### Grange Prepared For Celebration

The Pennsylvania State servance in 1976. Grange, at its 52nd annual leadership school here, volved so that we, as

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"We need to become inbegan preparing for the responsible leaders, can help nation's bicentennial ob- chart the course of the

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future," State Grange Master J. Luther Snyder told almost 700 Grangers from ten states who attended the sessions at Gettysburg College.

"We must work together." he added, "to preserve this democratic form of government that had its beginnings two centuries

An official bicentennial flag was presented to the Grange by Col. Oran K. Henderson, of the Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania. "This event, the bicentennial servance," he said, "might be just the thing to get America moving again, and setting its sights on the next 200 years."

William J. Brake, National Grange lecturer, in emphasizing the greatness of America, said: "We have brought many conveniences and comforts into our lives. and for each of these there has been a price, a cost. But I believe quite firmly, that we are bringing to the younger generation a very firm foundation upon which they may build."

George Rodgers, 18, of Slippery Rock R3, Lawrence County, won first place honors in both state and regional public speaking contests for young people 14 through 18 years of age. John Keith, of Entriken, Huntingdon County, was first in the state competition for the 19-35 group.

Second and third places in the state contest went to Anne M. Brown, of Mill Creek, Huntingdon County, and Ruth Schuler, Fleetwood R3, Berks County, in the 14-18 age group, and to Jane Hill, Kutztown R3, Berks County and Mrs. Nila Cogan. Meyersdale, R4, Somerset County in the 19-35 group.

The Middle Atlantic Lecturers' Conference of the Grange was held in conjunction with the state leadership school. Mrs. Ida Reed, of New York was elected president to succeed Miss Mildred Shultz, of Somerset. Other officers named are: Mrs. Mary Jenkins, Maryland, vice president; Mrs. Barbara Thompson, Delaware. secretary-treasurer, and Miss Edna Mae Beal, New Jersey and Mrs. William Buffington, Chadds Ford, Chester County, board members.

#### Cowtown Rodeo Results

in the western sky as the rain poured at the Cowtown Rodeo Saturday night. Many of the 1,500 persons in attendance must have been real rodeo fans for they simply put up their umbrellas or pulled out their slickers and sat in the uncovered arena, savoring all the zest and vitality of the cowboys performing as if it was nothing more than a heavy dew.

The rain ended as suddenly as it began to the delight of the 300 members of the Boeing Vertol Co. of N.J.; 4 - Steve Stevenson, Philadelphia, who had Neschanic Station, N.J. purchased their tickets in advance. The company has been sponsoring "Boeing Night at the Rodeo" for the past 3 years and in 3 - Ground SplitGrant recognition of these efforts, a Cowboy hat was presented to Mr. Ray Burke, event chairman for management Association by Mr. Howard Harris 3rd. owner of the Cowtown Rodeo. Mr. C.G. Johnson Jr. of Salem-Woodstown Road originated the project. .

In spite of the handicap of all the rain which made the rodeo arena comparable to Loch Ness, the cowboys time or performance was neither longer nor less.

Stanley Thomas, of Woodstown, N.J. won the bare back bronc riding for \$182.28.

Wyatt Crotta, Bethany, Conn. won the saddle bronc event for the third consecutive week. This time making \$80.36.

Quinn DiImperio roped and tied his calf in 13.5 seconds for \$166.60.

Of the 30 Bull riders only 14 stayed to complete an eight second ride with John Risoli, Madison, Fla. winning **\$**268.52.

Harry Gerhardt, Blackwood, N.J. who has been consistantly placing when not winning first; wrestled his steer in 4.5 seconds for top single event money for the evening \$276.36.

Diane Sleeter was back to win first in the girl's barrel race. Diane has won 3 out of 4 races this year and she took home \$143.08 for her efforts

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Saturday. A bright red sun hung low The total purse for the evening was \$2,832.20 and there were 111 wet and muddy contestants. Bare Back Brone Riding

1. - Stanley Thomas, Woodstown, N.J.; 2 - Jack Meli, St. Cloud, Fla.; 3 -George Mesimer Tie 2 & 3; 4 - Marty Stein, Washington, Pa. Call Roping

1. - Quinn DiImperio, Cherry Hill, N.J.; 2 - Bob Geer, Long Valley, N.J.; 3 -Paul Graham, PennsGrove,

**Saddle Bronc** Riding

1 - Wyatt Crotta, Bethany Conn.; 2 - Willie Ed Walker; Harris:

4 - Ron Jones. Brahma Bull

Riding 1 - John Risoli, Madison Fia.; 2 - Wyatt Crotta, Bethany, Conn.; 3 - W. E. Walker, Cowtown, N.J.; 4 -Ed. Mesimer.

Steer Wrestling 1 - Harry Gerhardt, Blackwood, N.J.; 2 - Bud Bramwell, Norwalk, Conn; 3 -Charles Thompson: 4 - Bill Hamer, Laurel Springs. N.J.; Pete Cruz, Staton Island, N.Y.

**Barrel Race** 1 - Diane Sleeter, Laurel Springs, N.J.; 2 - Dale Bibbo, Spring Valley, N.J.; 3 -Barbara Stevenson, Neschanic Sta. N.J.; 4 - Kay Latella.

Total Purse: \$2,832.20; Attendance: 1,500; Contestants: 111.

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