

# Kutztown Grange Hears Readinger

The energy crisis, with its confusing and contradictory actions, could seriously cripple food production in the United States, A. Wayne Readinger, master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, warned during a regional conference held at Kutztown Grange Hall recently.

The proposed reduction in membership of the General Assembly was criticized by the State Grange master as a step backward toward "taxation without representation." The proposal, he said, would

deprive rural areas and rural residents of adequate representation in the State Legislature.

Readinger also told officers of Subordinate and Pomona (county) Granges in this area that a new Keystone Exposition Center is "vitaly needed" to replace the antiquated Farm Show building. He also discussed important legislation pertaining to the taxation of agricultural and open space land, state and federal pesticide regulations, highway fun-

ding and secondary road repairs, and the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board.

Attending the conference were local and county Grange Masters, lecturers, secretaries and heads of women's activities and membership committees.

During the workshop period, Readinger discussed the national farm program, and the Rural Development Act of 1972 and how it applies to Pennsylvania com-

munities.

He also outlined Grange program and objectives for 1974, and ritual and parliamentary procedures at Grange meetings.

Membership goals and suggested plans for state and national Grange membership awards were outlined by Mr. and Mrs. John Cressman, state membership assistants. Mrs. Ross Metz, women's activity chairman, emphasized the national

Grange sewing contest now under way.

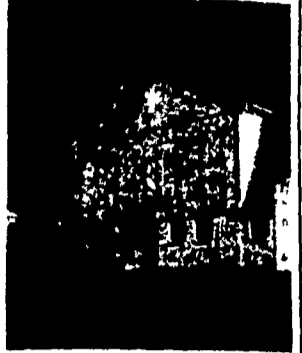
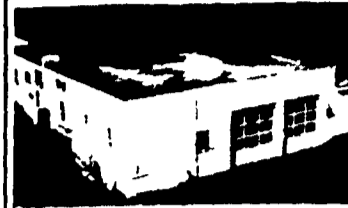
Miss Mildred Shultz, state lecturer, discussed plans for the leadership school to be held at Gettysburg June 25-27 and for talent contests to be held in 1974.

She also described the

duties of lecturers (program chairmen) at the local and county levels.

J. Luther Snyder, state secretary, told the group of the Grange award program for secretary's, and outlined the duties of secretaries of local and county Granges

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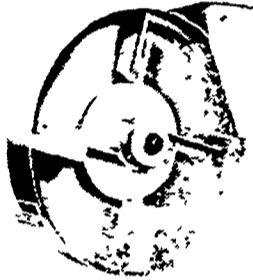
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Now is the time for homeowners in the northeastern United States to seek out and destroy moth egg masses, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommends.

From now until mid-April, leaf-eating gypsy moths are in the egg stage—buff-colored, velvety egg clusters. On homesites, egg masses appear on the undersides of tree branches, lawn furniture and attached to stationary objects such as recreational vehicles. In the woods, they are in bark crevices or on the undersides of tree limbs, rocks and other objects. All egg masses should be painted with creosote or completely scraped off into a can of kerosene.

"Since each egg mass contains 200 to 800 potential leaf-stripping caterpillars, destroying egg masses now is much more efficient than trying to kill individual caterpillars when they are feeding on the leaves in the spring," says Leo G. K. Iverson, deputy administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

"We recommend that egg mass hunting be a neighborhood or area project. Otherwise, individual homesites will be 'cleaned up,' but caterpillars will move back into the same area in the spring from adjacent infested properties," Iverson said.

Gypsy moth egg masses now can be found in the infested areas of eleven northeastern states—Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware.

Gypsy moth caterpillars hatch in mid-April and May. In this stage they damage and kill trees by stripping them of their foliage. The insect pest was introduced into Massachusetts in 1869 and annually strips thousands of acres of trees in forests, homes, parks and recreational areas. During the summer of 1973, about 1.75 million acres were partially or entirely denuded.

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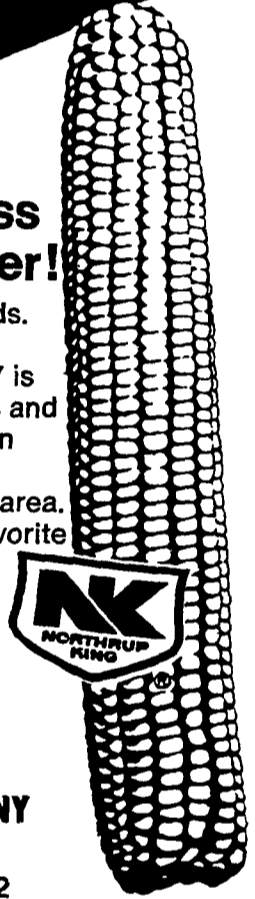
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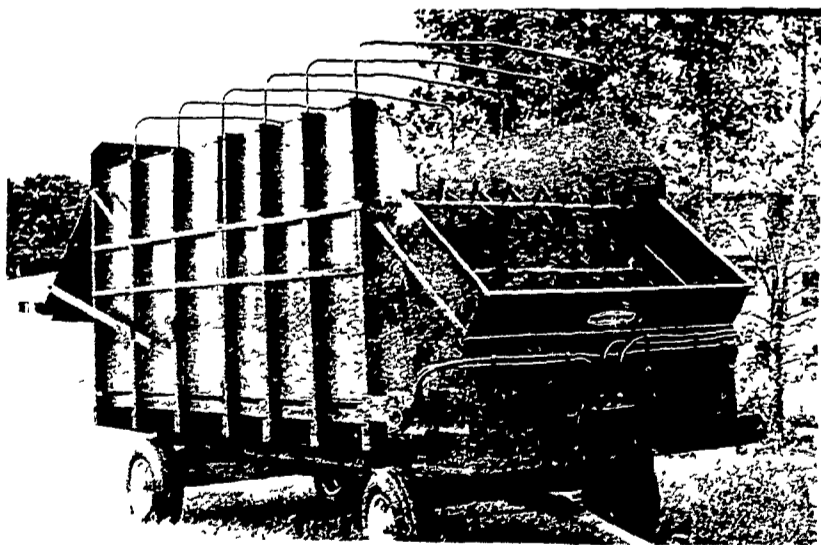
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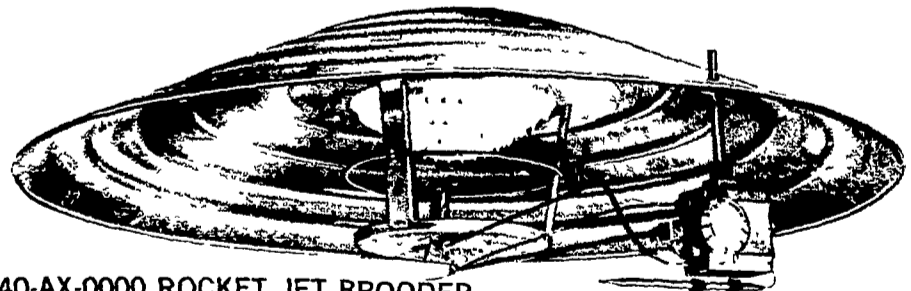
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