

Md. State Grange okays resolutions

THURMONT, Md. — The 110th Annual Session of the Maryland State Grange was held recently in Thurmont and was termed a success. All events had a large turnout of members and participation was high throughout the three-day event.

Resolutions of Grange Policy were discussed by delegates from all over the state.

Health and education, safety, transportation and roads, and agriculture committees were actively involved in writing resolutions.

The Maryland State Grange supported Project Smart (Stop Marketing Alcohol on Radio and TV) and urged members to sign petitions available from Project Smart, P.O. Box 19125, Washington, D.C. 20036. Also supported was the President's Prayer Amendment SJR 73 for voluntary prayer in school. Delegates reaffirmed their support of the use of deaf sign language in schools and supported the Vocational Education Program urging fulltime supervision on state and local levels.

The Grange urged the Maryland State Board of Education to include practical arts as well as fine arts as credits for high school graduation.

The Maryland State Grange continued to support the passage of a Beverage Container Deposit Legislation (Bottle Bill) to help eliminate roadside litter. They oppose the use of a Litter Tax to accomplish the reduction of litter.

Support of Maryland State Police enforcement of School Bus Laws was reaffirmed by the delegates.

MASHF (Maryland Agricultural

Safety and Health Federation) was recognized as a leader in agricultural safety and commended for its programs.

The use of Emergency Stop Decals on all motorized equipment as established by MASHF was supported.

Members were urged to use fire alarms, extinguishers, smoke detectors, and EDITH as part of a farm and home safety program. Granges were urged to sponsor fire and crime prevention programs in their communities across the state.

The Maryland State Grange encouraged all members to install ROPS (Rollover Protection Structures) on all their tractors and urged the installation of extra lights and accessories on tractors to be in accordance with strict safety guidelines.

Delegates favored the stopping of drunk drivers by State Police and urged more stringently sentencing of convicted DWI drivers.

The Maryland State Grange requested the replacement of unsafe bridges in counties throughout the state where it was hazardous for school bus, fire company and truck traffic.

The funding of Highway Trust monies for maintenance of the state road system was supported. The Grange reaffirmed its recommendation to the Maryland Legislature to use funds received from gasoline taxes only for maintenance of roads and bridges.

Delegates to the Maryland State Grange urged that the Emission Inspection Program be discontinued as it is unfair to some counties.

Concern over the dairy diversion program was expressed in

resolutions at the session. The Grange supported the need to look at U.S. dairy production on a regional basis.

Other agricultural resolutions addressed environmental issues. The Grange urged farmers to use the best management practices in continued support of the Bay initiative.

Due to economic distress in the farming industry, the Grange supported a proposal to separate the Farmers Home Administration into two parts: one for rural housing and service loans; and one for farm loans.

The Maryland State Grange opposed the laying of a coal slurry pipeline in Maryland citing condemnation of agricultural land, economic hardship to existing railroads, and a potential adverse affect on the environment.

The Grange forwarded a recommendation to the Governor of Maryland to appoint a farmer to the Maryland Public Service Commission this year.

The highlight of the session was the annual Agriculture Banquet attended by over 250 members and guests. Rep. Beverly Byron addressed the audience on the importance of research to the future of agriculture.

Donald A. Hogwood, Dean of Agriculture, University of Maryland was the featured speaker for the evening. He emphasized the need to get serious about ag education for the future.

Dr. Frank Bentz, vice president of legislative affairs at the University of Maryland, College Park, was awarded the Service to Maryland Agriculture Award.

James and Marion Bushey,

Carroll County, were honored with the Granger of the Year Award. Together they represent over 109 years of Grange membership.

Thurmont Grange was awarded first place in the annual Community Service Contest at the Ag Banquet. Thurmont Grange recently purchased their own Grange Hall and did many projects during the year including co-sponsoring the Thur-

mont-Emmitsburg Community Show.

Other winners included Waco second; Glade Valley, Third; Linganore, fourth; Jarrettsville fifth; and Emmorton, sixth.

Thurmont Junior Grange was honored during the session as first place winner in the contests open to all Junior Granges; Achievement, Community Service, and Publicity.

Cornell offers beef course

ITHACA, N.Y. — Beef producers throughout New York State and the Northeast are invited to the 1985 Cornell Beef Production Short Course scheduled for Jan. 7-11 in Morrison Hall on the Cornell University campus.

The five-day program is an in-depth study of the concepts and practices essential for successful beef cattle production ranging from small herds to larger operations, according to William M. Greene, chairman of the program and a beef specialist for Cornell Cooperative Extension. Emphasis, he notes, will be on the development of sound management systems based on up-to-date information on nutrition, reproduction, breeding, health, and marketing.

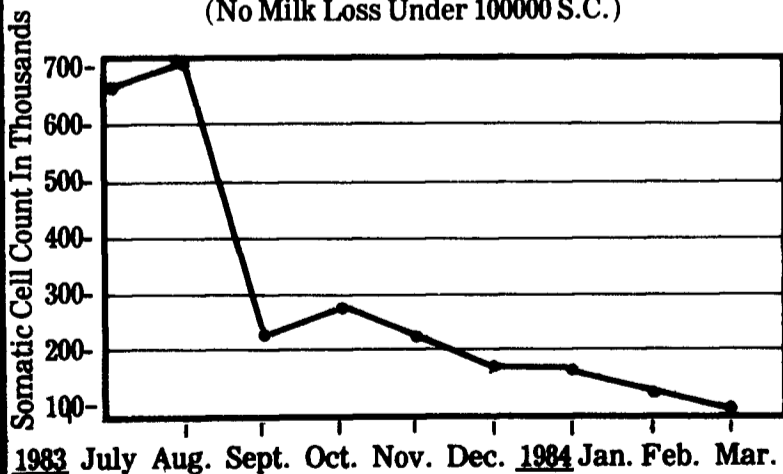
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Cooperative Extension and department of animal science at the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell, the January short course will cover wide-ranging topics in sessions dealing with production and priority reproduction, breeding, health management, feeding and forage production, and economics of beef production. Also scheduled is a day-long visit to Cornell's Animal Sciences Teaching and Research Center, where participants will have hands-on experience with various management systems.

For more information about the program and registration, contact the Beef Cattle Extension Office, 127 Morrison Hall, Cornell University, NY 14853, or William M. Greene (607) 256-7712.



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