

Grangers Plan for 100th Anniversary

When the Pennsylvania State Grange opens a year-long centennial celebration at its 100th annual meeting October 23-26 at Williamsport major emphasis will be directed to the years ahead, for which the past has been prologue, A. Wayne

Readinger, master, said today. Lieutenant Governor Ernest P. Kline will give the keynote address at a banquet the night of October 24 in Lycoming Hotel, convention headquarters.

A centennial committee, with Miss Mildred M. Shultz, Somerset, chairman, already is at work, Readinger said, on a program that will reach a climax at the Grange 101st convention in 1973 in Reading where the state organization was formed 100 years ago — September 18, 1873.

A change in time in 1875 for these annual meetings from January to December, putting two in that year, he explained, accounts for the 100th session coming a year ahead of the actual centennial date.

Service to the public at large as well as to its 60,000 members, largely in rural leaderships as a spokesman for agriculture, and as a sentinel on the legislative scene, has accounted for grange vigor and longevity, according to the state master.

He said the Grange will continue to hold to the same pattern of operation, on a non-partisan, non-profit basis, as it prepares to enter a new century of activity.

Oldest active and largest of all rural oriented organizations, the Grange alone functions as a farm family fraternity whose local bodies meet regularly for programs devoted to educational improvement, social interest, community service, and recreation. Its only income derives from nominal dues and the modest profits cleared at countless chicken barbecues, ice cream socials and the like.

As the state organization plans for the future so will the 618 subordinate granges in 65 counties and fifty-six pomona granges into which the local units are grouped on a district basis, most of them county-wide.

Grade Standards for Colby and Monterey Cheeses Proposed

U.S. grade standards for two cheeses, Colby and Monterey, have been proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The proposal comes in response to industry requests over the past several years for official grading services for these two types of cheeses. USDA officials expect that the standards would not only help in orderly marketing, but also would be beneficial to the consumer.

Colby is a yellow cheese similar to Cheddar but softer bodied, moister, and more open in texture. Monterey (or Monterey Jack) cheese is similar to Colby but has a semi-soft body, is softer, and uncolored.

The proposed standards for both cheeses cover three quality levels: U.S. Grade AA; U.S. Grade A; and U.S. Grade B. The grades are based on flavor, color, body, texture, finish, and appearance.

Use of USDA's quality standards and grading services is voluntary. The grading service is paid for by the user.

The proposed standards for both Monterey and Colby cheese are scheduled to appear in the Sept. 13 Federal Register. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, in duplicate, to the Hearing Clerk, Room 112A, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. All comments must be received by Nov 13 and will be available for public inspection.

To Store Left-Over Seeds

It is possible to keep left-over seeds until next year, providing you store them in a cool, dry place away from rodents, livestock, and weed killers. They should be kept in their original containers with an identification tag. If in doubt next spring about their growing ability, a germination test could be made several weeks in advance of the planting time. Also, it is possible to keep left-over fertilizer for another year, again it is very important to keep it in a dry place away from children, pets, and livestock. If it gets wet or draws moisture from a concrete or ground floor, it will harden and become difficult to use. With proper care these items can be stored and utilized next year.

Migrating Salmon

Pacific salmon are born in fresh water, mature in salt water, then return to fresh water to spawn. The salmon swim vigorously upstream to spawn, often leaping vertical falls several times its own length in height. It dies after spawning at a location believed to be near where it was hatched.

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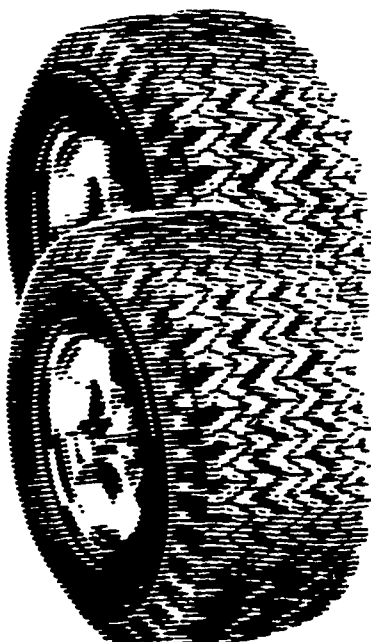
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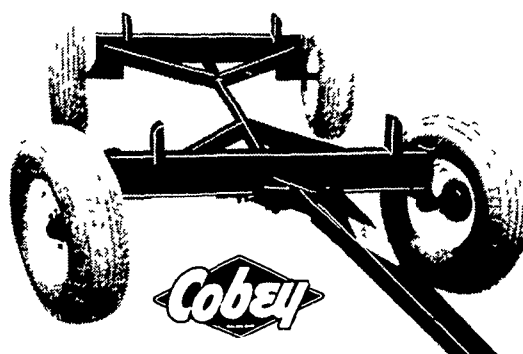
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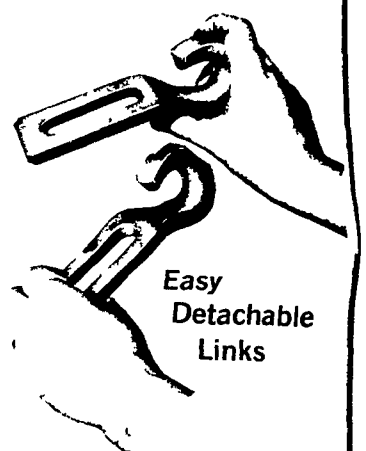
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