

County Grange Marks 50th Birthday

John W. Scott, Master of the National Grange, was the main speaker for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Lancaster County Pomona Grange which was held Oct. 10 at Fulton Grange Hall, Oaklyn. He brought greetings from the National Grange and invited all Grange members to visit the National Grange Building in the center of Washington, D.C.

Scott spoke on legislation the Grange was able to get through Congress to benefit agriculture this year. The Grange was active in postal reform and also influenced congressmen to change the national welfare program making an incentive for people to work for a living.

He challenged Grangers to hold fast to our American ideals. He said liberty is but an opportunity for self discipline.

Miss Janet Jackson, of Little Britain, presented two harp selections.

Charles G. McSparran gave a history of Lancaster County Pomona Grange 71 which was organized May 26, 1920 in the YMCA Building at Lancaster by the late John A. McSparran who was then Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

The first officers were Joseph S. Cutler, Master; Chester W. Eby, Overseer; Wm. F. McSparran, Lecturer; B. L. Miller, Steward; James G. McSparran, Chap-

lain; Lewis Brinton, Treasurer; Mrs. Mary E. Yelk, Secretary; M. P. Wenger, Gatekeeper; Ethel Robinson, Ceres; Margaret Barr, Pomona; Margaret McSparran, Flora; Mrs. Charles Smedley, Lady Assistant Steward.

In 1925 they passed a resolution asking the state to build a bridge across the Susquehanna River between Conowingo and Columbia and continued to work for it until it was finally built at Hollywood in 1968.

In 1928 they favored returning gasoline tax paid by farmers and individuals on gasoline used in tractors and other equipment not using the highway. They favored legislation establishing a milk control commission, eradication of TB and Bangs disease, cheaper electricity for farm use and abolishment of demand meters, better and more efficient school programs, better pure food laws, truth in advertising and labeling products, protection of quail, abolishing the use of non-returnable glass bottles and many other pieces of legislation to benefit rural people.

The Pomona chorus with Mrs. Richard Jackson, pianist, presented three numbers: "Beautiful Grange", "River Of Time" and "Anniversary Song."

Chaplain members honored were Leslie I. Bolton of Liberty Square, Ralph Wanner of Navon and Mrs. Celia Smedley of Landenberg, Chester County. Also



Standing, left to right, are: J. Collins McSparran, past Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange and past Master of Lancaster County Pomona Grange; John W. Scott, Master of the National Grange; A. Wayne Readinger, Master of the Penn-

sylvania State Grange. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Jesse Wood, Lecturer of Lancaster County Pomona Grange; Mrs. J. Collins McSparran; Mrs. Wayne Readinger, Ceres of the National Grange; and Mrs. John W. Scott.

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members who joined in 1920 were Mrs. Fannie Walton, Little Britain, Norman Wood, Quarryville, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McSparran, Fairfield, Melvin C. Boyce, Collins and Paul Uibel, Stevens and Mrs. John W. Scott, first lady of the National Grange. Pinned boutonnières and corsages on each one. They also received potted plants. Pomona officers assisted in honoring the 50 year members. Chester Eby, Master of Salisbury Grange, presented a 50 year pin to Ralph Wanner.

A. Wayne Readinger, Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, recognized past masters of the Pomona Grange, citing them for the various offices held in the Grange. Each were presented boutonnières and potted plants.

Past masters were Leslie I. Bolton, Melvin C. Boyce, Charles G. McSparran, J. Collins McSparran, Jesse Cutler, Ralph S. Wanner, Loran Brinton, Richard Maule, Alfred Wanner and Thomas Galbreath. Deceased past masters were Joseph S. Cutler, L. Rupp and John M. Bruckart.

Miles Cochran, Chaplain, had the invocation and benediction for the service.

Gyles H. Brown, Pomona Master, introduced visiting Grangers and honored guests of Chester, Bucks, Montgomery and Lancaster counties which included Ceres of the National Grange, Mrs. A. Wayne Readinger of Berks County and past State

Master J. Collins McSparran of Camp Hill. Mrs. Jesse Wood, Lecturer of Lancaster County Pomona Grange, was emcee for the program and presented ceramic cornucopias to Mr. and Mrs. John Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Readinger.

The regular fall meeting of Lancaster County Pomona Grange will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 at Fulton Grange Hall, Oaklyn. Mrs. Jacob Fantom and Laurence Temple who participated in the Pennsylvania State Grange Eastern District talent elimination in Berks County Oct. 3 will take part on the program and the Grange ladies are to bring an apple dessert, to be sold, and the recipe.



Fifty year members of Lancaster County Pomona Grange who were honored last Saturday are standing left to right: Melvin C. Boyce, Leslie I. Bolton, Norman

Wood and Ralph S. Wanner. Front row, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McSparran. Not present were Mrs. Celia Smedley, Mrs. Fannie Walton and Paul Uibel.