

# GRANGE NEWS

Looking to the future, Grange leaders in the Lancaster County Pomona district today said renewed growth and expanded community service highlight goals for 1969. Both are to be emphasized during observance of Grange membership month in March.

A proclamation issued (Feb. 20) by Governor Raymond P. Shafer himself a granger, designates March as Grange Month. He said the Grange has been "intimately identified with agriculture and rural life" for more than a century and "has contributed to the social and economic well being of rural people. It has been a constructive influence on the total affairs of the commonwealth."

The month-long Grange observance in this Pomona district — it embraces Lancaster county — will be headed by Pomona Master Charles McSparren, of Quarryville, and State Deputy Master J. Stanley Stauffer Jr., of Quarryville RD #1. They will work with masters and other officers of all subordinate and junior granges.

McSparren said similar observances will be conducted by the Grange in the other fifty-five Pomona districts (embracing 65 counties) in the state where this oldest and largest farm family fraternity has been organized.

Statewide, the Grange program is headed by A. Wayne Readinger, state master. At the national level, the observance in all thirty-eight states where the Grange operates will be directed from Washington by National Master John W. Scott, who is in immediate past master in Pennsylvania.

Efforts will continue, McSparren added, for developing rural leadership and responsible

citizenship. State Grange Leadership School, June 24-26 at Gettysburg, will stress these themes, as did two other Grange hall beautification conferences held just recently at

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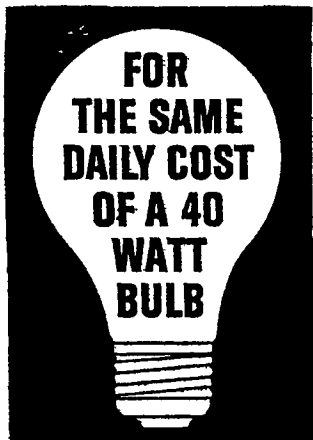
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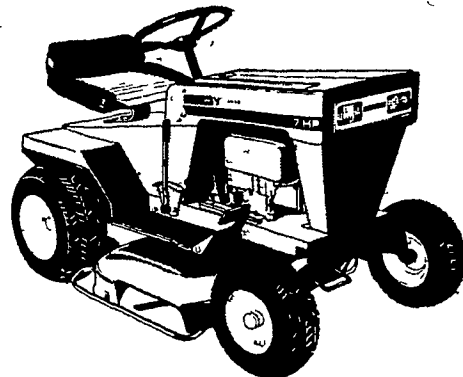
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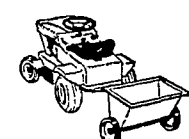
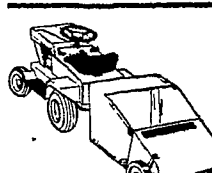
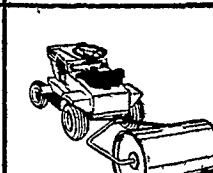
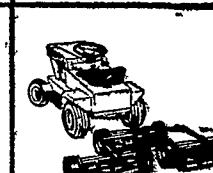
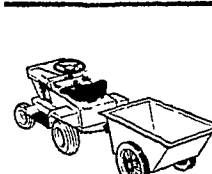
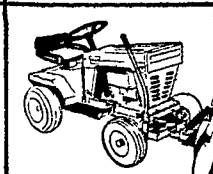
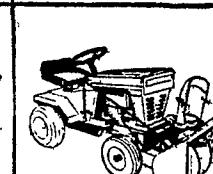
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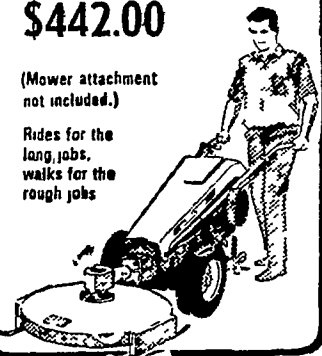
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