

Policy Resolutions Voted on at 101st Grange Meeting

New policy relating to agriculture, education, legislation, and a wide variety of other subjects was established by the Pennsylvania State Grange with the adoption of more than fifty resolutions at the final session of its recent 100th convention at Williamsport, according to A. Wayne Readinger, master.

Delegates asked for retention of the Milk Marketing Board, and enforcement of present milk laws rather than their abolition. They renewed a year-old request to the State Department of Agriculture for a milk referendum of a checkoff for promotion and research. They would let juggers market only the milk produced by their respective herds. The department was commended for completion of the program making Pennsylvania a brucellosis and T.B. free state. Added funds to hire more milk inspectors were advocated as a check on milk quality.

Top priority for preservation of good farm land was urged along with these related proposals: State inspection of meat and other foods at retail; continuance of Penn Central service between Williamsport and Elmira, N.Y.; support for farm and environmental research at Penn State University; a National Agriculture Day annually on the fourth Monday of March, continued U.S. investment credit, and REAP (Rural Environmental Assistance Program) under the U.S. Department of Agriculture, with the release of its full appropriation. Added federal farm flood damage indemnity and extension of the emergency livestock feed program beyond May 15 were requested.

Early enactment of a constitutional amendment for preferential taxation of open space land, replacement of local real estate tax with an increase in a graduated income tax were

advocated.

In education, the convention endorsed a recommendation by State Master Readinger that property levies for schools be replaced by some other form of tax, and that consideration be given to year-round instruction, standardized school building plans, and public referendums on school building projects.

Renewed opposition was taken against diversion of federal highway monies for other uses, along with a recommendation for creation of a transportation trust fund to finance mass transit.

Approval was given to the following Farm labor relations bill (HB-13891) in Congress to prevent boycotts and to let farm workers decide unionization issues by secret ballot.

Ban X-rated movies from broadcasting channels.

Restore Armistice Day observance to November 11.

State ban on planting Multiflora Rose on agricultural land.

Identical federal and state regulations for small meat processors, inspections by one person, and that meat inspection, recently taken over by the federal government, be returned to the State Department of Agriculture.

Bounty on raccoons in counties where they cause farm crop damage.

Low interest state loans for college students, these to be repaid later.

Bible reading by astronauts on moon mission.

Repeal of Teacher Tenure Act, now outdated by right to unionize. Modified no-fault insurance plan.

Stricter building codes for mobile homes, and more careful inspection of them by the manufacturer.

Improved U.S. mail service—faster delivery and with postmark of point of origin.

Stricter legislation against illicit traffic in narcotics and other harmful drugs.

Changes in state income tax law to eliminate discrimination against self-employed persons by taxing all of their income, whereas employed persons receiving fringe benefits that are not taxed.

Break wall to preserve Presque Isle Peninsula at Erie.

Mail order drugs, but fall prosecution for abusing privilege.

Studded auto tires from October 1 to May 1.

Constitutional revision requiring confirmation by the State Senate of interim appointments soon after it convenes.

Dominick amendment to State Senate bill 1861 on minimum wage legislation.

Cooperation with state and local officials in developing farm pollution control programs.

Life imprisonment without parole if courts rule out death penalty for any crime for which

this penalty could be applied and referendum on capital punishment.

The following were opposed: Holding State Farm Show on Sunday.

Moving Farm Show away from Harrisburg.

Combining U.S. Department of Agriculture with any other federal department.

School busing solely for maintaining racial balance.

Reduction in size of Legislature.

Liquor sales on Sunday especially to young people.

Pending further study action was deferred on a resolution from Eagle Grange No. 1 at Montgomery, opposing a solid waste land fill on federal prison property at Allenwood Prison Camp in Lycoming county.

First Born Pigs Are Heavier, Stronger

First-born pigs are usually heavier and more vigorous than the rest of a swine litter, according to research by University of Illinois animal scientists. Of 75 litters studied, 52 were from second litter sows, and 23 from first litter gilts. The 685 pigs produced from the 75 litters were tattooed according to birth order.

Litter size ranged from 3 to 14 live pigs, with a 92.4 per cent survival to weaning at 28 days. Arranging the pigs in the order of their birth produced significant correlations between birth order and birth weight with first-born pigs weighing more. High correlations between birth order and the percentage of survival to 28 days were also observed with a larger percentage of survival in the first-born pigs.

