

Virginville Grange meets

VIRGINVILLE — At a recent meeting, the Virginville Grange passed a new resolution to get prayer back into the schools. They are calling on all of their members to contact their Congressman and Senators in Washington, D.C. and make their feelings known.

The Grangers were encouraged to sign two petitions, numbered six and seven for the Holt (D-Md.) and Crane (R-Ill.) bill that would permit prayers in public schools. The Virginville members said they must show strong grass roots support for school prayer, now.

During their meeting, two new members were accepted. They were Darlene Dietrich and Debra Mohn. An appropriate song, "No More Prayer or Bible Reading in the School" was sung by Dorothy Kershner and Clyde Baver.

It was reported that the Women's Activity group gave a gift to Irene Schaffer at the Hamburg Center. The members were also informed that the following

people were ill: Paul H. Miller, Dorothy Miller, John Sonon, Harlan Wessner, and Esther Stitzel. On the brighter side, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Leiby became proud parents.

The Grange youth went Christmas caroling to all of the 50 year members and charter members. They presented them with a fruit basket and an ornament.

The Christmas party was held December 26 at the hall. The members brought a covered dish and a dessert, along with a small gift for their exchange.

The Juniors presented a literary program. The group sang "Jingle Bells", and various other carols. Special presentations were given by Tracy Wagner and Shelia Newhard. Several skits were acted out by the group.

Winter gardens were given to the following: last person to arrive, Santa; first person to arrive, Curtis Seidel; oldest person present, Stella Baver; Christmas birthday, Grace Kleinecht; person who came the futherest distance, William Snyder;

New Years birthday, Richard Schaffer; two birthdays closest to Christmas, Christine Mengel and Kirk Dreibelbis.

Future meetings scheduled are the Youth Meeting on January 7, and a dance on January 19. There will be a bowling party on January 26 at Laurel Lanes. The county play will be held March 28-29 at the Fleetwood Grange. Those wishing to participate should contact Steve. The next county meeting will be held on January 9.

The meeting closed with a New Year's resolution to have a goal of 85 members for 1980.

Road Apple Gang hears demonstrations

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — At the last meeting of the Road Apple Gang 4-H Horse Club, three members gave demonstrations. Kelly Bugle reported on "Feeds and Supplements for the Health of the Horse"; Pam Bugle's gave a demonstration on "Hooves and Their Lives";

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — It's that time of year when our wild birds rely on us for most of their sustenance. And once you start feeding birds, it's important to continue, because they do become dependent on you, as the snow and ice covers the ground and their natural

Bird feeders are best located in a sunny, southeast exposure, sheltered from the prevailing winds, and near shrubs or trees which offer additional protection.

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and Karen Horvath's demonstration was "Different Types of Bits".

In addition to the demonstrations, the club discussed upcoming events, and designs for T-shirts. Reported by Teresa Rembelles, Club Reporter.

There are many satisfactory bird seed combinations available commercially. One of the basic ingredients is corn, a grain noted for its high energy. It should, however, be cracker fine, as one would offer baby chicks.

Other important ingredients include red and white millets, grain sorghums, sunflower seeds, and peanut hearts.

Most species of wild birds have a particular preference for sunflower seeds, so many of our bird feeders add extra sunflower seeds to the regularly available mixtures.

Generally, a good bird seed mix offered in a well placed feeder will attract chickadees, purple finches, goldfinches, evening grosbeaks and nuthatches. Some birds, juncos, tree sparrows, mourning doves, fox sparrows, bob whites, and brown thrashers will prefer to feed on the ground.

Blue jays, grackles, starlings, and house sparrows will be attracted to the feeder as well. But some people feel that a scratch feed, high in coarser cracked corn and other grains,

spread on the ground, will reduce their visits to the feeder.

Suet may be offered in a rack or fastened to a post or tree.

There are a number of flowering and fruit-bearing trees and shrubs that are considered to be highly attractive to wild birds. Examples are flowering dogwood, Japanese flowering crabapple, hawthorn, highbush cranberry, autumn olive, tatarian honeysuckle, cotoneaster, and many others.

We have an excellent publication, "Invite Birds to Your Home," listing shrubs and trees, and suggested locations to not only attract wild birds, but beautify your yard. Prepared by a Soil Conservation Service biologist, it's one of the best leaflets we've seen on the subject.

It's available in the Extension Center, Route 31, in the offices of the Extension Service and SCS.

If you are considering planting a variety of wildlife shrubs, it's really not too early to consider your choices and to place your orders for young plants.

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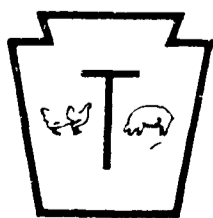
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