

# Grangers display handiwork

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LANCASTER - A couple checks in the amount of \$1,000, as well as numerous others ranging in value from \$50-500 will be awarded to winners in the National Grange convention women's activities, to be held later this month in Columbus, Ohio. To be eligible for national competition, contestants must first win in their respective states.

But it isn't necessarily the money the ladies are after - they simply enjoy their needlework, sewing and crafts. They enter the contest for the fun of it; winning a prize is just an extra bonus.

The judging for Pennsylvania entries took place at the Hilton Inn this week during the State Grange's annual convention. Open to not just the ladies, (men may also enter) contestants brought in several hundred entries - 263 items in just needlework alone. It was all neatly displayed in one of the Hilton Inn's large halls along with separate exhibits for crafts, photography, painting, art, posters, and the like.

Everything that was displayed here had previously won its division on the Pomona level. Only those who come out with a first place are allowed to go on to the national contest.

Patchwork pillows were the special project for 1975, and the best in the country will be on display in Columbus. Prize money for the best ones is being made available by the Poly-fil

Company. They're offering a \$1,000 prize for a special Bicentennial Quilt Contest for next year. Needlework prizes on the state and national level are awarded by the Coats and Clark Company.

Although "women's activities" might lead one to believe that it's just for women, it's not. Men are allowed to enter, and Grangers are quick and proud to point out that's it's been that way during all of the 108 years that the organization has been in existence.

One of the winners in the state contest this year was, in fact, a man. Walter Cunningham from McDonald, Pa., made the best embroidered pillow case.

Not every category of the contest advances to the national level. Baking and crewel embroidery, for example, do not.

Aside from the contests involving yarn, thread, and needles, there are also divisions for arts and crafts. Members brought in a variety of projects ranging from dainty egg-shell creations to color slides, oil paintings, ceramics, and even a clock. Approximately 250 entries were exhibited in this "Lecture Department" contest. All of the first place winners will be eligible for the national contest.

Contests, in various divisions, are open to all members of the Grange, including the youngsters.

Following is a list of first-place winners.

## Tablecloths Luncheon cloths and bedspreads

1. Blanche Michaels, Mars; 2. Mrs. Adeline Stringer, Bellfonte; 3. Ruth W. Spear, Apollo.

## Dollies and Centerpieces

1. Grace M. Wunsche, Chalfont; 2. Mrs. Bernard Knible, Claysville; 3. Mrs. Bertha Woodward, West Chester.

## Chair sets, Vanity & Buffett sets, Placemats

1. Mrs. William Thompson, Mercer; 2. Mrs. R. T. Ernhart, Oxford; 3. Anna Mary Glenny, Linville, Va.

## Edgings

1. Erma Long, Bernville;

2. Rozalia Zimmerman, Lorian, Ohio; 3. Mrs. Zoe Kerns, Newville.

## Afghans

1. Mary Margaret Craft, York Haven; 2. Mrs. Julia Bonsell, Millerstown; 3. Mrs. Katherine Morgan, Canonsburg.

## Sweaters, Vests, Suits and Dresses

1. R. Deborah Althouse, Laureldale; 2. Joyce Cobb, Honesdale; 3. Mrs. Judy Woodhall, Gibsonia.

## Stoles, Scarves, Shawles, Ponchos and Capes

1. Linda Dietla, Myerdsdale; 2. Mrs. John Krieger, Carnegie; 3. Marjorie D. Millspaw, Edinboro.

## Baby Sets

1. Mrs. Betty English,

Girard; 2. Thelma M. Horne, Prospect; 3. Mrs. Sheldon Gault, Mechanicsburg.

## Socks, Gloves and Mittens

1. Marguerite Wilson, Fairview W. Va.; 2. Mrs. Bernard Kimble, Claysville; 3. Mrs. Raymond Meehan, Lewisburg.

## Embroidery Tablecloths and Luncheon Cloths

1. Deborah Hadsell, Springboro; 2. Mrs. Thomas Wardley, Jr., Ellwood City; 3. Helen Epting, Hamburg.

## Pair of Pillow Cases

1. Walter C. Cunningham, McDonald; 2. Mrs. Gay D. Cree, Carmichaels; 3. Mrs. W. John Blatt, Leesport.

## Swedish Darning

1. Mrs. Martha Trach,

Bath; 2. Mrs. William Sheppard, Coatesville; 3. Mrs. Bernard Kimble, Claysville.

## Aprons

1. Mrs. Sallie Pepperman, Williamsport; 2. Hattie McCutcheon, Westfield; 3. Mrs. Evaline S. Hurley, Carlisle.

## Patchwork Pillow Class A

1. Valerie Bayer, Fleetwood; 2. Brenda Graybill, Millerstown; 3. Cynthia Pflug, New Brighton.

## Class B

1. Cathy J. Matter, Venus; 2. Beth Landis, Williamsburg; 3. Doris Hill, Kutztown.

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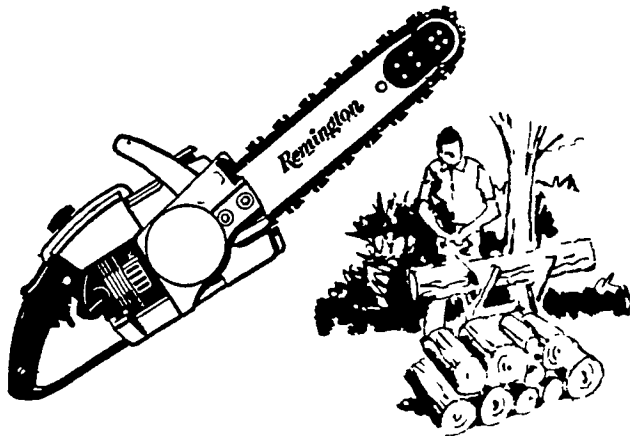
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