

#### Lancaster Farming, Saturday, February 6, 1982-B37

# New Grange forms in Lancaster Co.

LANCASTER - A new Grange will soon be organized in Lancaster County in the Elizabethtown area that will be open to anyone in northwestern Lancaster County, eastern Dauphin, or southern Lebanon County.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the Commonwealth National Bank on the square in Elizabethtown.

Charles Wismer, a dairy farmer from Montgomery County and Master of the State Grange, and Harry Massey, National Membership chairman, will be present at the meeting to discuss the organization and benefits of Grange membership.

Originating in 1867 as the "Patrons of Husbandry", the Grange has been a strong voice in rural affairs, promoting rural free mail delivery, rural electric service, rural highways and bridges, soil and water conservation, and agricultural research. More recently, the Grange has been a strong advocate of farmland preservation, water rights for agriculture, and helping farmers in oil and gas leasing.

Presenting, Pennsylvania has 570 Granges with 44,000 members. If there is more than one Grange in a county, a county or "Pomona" Grange is formed which sets county policies and resolutions that are taken to the State Grange meeting which will be held this Oct. in Carlisle.

At present, there are three Granges in Lancaster County, all located in southern and eastern Lancaster County. The Fulton Grange is the largest having over 250 members, and will be the sponsor for the new Grange.

Grange membership is open to men and women having an interest in the rural affairs of their community. Grange puts much emphasis on the family, providing a place for rural neighbors to meet and socialize.

For more information, contact Ken Myer at 367-3344 or Tom Johnston at 626-5183.

### Wool Growers reelect Meike

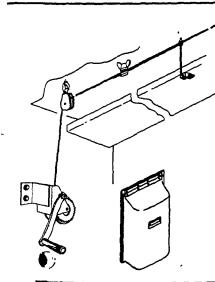
a Kaycee, Wyoming sheep rancher, was elected to a second term as the chairman of the board for the National Wool Growers Association here at their recent meeting. Nearly 600 sheep growers and their spouses attended the 117th Annual meeting of the Wool Growers, the nations oldest livestock organization.

Mieke was applauded by his membership for his service as a top elected official of the sheepman's group. Under his previous

PORTLAND, Ore, - Don Meike, term, the sheep industry has seen a renewal of the National Wool Act, action on lamb imports and developments that hold potential improvement on the predatory animal issue.

> Other officers elected by the NWGA included Norman Rousselot of Sonora, Texas as vice chairman; Steve Gillmor of Salt Lake City, Utah as secretary; Bob Geaney of Myrtle Point, Oregon to the post of treasurer. Next year's convention will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.





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