



THE CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE LECTURERS' NEWSLETTER May - June 2015



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My thanks to all who attended the Lecturers Meeting on March 22nd. We had a nice turnout and a lot of worthwhile suggestions. As promised I will give you a short recap of what was covered...

*We discussed the importance of the Lecturer's position in the Grange and the need for good programs. People need a reason to come to meetings and your programs play a big part in the attendance of your members. Programs should be between 30 and 60 minutes long except on special occasions when they sometimes run longer. A reading or a song is not a program. The Literary Program is an order of business and you should be called on at all meetings. You do not have to have a program at meetings having Election, Installation or Degree Work.

*It was noted that Fairfield County, Central and Quinebaug Pomonas are responsible for getting a judge for our Talent and "A Number" Judging in June.

*A new idea was discussed. Any Grange holding a special event or having a special program should email or send me information and it will be sent out to all who have email. We all need to help each other and maybe this will help to get info out around the State. Information on several events has already been sent out and more will be coming in the next few days.

*Original numbers are needed for the Newsletter. If you have something original, please send it in and share with others.

*Lecturers Conference was discussed. More current info on this is included later in this letter.

*Let's Celebrate is June 13 & 14. Grange Sunday is June 14.

*The Photo Contest will be judged on Sat. June 13. Entries in the photo contest can be mailed to me ahead of time, brought to the State Office in Glastonbury, or brought to Cheshire Grange Hall between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday June 13th. (Please note this time has been extended to match the CWA time so you can bring everything at once.)

* Grange Sunday is June 14. Why not make a day out of it? Charles Dimmick will be conducting his first Grange Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.. This will be followed by a Shepherds Pie Dinner prepared by our new Youth Committee. The Lecturers part of the day will begin sharply at 1:00 with the judging of our Talent and "A Number" Contests.

*Talent Numbers should be 6 minutes or less. Remember there are other kinds of talent – not just singing or playing an instrument.

*The "A Number" theme is animals. Use your imagination. In this contest you have six minutes, but it includes your set-up and take-down.

*The Complete Program theme this year is "What's Cooking" and entries are due October 1st.

*It was noted that visiting a friend or relative in a convalescent or rest home does not count in the Should Auld Acquaintance program. This should be something that is done by your members in the name of the Grange.

* Essays this year are "My Favorite Spot in Connecticut" and should be 150 words or less.

LECTURERS' CONFERENCE

This year's Lecturers' Conference will be held at Saint Joseph's College in Standish, Maine, August 3, 4 & 5. It is the 100th Anniversary of the conference. The Theme of the conference is "100 Years Of..." Transportation presented by Maine, Discovery by Rhode Island, Leisure Activities by Vermont, Agriculture by Massachusetts, Music by New Hampshire, Education by Connecticut, and, Literature by New York.

The cost for the complete conference is \$200 for a single room, and \$190 per person for a double room. This is cheaper than last year and the conference is a lot closer so I am hoping for a good turnout from Connecticut. I have made this trip many times and it is a nice ride with several good places to stop for a nice meal on the way. You may also want to take a couple of extra days and visit the Maine coast with its famous lighthouses and beachfront dining. I can give you tips on some good places to visit if you are interested.

You should receive all the information and forms in about a week to ten days. If you don't get it please let me know.

I still need suggestions for the program. If you have a number on education that you are willing to share it would be greatly appreciated.

Hoping to see you at Grange Sunday, Lecturers' Conference and around the State. ...Marge

SHARED NUMBERS...

DR. GEEZER & DR. YOUNG with Thanks to Nancy Strong

(This would make a great skit)

An old geezer, who had been a retired farmer for a long time, became very bored and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: Dr. Geezers's clinic. "Get your treatment for \$500, if not cured get back \$1,000."

Doctor Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So, he went to Dr. Geezers's clinic. This is what transpired.

Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth." can you please help me??

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: Aaagh!! "This is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Oh no you don't, that is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak. I can hardly see!!!!

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so -- "Here's your \$1000 back."

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$500..."

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story -- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an old "Geezer"!!!!

THE FISHERMAN with Thanks to Irene Percoski

Narrator: It was raining hard and a big puddle had formed in front of the local pub. An old man stood beside the puddle holding a stick with a string on the end and jiggled it up and down in the water. A curious gentleman came by and watched the old man.

Gentleman: "What are you doing?"

Old man: "Fishing,"

Narrator: Poor old fool thought the gentleman.

Gentleman: "Come into the Pub and have a drink".

Narrator: After they were inside sipping their whisky, the gentleman asked,

Gentleman: "And how many have you caught?"

Old Man: "You're the eighth."

STUDENT WHO OBTAINED 0% ON AN EXAM with Thanks to North Stonington Grange

Is this what they call 'thinking outside the box'? His answers all work for me..... I would have given him 100%! Each answer is absolutely grammatically correct and funny too. The teacher had no sense of humor.

Use as a quiz. I tried it in Cheshire and people actually caught on and came up with the correct answers.

