

GRANGE NEWS

Fulton Grange #66 held their semi monthly meeting March 10 at Oaklyn Clifford W Holloway Jr. Master, conducted the business session. The Grange went on record opposing H B 26 which would abolish the Milk Marketing Board in Pennsylvania. They favor H B 74 which would require State aided and State-affiliated colleges, in order to qualify for State funds, to dismiss all students who disrupt the educational processes by means of violence. They also favored H B 7, an amendment to Article VIII, Section I of the Pennsylvania constitution, permitting citizens 18 years of age to vote.

The Women's Activities Committee is in charge of the annual roast turkey supper which will be held April 12 at the Grange Hall and David Wissler and Earl Smoker were appointed in charge of tickets.

The Youth Committee is acting as host to District #10 Youth Conference, which comprises seven counties, to be held March 15 from 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. at Fulton Grange Hall.

Fulton Grange will present the program at the Lancaster County Pomona Grange visitation meeting March 18 at Quarryville Fire Hall as guests of Colerain Grange #1667 with Salsburg Grange #1685 filling officers' chairs. The program theme will be "Bahia" Pennsylvania and Bahia, a state in Brazil, S A, are partners under

the Alliance for Progress program. The Pennsylvania State Grange has initiated a program to alleviate poverty in Bahia by sending basic garden tools there and to pay for the transportation for someone from Bahia to come to the United States and take a short course in agriculture. Lancaster County grange will take an offering at this meeting to assist in this work. Colored slides taken in Bahia last year by Furman Cyger of Kimberton, Chester County will be shown. Mrs. Jesse Wood will be in charge of the program.

The Women's Activities Committee will have a refreshment stand at the Landis Weaver sale, near Taloria, March 19. They are sponsoring a cotton sewing contest to end April 30.

"Membership" was the theme of the program at this meeting. Mrs. Lia Welk gave a reading "The Grange"; group singing "As We Go Forth To Labor" skit "Getting Ready For Grange" with the following taking part: Mrs. Jacob Fantom, Jesse Wood, Elaine Gaibreath, Dennis Carroll, Raymond Kauffman, Carole Holloway and James Huber; reading "Do You Just Belong" by Mrs. Richard Hanks. A membership progress report by township area chairmen, and a reading "It's All Up To You" by Mrs. Jesse Wood.

The next regular meeting March 24, will feature a fashion show of handmade Easter clothes for people from toddlers to grand-parents and an Easter bonnet contest for the men. These creations will be judged

and a prize given for first place winner.

Fulton Junior Grange #343 met with a large attendance. Mrs. Jacob Fantom, Jr. Grange Master, and her committee were in charge of their meeting. Many bazaar items for their bazaar April 12 were made in their craft period. \$36.51 was netted in their recent scrap drive. They will have a special meeting for making bazaar items March 22 at the Grange Hall and their next regular meeting will be April 14.

State Grange

Urging renewed support of the family farm, the Pennsylvania State Grange last week declared that unless this system of agriculture is maintained rural areas will experience "further economic dislocation with possible serious loss to the whole Commonwealth."

A. Wayne Readinger state master, said the Grange has championed the family farm for over 100 years in the nation and in the Keystone state ever since the first subordinate unit was formed in 1871 at Montgomery, near Williamsport. He said the Grange, with 60,000 members, serves as a spokesman for rural Pennsylvania. It is dedicated, he said, to the development of rural leadership that is both informed and articulate.

Along with other state grange masters, Readinger was in Washington this week to assist in devising a National Grange policy on the family farm at a meeting called by John W. Scott, Mechanicsburg, national master.

Despite a continuing trend to bigness, as in other industry,

and a graduate growth in corporate farming, the family-size operation appears to be secure for the immediate future, Readinger believes. Where corporate set-ups replace family farms, he points out, rural areas suffer "a gradual erosion of responsible and capable civic leadership. Citizens who man the school boards, church councils and

other community organizations gradually move away, as has been happening also in urban areas that are involved in industrial mergers. Both local and state governments may experience losses in tax revenue."

To help save the family farm, Readinger proposed realty taxes based on land use, greater em-

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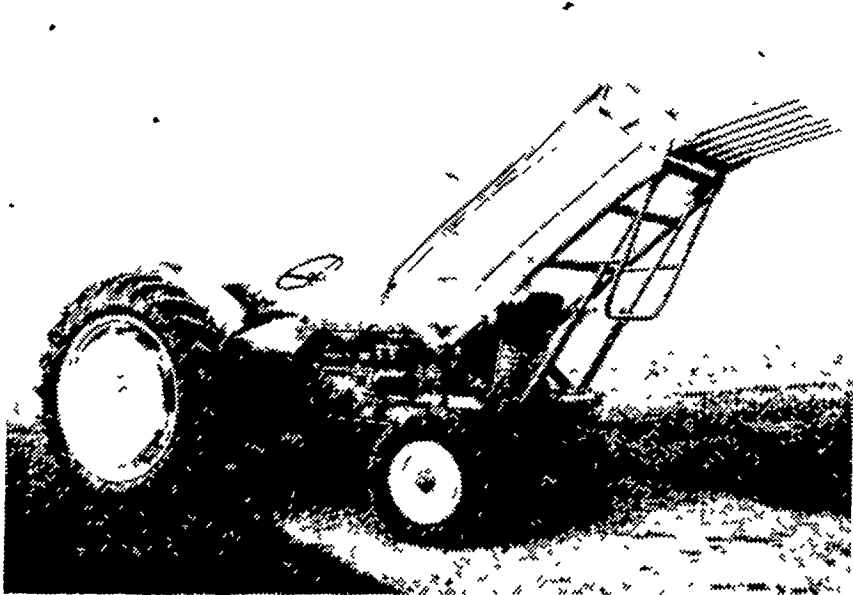
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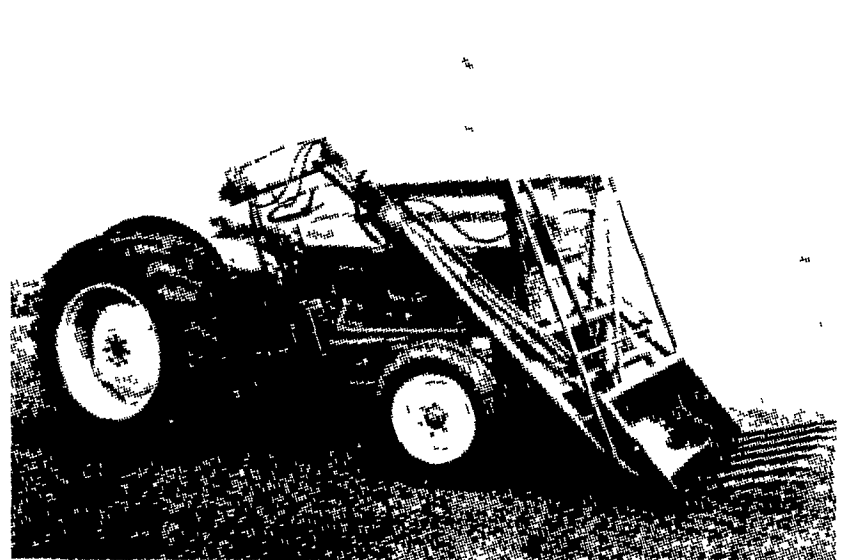
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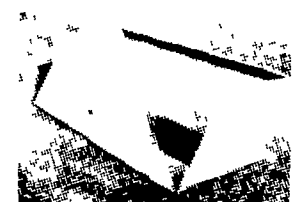
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