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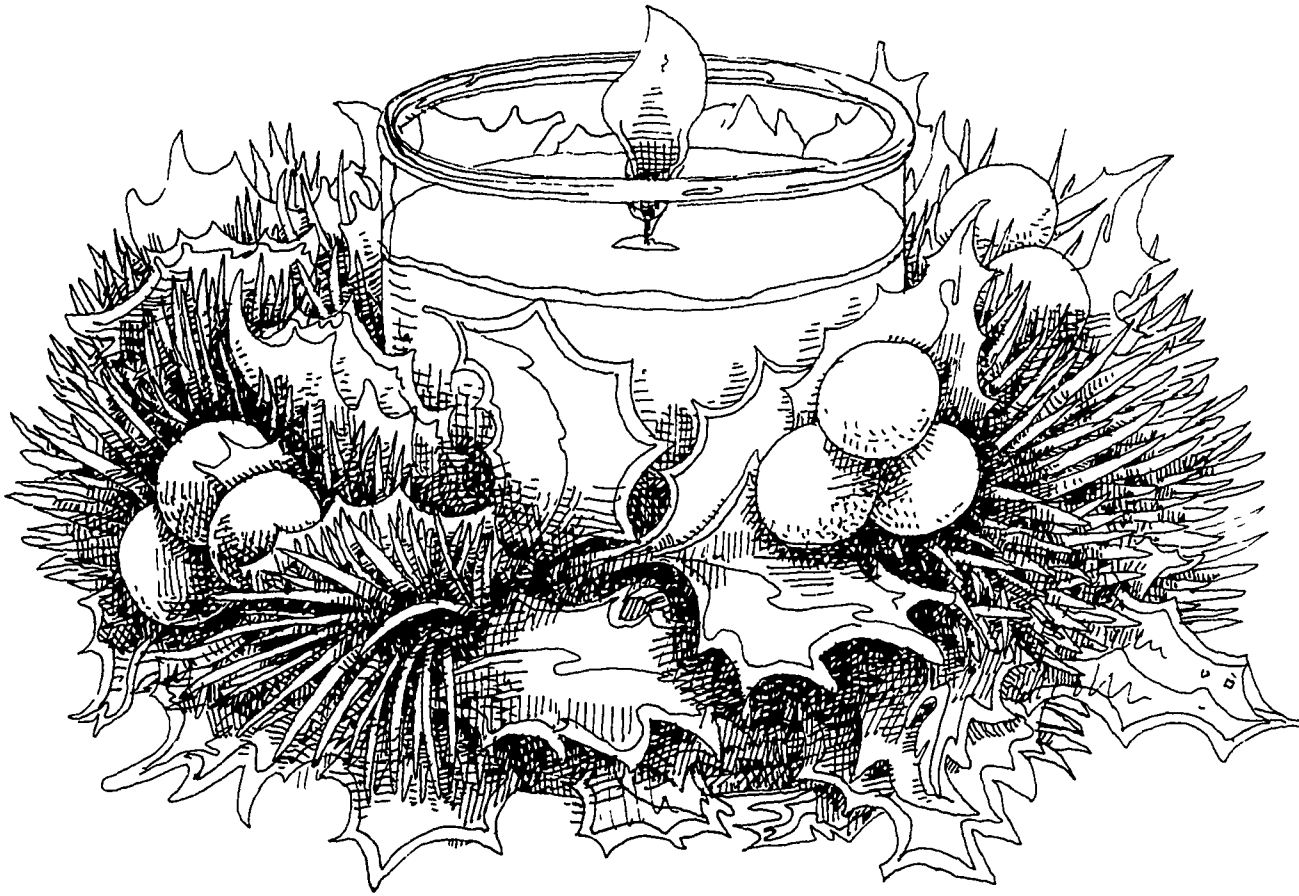
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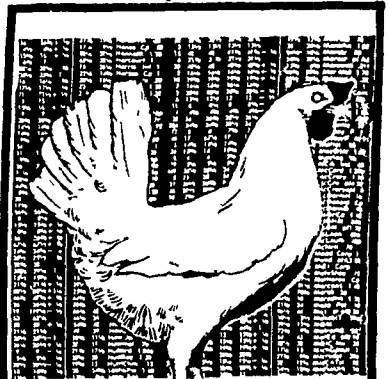
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