Q1. In which battle did Napoleon die? * His last battle.

Q2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed? * At the bottom of the page.

- Q3. River Ravi flows in which state? * Liquid.
- Q4. What is the main reason for divorce? * Marriage.
- Q5. What is the main reason for failure? * Exams.
- Q6. What can you never eat for breakfast? * Lunch & dinner.
- Q7. What looks like half an apple? * The other half.
- Q8. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what it will become? * Wet.
- Q9. How can a man go eight days without sleeping? * No problem, he sleeps at night.
- Q10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand? * You will never find an elephant that has one hand.
- Q11. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have? * Very large hands.
- Q12. If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it? *No time at all, the wall is already built.
- Q13. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it? *Any way you want. Concrete floors are very hard to crack.

A MOTHER'S DAY QUIZ with Thanks to North Haven Grange

Have everyone write the word "MOTHER" on the top of a piece of paper.

As you ask the questions they can find the answer in the letters of the word Mother.

1. An insect... Ans. Moth
2. A definitive article... Ans. The
3. A female... Ans. Her
4. A Boys name... Ans. Tom
5. What the kids did with the paper... Ans. Tore
6. At the bottom of a skirt... Ans. Hem
7. Very warm... Ans. Hot
8. Not a house, but a _____ ... Ans. Home
9. At the end of your foot... Ans. Toe
10. A foreign city... Ans. Rome
11. Used in the garden... Ans. Hoe
12. Not this one, but the _____ one. Ans. Other

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Spread some laughter, share the cheer. Let's be happy, while we're here!

Look for the best in everyone, Omit the condemnation.
Valued friendships grow when we, Express appreciation.

Listen with your ears and hearts, Open up and smile.
Vital rules as these make life, Especially worthwhile.

THE JOB – SKIT with Thanks to Irene Percoski

Narrator: Joe is out of work and goes to the D.O.T. looking for a job.

Joe: Hello, I see you're advertising for painters.

Foreman: Yes, do you have any experience?

Joe: No, but I'm a quick learner and I really need a job.

Foreman: Well I'll give you a chance. You will need to paint 20 miles of lines down the center of the highway. Come with me and I'll get you started.

Narrator: They get set up on the road and the foreman shows Joe what to do, and goes back to the shop....After 8 hours Joe returns.

Joe: Well I got 4 miles painted today.

Foreman: That's really good.

Narrator: DAY TWO – Joe comes back after his shift...

Joe: I got 2 more miles done today.

Foreman: Okay, 2 miles is still good.

Narrator: DAY THREE – Again Joe comes back after his shift...

Joe: I did 1 mile today.

Foreman: (looking quite disappointed). You painted 4 miles the first day and 2 miles the second day, why only 1 mile today?

Joe: The paint can is farther away.

CURTAIN

FILL-IN QUESTIONS/JOKES from various sources.

A few of these go a long way!

What did the picture say to the wall? *First they frame me, then they hang me.

What would you get if you crossed a camel with a cow? *Lumpy Milkshakes

Why did the cow cross the street? *To get to the UDDER side.

What happens when you pamper a cow? *You get spoiled milk.

What did the cow say when the farmer sold the milk? *Show me the "Moo-Lah".

OLD CAR QUIZ

Some are still around – most aren't

1. Booth murdered him – Ans. Lincoln
2. To grind one's teeth – Ans. Nash
3. To cross a river – Ans. Ford
4. To stab, an Indian weapon – Ans. Pierce Arrow
5. Flying from coast to coast – Ans. Overland
6. Drunken bread maker – Ans. Studebaker
7. A pretty girl, letter of the alphabet – Ans. Model T
8. Get out of the way – Ans. Dodge
9. A famous explorer - Ans. DeSoto
10. An Indian tribe - Ans. Pontiac
11. William's evening - Ans. Willys Knight
12. Two letters of the alphabet - Ans. Essex
13. It goes up when hot and down when cold - Ans. Mercury
14. A rock in Massachusetts - Ans. Plymouth
15. Ancient engine - Ans. Oldsmobile
16. Lover's delight - Ans. Moon
17. Wise men followed it - Ans. Starr
18. A man's name and a boat - Ans. Stanley Steamer
19. Part of a book - Ans. Page
20. To weep, a nasty remark - Ans. Chrysler

