

Talent contest winners announced

Grange Master reviews farm policies

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—In his annual address at the opening of 110th annual session of the National Grange here, John W. Scott, Master, said that because of wise land use, technology, capital and good management practices, family farmers have made U.S. agriculture the most efficient in the world. Consequently, the percentage of income spent for food by the American consumer is the lowest in the world.

Scott said the present farm bill expires with the 1977 crop and recommended the target price concept plus non-recourse loans should be retained as a cardinal principle in new farm legislation. He said target prices should be increased yearly to a figure near the total cost of production including a reasonable charge for land. Scott said the Grange should also restate its position on changing federal funding of meat inspection from a 50 per cent-30 percent participation by the federal government and the states to 80 per cent federal and 20 per cent state.

A review of Farmers Home Administration legislation is needed to provide more supervision of farm loans and more farm ownership funds and operating funds, said Scott. He opposes legislation that puts the government in the business of buying land and leasing it to young farmers.

Scott said a total energy policy is one of the most important issues facing the nation today and blamed Congress for failing to develop a long range policy. He said we must find ways to make greater use of our coal supplies and increase our use of nuclear energy.

On the subject of transportation, Scott predicted the principles adopted in a new federal transportation act in 1978 will set the pattern for the future. He also said

agriculture is becoming more dependent on trucks for moving products and that many states still impede the efficiency of interstate movement of trucks. He called for greater uniformity of state laws, regulations and licensing requirements that affect truck transportation.

In addition, Scott called for increased funds for agriculture research, continued support of the Farm Coalition, establishment of a National Labor Relations Board for agriculture and amendments to the Occupational Safety and Health Law.

CONTEST WINNERS

A brother and sister group from Perry County and a square dance team from Washington County captured top honors in talent contests at the National Grange convention.

The groups were the only two Pennsylvania State Grange representatives in the national talent competition.

The Perry County group—Glen, Sonya, Rita and Stan Byers, of Millerstown RD1—captured first place in the family instrumental competition and fourth place in the family vocal category. The Byers had won first place ribbons in both categories at the State Grange convention in Mercer County in October.

They are members of Community Grange No. 1767, at Newport.

Winners of first place in the national square dance competition was the team from Millers Run Grange in Washington County. Members were Linda Johnston, Kathy Engel, Karen Morgan, Craig Wallace, Nick Weaver and Don Morgan, all of Canonsburg; Kevin Patsch, of Houston, and Robyn Eckelberger of McDonald.

They had won first place in the square dance competition and best-of-show honors in the individual and group division at the State Grange convention.

In the National Grange needlework competition, Mrs. Ruth Livengood, of Berlin RD4, Somerset County, won first place in the embroidered pillow case class. Mrs. Iva E. Craft, of York Haven, was second in the afghan class, and Jodi Lynn

Motter, of Venus, Clarion County, was third in the five-to-fourteen-year age group in the quilting classes.

In the art division, first place in the poster class was won by Mrs. John V. Cressman, of 2835 Whitewood Rd., Bethlehem.

Elizabeth L. Boccardo, Lower Dolington Rd., Newton, Bucks County, won two first, one second and one third place ribbons in the photography division. She was first in black and white scenes and closeups, second in black and white animal prints, and third in color print closeups.

Other photography winners were Nancy Walker, Newport RD1, Perry County, second in animal slides; Mrs. Charles Rice, Meadville RD4, Crawford County, second in closeup slides, and Daniel Kurtz, Lenhartsville RD1, Berks County, third in color prints of animals.

In the Youth and Young Marrieds Department, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Phelps of Basom, N.Y. were selected 1977 National Grange Young Couple of the Year; Runners-Up were Mr. and Mrs. Lary Eckert of Millstadt, Ill. Crowned National Grange Princess was Lou Ann Hass of Middletown, Del.; runner-up was Mary Gilbank of Clinton, Wis. In addition, John "Wes" Haley of Sacramento, Calif. was chosen National Grange Prince; runner-up was Dan Simon of Appleton, Wis.

Top award winners in the Women's Activities Department included Mrs. Virgil Roggow of Garber, Okla., Grand Award Winner of the 1976 National Grange Sewing Contest. Grand National Award in the 1976 Needlework Contest were presented to Jacquelyn Leach, Salmon, Idaho, Cecelis Jacobs, North Hampton, Mass. and Mrs. Ernest Rote, Sycamore, Ill. First place winners in the Quilt Contest were Michele Fahey, North Hampton, Mass., Jolene Schwartz, Cherry Hill, N.J. and Dorothy Sayre, Hilliard, Ohio. The Most Original Award in the Quilt Contest went to Joan Gillings, Williamsville, N.Y. and Most Beautiful to Jean Burrill, Chepachet, R.I.

Horticulture club elects officers

YORK, Pa. - Brooke Palmer of the Shrewsbury 4-H club was elected president of the York County Horticulture Club at a recent meeting. Vice president is Bonnie Wire, Thomasville 4-H Club. Secretary is Linda Brown of the Loganville 4-H Club and her assistant is Joann Haskins from Thomasville.

Daniels of Penn State University will present a program on the research being done at Penn State in the field of horticulture.

All 4-H members who are carrying a flower or vegetable project are invited to attend all of the hort club meetings.

Megan Shaub spoke about her trip to the National Junior Horticulture Association annual convention held recently at King of Prussia. A team representing Pennsylvania was composed of Paul Myers, Jack Parr, and Megan Shaub.

The next meeting of the club will be in January at the 4-H Center. Dr. Roland

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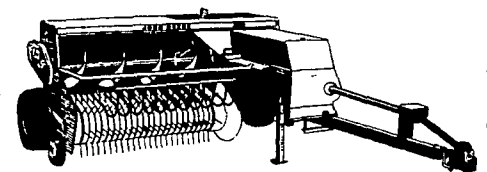
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