

State Grange convention

Farm woes include energy, government programs

DANVILLE - State Senator Patrick J. Stapleton has warned delegates to the 105th annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Grange that the "energy crisis is still not a thing of the past."

Speaking at the opening session of the convention Monday at Danville High School, Senator Stapleton said that fuel and fertilizer shortages are a continuing threat to farmers. "There are reports from Washington of fuel allocations for agriculture," he declared, "despite earlier assurances of fuel priorities."

"I need not tell you that such a shortage is a threat to the economy of our country and that a one hundred per cent allotment of the fuel needs for every farmer is the only way to keep this nation fed - and fed with produce which every citizen of this nation can afford."

In his address, Stapleton - chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee - complimented the Grange for its interest in promoting legislative action benefitting farmers and rural residents.

"You can talk all you like in your barn, your living room, your grocery store, or across your neighbor's fence," Senator Stapleton said, "but you still have to get that word down to Harrisburg."

J. Luther Snyder, State Grange master, called attention particularly of the need for cooperation and consideration among civic planners to establish "sensible priorities to promote the general well-being of all people"

He told the group that the "glaring weakness in planning by groups with self-centered interests is that they see only part of a problem without concern for any other aspect of it."

The result, too often," he declared, "is the creation of new problems without really solving anything."

Turning to the national economy, Snyder cited the growing cost of governmental programs. He pointed out that a welfare reform program to put recipients to work seems commendable, but will cost several billion dollars more a year than the one it replaced.

He also noted that revision of the food stamp program eliminated payment of any portion by recipients. Now, he added, we are told stamps are acceptable in restaurants as well as in grocery stores.

In the face of these and other increases in federal spending, Snyder added, the administration has under study a plan to cut federal taxes.

He also reminded the group that Congress has passed, and President Carter had signed a bill to raise the national debt ceiling to 752 billion dollars, an increase of \$52 billion.

"How much longer," he asked, "can we go on spending our way deeper into debt?"

"And how can we face the eventual day of reckoning?"

Pennsylvania State Grange delegates Monday called for a U.S. Agriculture Department study to determine the feasibility of using animal waste as a source of energy.

The delegates voted to support U.S. Senate Bill 569 - the family farm energy

conversion bill - which would authorize the study. The resolution noted that extensive but incomplete research has been done in the field of energy conversion and recommended that the work be expanded.

The possibility of increasing energy sources by at least 10 per cent was suggested in the resolution.

Delegates also approved a resolution opposing "any legislation that proposes to legalize new forms of gambling in Pennsylvania, or to expand existing legal gambling activities in Pennsylvania."

In a third resolution approved by the delegates, the State Grange expressed its

support of legislation that would permit publication of names and addresses of all offenders - including juveniles - involved in serious crimes such as murder, rape, arson and burglary.

They were among the first of more than 20 policy-making resolutions that will be considered at the 105th annual State Grange Convention.

Almost 150 Junior Grangers, from 5 to 14 years old, participated in the second annual Junior Day at the state session. A team of 32 members from Mercer County exemplified the junior degree at a meeting of delegates Monday morning.

In her report to delegates,

Mrs. Alan Merkel, state director of Junior Grange activities, announced the following winners of National Junior achievement awards: First, Virgenville Junior Grange No. 426, second, Pioneer Junior Grange No. 452, and third, Bernville Junior Grange No. 152, all of Berks County; fourth, Mill Run Junior Grange No. 496, of Fayette County; honorable mention, Goshen Junior Grange No. 358 of Chester County and Harmony Junior Grange No. 289 of Lehigh-Northampton County.

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