

## Pa. Grange Notes 100th Anniversary

The Pennsylvania State Grange, founded September 18, 1873, in Reading, will celebrate its centennial with a statewide year-long observance under the chairmanship of Miss Mildred Shultz, Somerset, State Master A. Wayne Readinger announced this week.

Miss Shultz will head a 15-member committee of grange leaders from as many different areas of the state. Readinger indicated they will develop a program to highlight grange service during the past 100 years and to contemplate future needs and ways to meet them.

Readinger said the Grange, a non-profit service organization, has directed its major energies toward developing a strong agriculture, better living conditions and wholesome family life throughout the state. Improved highways, better public schools and articulate rural leadership have been among specific objectives.

Prior to formation of the state unit, grange work made its debut in the state in March, 1871, with the establishment of Eagle

Grange, No. 1, at Montgomery, near Williamsport, an event marked by its own centennial more than a year ago.

Designed for the whole family, the Grange was the first major institution of its kind to give equal recognition to both men and women and placed the home on equal footing with the business enterprises that support it, according to Readinger.

Its service record for the public good, Readinger stated, accounts for its long and continuous history, in contrast with some 500 other farm organizations that flourished for a time but are no longer in existence.

Because Pennsylvania was organized for grange work soon after formation of the National Grange (in 1867) it was able in the early years to give the parent body strong support in major programs, such as freight rate regulation, mail service, and a better system of public education, all of which were national in scope.



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## Guernsey Field Day August 10

The Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders Association will hold its annual Guernsey Field Day beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 10. The Field Day this year will be hosted at the Jesse Balmer farm, Lititz RD4.

Events of the day will include judging three classes of Guernseys for youth, men and women. During the noon meal a drawing will be held at which time a calf will be awarded to an FFA or 4-H youth.

Official judge will be Lew Ayers, vocational agriculture teacher at Ephrata Area High School.

Directions to the Balmer farm: Route 501 north of Lititz, turn

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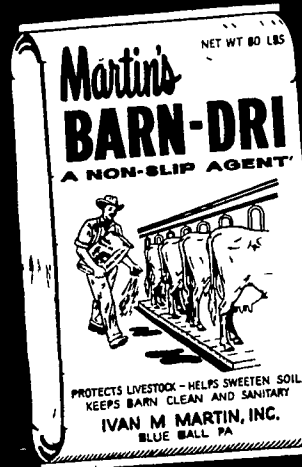
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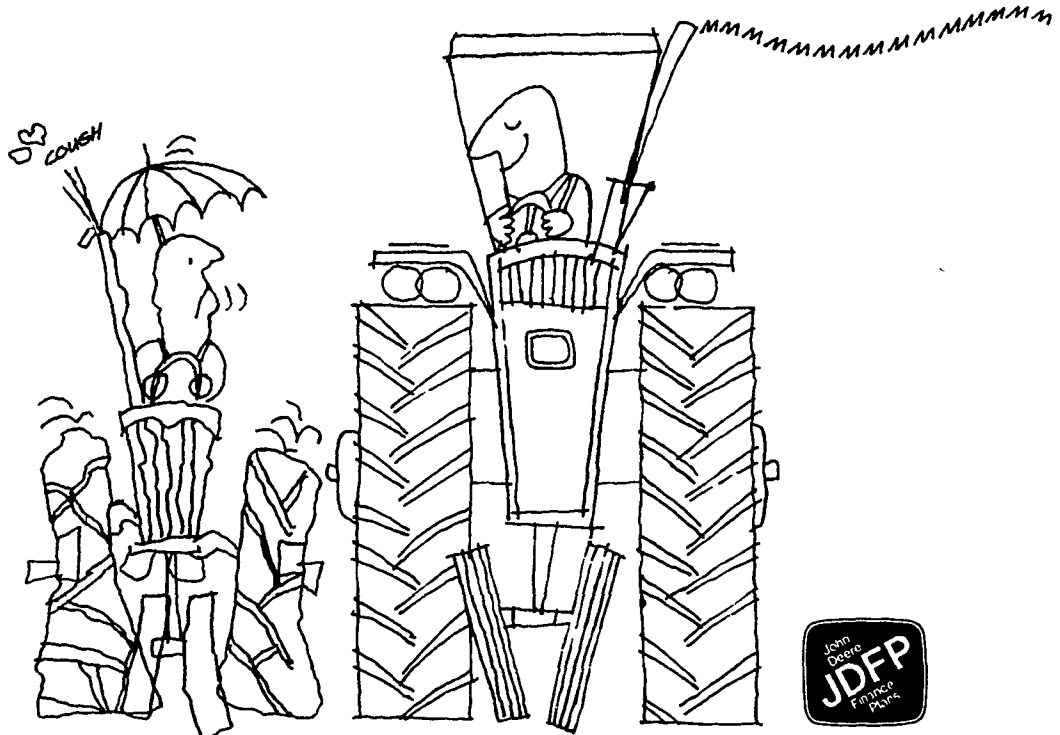
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