

# Md. Grange welcomes new Master

FREDERICK, Md. — John O. Swadley, Hagerstown, Md. was elected Maryland State Grange Master during the recent 107th Annual State Grange Session in Frederick, Md.

Swadley replaced out-going Master Rodman Myers, Thurmont, Md., who held the high office for the past four years.

A member of the Wacoju Grange for 34 years, Swadley has served as state treasurer and presently was serving on the State Grange executive committee.

Currently a loan officer for Farmers and Merchant Bank of Hagerstown, the new master will retire from banking in January 1982.

Swadley and wife Thelma, a past state Ceres will represent the National Grange in Spokane, Washington, November 9-16.

Before the Annual Session ended, grange delegates adopted several resolutions on four platforms: Transportation; Agriculture; Safety Report; Health and Education.

The adopted resolutions are as follows:

**Transportation — Charles Brauer, Chairman:**

- Support a motor fuel tax increase, provided it be used to improve and maintain present road and bridge construction.

- Revise National Clean Air Act.

- Support increased development of domestic energy resources to reduce dependence on foreign oil.

- Urge judges to enforce new

Driving While Intoxicated law.

- Grange support H.R. 4400 and H.R. 3471 of the Clean Air Act.

**Agriculture — Jesse Burall, Chairman**

- Urge Governor to provide necessary funds for the continuation of the 2-year Institute of Applied Agriculture.

- Urge Governor and Legislature to continue adequate funding of all agriculture programs at the University of Maryland and UMES Campus.

- Urge USDA to take steps to require all tobacco grown in states with quotas, be counted against that quota.

- Urge Congress to fund Soil Conservation Service conservation practices with adequate personnel.

- Request more funding for Agricultural Land Preservation Program.

- Require Department of Assessment and Taxation to mail triennial assessment worksheets to landowners.

- Urge Md. Dept. of Agriculture to assess degree of infestation of Multiflora Roses in each county to determine if it should be a noxious weed.

- Urge Md. Extension Service to include Federal Crop Insurance in their 1982 farmer educational meeting.

- Resolution calling for a 70 percent minimum dairy price support through 1981.

- Develop modern animal agriculture programs to counteract the animal right movement.

- Urge continuation of Federal

Milk Marketing Orders.

- Government owned leased land be farmed according to Soil Conservation Practices.

- Urge CEC products be sold at

highest prices.

- Recommends five acres as a minimum size for land taxed at the lower assessment for agriculture use, providing certain

production criteria are met.

- Support legislation requiring a five-cent deposit on all non-biodegradable containers.

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The new Maryland State Grange officers are: 1st row, left to right, Peggy Royer, Thurmont-Secretary; Nancy Wolfe, Brandywine, Lecturer; Patty Myers, Thurmont-Flora; Mary Lee Dorn, Jarrettsville-Ceres; Frances Darner, Middletown-Pomona; Lavinia McGolerick, New Market-Chaplain; Alice Archer, Emmorton-Lady Assistant Steward. 2nd row, left to right, Charles Peddicord, Patapsco-Treasurer; Adam

Plummer, Emmorton-Gatekeeper; Jesse Burall, New Market-Executive Committee; Maurice Wiles, Glade Valley-Overseer; Alton Hoopengardner, Hancock-Assistant Steward; John Swadley, Wacoju-Master; Tom Galbreath, Dublin-Steward; Charles Huff, Leithersburg-Executive Committee; James Bushey, Berett-Executive Committee; Bruce Crum, Glade Valley-Executive Committee.



New Maryland Grange Master John O. Swadley, left, receives congratulations from former Master C. Rodman Myers during the 107th annual session held recently at the Sheraton Inn, Frederick, Md.



At the State Youth Grange breakfast several members were honored. The group includes: front row from left, are, Sharon Schlegel, 1981 National Young Couple and Andrea Myers, 1981 Maryland Princess. On back row from left, are, Scott Wiles, 1981 Maryland Prince;

David Harmon, 1982 Maryland Prince; Ken Schlegel, 1981 National Youth Couple; Roger Troxell, Grange Youth of the Year; David Wiles, 1981 National Prince; and Pam Martin, 1982 Princess.



C. Rodman Myers, left, past State Grange Master presents the Maryland State Grange Service Agriculture Award to Young D. Hance, Maryland's first secretary of Agriculture.



Paul Stull, left, of the Frederick Vocation education staff is joined by the three recipients of the Grange Scholarships. From left to right,

the honored students are: Barry Burch and Susan Flanigan, Catocin High School and Atlee Harris of Frederick High School.