right, Dot?

CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL FAIR will be here before we know it...July 26, 27 and 28 at the Goshen Fairgrounds. Sounds as though it would be bigger and better than ever - with the opening on Friday at noon - entertainment throughout the afternoon and evening; opening on Saturday at 9:00 and Sunday at 9:00. There will be the Horse Show which draws so many on both Saturday and Sunday - the usual exhibits and displays - judging in the various departments which all fairs proudly display...the auction on Saturday and Sunday afternoons...food, food, food...concessionaires... merry-go-round..rides...animals...Fair Queen crowning..Drawing for a new car on Sunday afternoon...you name it..and it will be there. Why not come to the Fair in Goshen on July 26, 27 or 28 - or all three days!

I HAVE WORRIED AND WONDERED about Emile and Mary Hamm since they left their home on the Newfield Road - and was very happy the other day to get a delightful long letter from daughter-in-law Angela, who is the wife of our Emile Jr (Dr.Hamm, that is!) Mary and Emile are living with them in Dunedin, Florida - both of them have had some severe illnesses, but are doing much better now. I really was so glad to hear - I'm sure that many of you will be too - and our love is sent to them in this newsletter!

THREE CHEERS and CONGRATULATIONS to all our members who have been graduated this past June - or who are in the process. So glad to learn that Cara Houlihan is doing graduate work in her field of Social Service at New York University...and is getting needed help through the Grange Student Loan, which comes in very, very helpfully, right, Cara? And I'm going to tell you a secret --- three of our young members will be getting Scholarships this October - they are all students at the University of Connecticut: Deirdre Whelan, Jay Moraski and Chris Bennett...and you can only get the scholarships if your marks are up..up..and away! Our congratulations to each of you...more information will be sent to each of you soon.

WE HAD SUCH A NICE EVENING on June 25 when three good gals became Golden Sheaf members of Winchester Grange: Barbara English, Jackie Beecher and Alma Brooks. If you are saying, "I don't believe it!"...that is just what we all said, but the records don't lie! Also had 55-year seals for King Beecher and Katherine Morton; 60-year seals for Edna Cooper, Win Hurlbut, and Ed Eisenlohr; and sixty-five year seals for Alice Nelson and David Avery Sr., and look at this list of Silver Star recipients - for twenty-five years of membership: Hazel and Charlie Johnstone; Dorothy Jewiss; Mabel White; Karen Papp; Jake and Edie Solgovic; Ernie Signorelli; Charmion Bengston; Sandy French; Barry Beecher; Lila Smedick; Anita and Harold Ryan; and Eddie Chatfield. Really a very impressive list, isn't it...and it has to tell you that the Grange really has a strong hold on its members, whether or not they are able to attend. Our sincere thanks to each of these - thanks for their service, thanks for their support... thanks for just being members of Winchester Grange!

JUNIOR GRANGERS will be having their picnic on this coming Saturday - July 20 - with a short business meeting at the hall at 2:00 p.m. followed by fun at Park Pond. Swimming is fine - as long as parents accompany... and we'll have hot dogs and so forth after the swimming. Should all be over about 4:30. In case of (dirty word) rain - we'll be in touch!

RAIN really isn't a dirty word - this year especially, with Park Pond so low...but you know that Yankee ingenuity will succeed when needed... and the docks at Camp Berger are "way out thar"...and the kids are swimming and boating and doing all the things that they do at camp. The Camp opened last week and will continue until mid-August, with a good full camping season. Cliff and Judy Moss have returned for their seventh year as Directors, for which we are very thankful. They do a great job.

MANY OF OUR MEMBERS attended some part or all of the gala celebrations at the University of Hartford for the 100th anniversary of the Connecticut State Grange. It was a beautiful Friday and Saturday, with the banquet on Friday evening and the program on Saturday evening at the Lincoln Theater. Made us all proud -

CO-OP ORDER BLANKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEXT GRANGE MEETING, TUESDAY EVENING, with the deadline for order on July 20 - and hopefully the orders ready for delivery at the July 23 meeting. Anyone interested who will not be at the meeting - let us know and we'll see that you get an order blank. There will be some at the post office, thanks to Ruth Goodenough, our faithful postmaster. (And that is the correct way to put it, right, Ruthie?)

I'm GOING TO BE RUNNING OUT OF SPACE ON THIS STENCIL...and so will not go over on to another. This is only a "summer edition" - with reminders and so forth...things you should know about what is going on. Hope you can make it to a meeting soon...our own Fair is going to be held on August 10 - and you'll be reminded of that! We will have our picnic out behind the hall on August 27 - and you are invited! But there is time enough to remind you of that before then.

Congratulations to Sandy and Jack French on their 20th wedding anniversary (they went on a cruise without the kids!) and to Jackie and Don Beecher on their 50th!

And now - I am stopping!

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