



Nettie Mantsof is Pennsylvania State Granger of the Year, one of several award recognitions made by the organization during its 124th annual convention held in Warren.



From the left, Russell Redding, state deputy secretary of agriculture, talks informally about agricultural and rural issues with members of the Pennsylvania State Grange.

William Steel Is State Grange Master



From the left, Junior Grange Prince Jeremiah Wimer and Princess Jessica Blair present an achievement award to Joan Keith, the leader of the Lincoln Junior Grange No.509.

WARREN (Warren Co.) — A Beaver County resident was elected to the highest office in the Pennsylvania State Grange by the delegate body during the 124th annual State Grange Convention. The session was hosted by Warren/Forest Pomona County Granges at the Library Theater in Warren.

William (Bill) Steel has been elected Pennsylvania State Grange master (president) for the next two years. Steel, who was previously vice president, will be responsible for supervising the state Grange office in Harrisburg and overseeing all state Grange programs, as well as visiting Granges, hearing concerns of rural Pennsylvania, helping members

solve problems and representing the organization on various agricultural and rural affairs boards.

Steel, a 43-year member of the Grange, is a lay minister at St. John's Lutheran Church, a tax preparer with H & R Block and is associated with his father in a beef farm operation. Steel is a past president of the Beaver County Extension Association; and a past chairman of the Youth Conference of the National Safety Council and the Arlington (Va.) County Fair, which he was a co-founder.

Steel is master of Big Knob Grange #2008 and Beaver Pomona Grange #66. He is also a past director of youth activities in the National Grange (1969-81); and past state assistant steward (1964-70) and state overseer (1992-96). Steel and his wife, Mary-Lee, are the parents of three sons and live in New Sewickley Township.

Other officers were also elected at this year's state session.

Betsy Huber of Lincoln University, Chester County, was elected overseer (vice president) for a two-year term. Huber is the first woman to fill the office of vice president. Huber, a 35-year member, is past master of Goshen Grange #121, is immediate past master of Chester/Delaware Pomona #3, past state Pomona (1986-92); and was, with her husband, Henry, the Young Couple of the Year in 1971.

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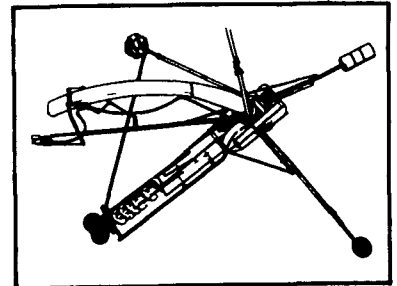
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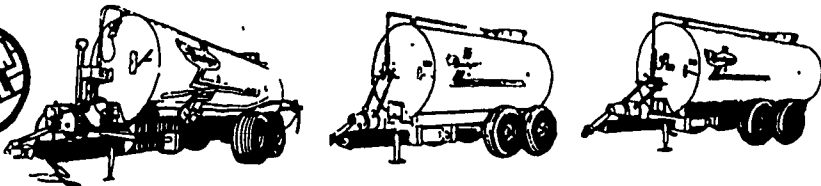
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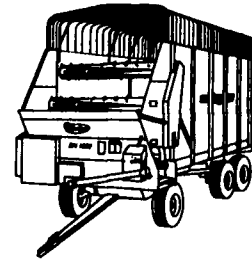
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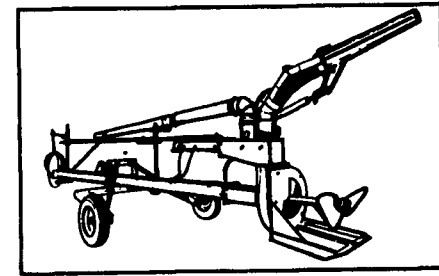
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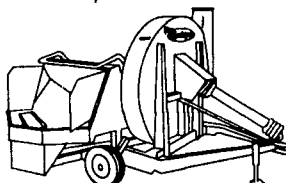


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