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## He Reaped A Farm Revolution

It is harvesttime Worst time of the year for grain farmers in 1831 Cutting grain by hand

is slow, backbreaking work And the specter of cropde stroving rain hangs over every acre of grain unharvested by end of day Then young inven-

tor Cyrus Hall McCormick, 26, unveils his new horse-drawn reaper. In one afternoon his new contraption completes the work of several men And the mechanical revolution in agriculture is underway

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Cyrus McCormick's inventive mind was stimulated by his experiences as a youth growing up in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. In 1831 he patented a hillside plow. He had a machine cutting grain that same year. But it wasn't until 1834 that he received a patent on his reaper — which was to go down in history as the most important agricultural advance of the 19th century.

The McCormick reaper enabled farmers to do two to six times more work and add to the acreage they could handle. It facilitated the settlement of new areas of the country, too. And it stimulated the invention of other farm machines.

For years, inventor-manufacturer McCormick improved on his reaper, including such new ideas as a grain binder.

At the same time, he introduced mass production in factories near the wheat regions.

He sold new models of the reaper at stated prices each year, and reduced prices on the previous year's models. He assigned agents to areas and provided them with demonstrator models and spare parts to sell.

By 1851 his reapers were so famous they were exhibited at the London World's Fair. And before McCormick's death in 1884, he had also received awards from exhibitions in Paris, London, Hamburg, Lille, Vienna, and Melbourne.

## Scott To Speak At State Meeting

John W. Scott, Washington, master of the National Grange, will personally represent that organization and deliver one of the principal addresses at the 97th Pennsylvania State Grange convention in Lewistown, October 27-30. A Wayne Readinger, master of the State Grange, said this week following a meeting of state and local Grange officials at which final plans were made for the state session.

Scott, immediate past Pennsylvania master, will be making his first return visit to the state for a state convention. As state master, from 1962-1968, he presided over six different state meetings prior to his elevation to national office late in 1968.

With his Pennsylvania background, Scott will speak to the good of the order in the state and will deal with policies and activity of the National Grange in a 38-state area where it functions as America's oldest and largest active farm family fraternal organization.

A native Pennsylvania, Scott grew up on an Allegheny county farm and for nearly thirty years, until he became engaged full time in Grange work, was associated with his father in dairy farming in Butler county where he has been a member of Unionville Grange since 1935.

He was named "Man of the Year" in 1960 by Butler Pomona Grange and in 1966 was accorded a similar honor by New Holland Machine Co. for distinguished service to agriculture, statewide and nationally.

Readinger said state and local community leaders will share in formal opening ceremonies the first night of the convention, the first State Grange session ever to be held in Lewistown. Speakers during the week will include State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull who will report on new developments on the farm front.

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