1980's QUIZ with Thanks to Ekonk Grange

1. "Do That To Me One More Time" was a hit in the 1980's by whom? Ans. Captain and Tennille
2. Kenny Rogers was a superstar in the 1980's. Can you name any of his hits? Ans. "Lady", "Lucille", "The Gambler", "Coward of the County", "All My Life", "Crazy", "Islands in the Stream", "Don't Fall In Love with a Dreamer".
3. Name the top western show of the 1980's. Ans. Gunsmoke
4. This man was born the youngest of 12 children to a Chicago minister. He served with honor in the U.S. Army Police Corps as a squad leader. He was bodyguard to such stars as Diana Ross and Michael Jackson. He was Santa at the White House under Ronald Reagan and gave away most of his wealth to help the victims of Katrina in 2005. In the 1980's his starring role was a sergeant B. A. Baracus in a hit TV series. Who was this man and what was the series that he starred in? Ans. Laurence Turead, better known as "Mr. T" and the hit series was The A-Team. Note: He is now a sought after motivational speaker.
5. This man was a very famous entertainer, part of a famous "Pack" in the 1980's. He had a romantic swagger. In 1980, he was paid \$175,000 to sing in Rio de Janeiro. He was famous for his "Ol Blue Eyes".Name him and one of his famous songs. Ans. Frank Sinatra. Some of his songs include: "Strangers in the Night", "My Way", "Come Fly with Me", "I've Got You Under My Skin", "Blue Moon", "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered", and "For Once in My Life".
6. This Charismatic man began his career as a lifeguard, saving 77 people from drowning. At the University of Southern California, he was named, "The Perfect Male Figure". He served in the Army in WWII. He joined "Democrats for Eisenhower" in 1952. An actor, he was in 50+ movies. He changed political parties in 1962 and later became Governor of California. His crowning achievement was serving as this Nations' President.
Ans. Ronald Reagan

7. This native of Georgia was born Terry Gene Bollea and has been dazzling audiences for over 3 decades. He tells Children: "Always say your prayers... Take your Vitamins and Believe In Yourself." He is an actor, TV personality, musician, and an entrepreneur, but is most famous as a wrestler. He changed his wrestling name from "Sterling Golden" when he appeared on a TV show with Lou Ferrigno, who at that time was starring as the Incredible Hulk. 6'7" and 300 pounds, with very blond hair, he is famous with this stage name now.

Ans. Hulk Hogan

8. In the 1980's, the word "Book" began to be used for something totally not related to a library. What did this word come to mean? Ans. To Leave in a Hurry.

9. A specific style of haircut started in the 1980's among teenage boys. We still see it today, just not as much as in the 1980's. What is this unique haircut called? Ans. The Mohawk

OUR GRANGE from a 1988 Complete Program

Members of the Grange are we,
Good Patrons of Husbandry.

Our fidelity's toward every worthy cause,
While keeping inviolate the Grange laws.

Our pride is in God's land
From the mountains to the desert sand.

If to these truths we do adhere
The meaning of our Grange is clear;

Our faith is in the soil and the plow
To mankind the harvest we endow;

With co-operation and understanding
The Grange will ever keep expanding,

Our earnest hope is to ensure
A future good that is secure;

And we members working side by side
Find faith in the Order justified.

Our charity in words and deeds
Are meant to meet our Brother's needs;

WHERE AM I

Vacation time is coming. In what State are the following found.

1. The International Peace Gardens ... North Dakota
2. The Amana Colonies ... Iowa
3. Myrtle Beach ... South Carolina
4. The Harry S. Truman Library and Museum ... Kansas
5. Coney Island ... New York
6. The Payette National Forest ... Idaho
7. Bourbon Street ... Louisiana
8. The Golden Gate Bridge ... California
9. The Fountain of Youth ... Florida
10. The Alamo ... Texas
11. The George W. Patton Museum ... Kentucky
12. The Dole Pineapple Farm ... Hawaii

THE GRANGE FAIR

My Mommy took me to the fair
The ducks and geese and goats were there
And there were people everywhere
When Mommy took me to the fair.

I rode on ponies round and round
First I was lost, then I was found.
I dropped my ice cream on the ground
When Mommy took me to the fair.

I saw the things in the great big tent
And the board with the hole where the man's face went.
And the money I had, it got all spent
When Mommy took me to the fair.

I had a ride on the tubs of fun
And I ate a hot dog, but not the bun.
And I saw a pig name Rosie run
When Mommy took me to the fair.

There was bubble gum blowin' And pie eatin' too
And ever so many things to do.
Next year when I come, I hope I'll see you
Cause I like to go to the _____ Grange Fair.

DRIVE SAFELY THIS SUMMER

Think you can beat the light up ahead? Better to be safe and stop than to be sorry and wish you could take that decision back. Drivers who run red lights are responsible for approximately 275,000 accidents each year. If this isn't bad enough consider the fact that nearly 1,000 of them become fatal. And, the numbers are rising.

Many cities are now exploring the option to install red light cameras. Each camera costs approximately \$65,000 installed. A single camera can be used at several locations. Special wiring must be installed and then the camera can be moved from one location to another.

Gas prices may be down from last summer, compared to a few years ago they still seem very high. And, with an increased demand for fuel as vacation season approaches they will probably be heading up again. Here are some tips to consider...

1. Most cars will run efficiently on regular gas. There is no need to purchase premium grade gas unless your vehicle's manufacturers guide calls for it. Also, some older cars will have a knocking sound coming from the engine if you use low grade fuel.
2. Keep your tires properly inflated.
3. Take off slowly. There is no need to floor it.
4. Keep a safe distance between vehicles to help eliminate hard stops.
5. Use your air conditioner only when absolutely necessary.