

# JOHN W. SCOTT

## 14<sup>th</sup> MASTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE (1962-1968)

### *The Person:*

- Born in Allegheny County to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott and educated in Allegheny County.
- Moved to the Albert L. McCandless farm in Butler County in 1935. Mr. McCandless secured an application for membership from John for Unionville Grange #1971, Butler County. He became an active member and took part in Grange sponsored plays, minstrel shows, and community projects.
- John married Dorothy McCandless, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. B. H. McCandless in 1939. They lived in a house next to John's parents on the family dairy farm where he worked with his father. They had three sons, James, Thomas, and David. After the morning milking was done, John picked up milk at approximately 20 farms for delivery to a local dairy. These were the lean years following the depression when the farm work was completed John would drive 35 miles to Hillsvale to get a load of lime for local farmers.
- Elected to the Butler County Island Independent School Board, President of Slippery Rock Area Joint School Board, President Butler County School Board, member of the Butler Fair Board and Butler County Health Board, 4-H Leader, President of Senior Extension Group, and President of County Extension Association.
- He received several awards for his community activities and in 1960 was named "Man of the Year in Agriculture" in Butler County.
- An active member of the Unionville Presbyterian Church and later Mount Zion Baptist Church at Isle where he taught Sunday School and was Sunday School Superintendent and member of the Board of Trustees.
- 1948 served as Master of Unionville Grange and Butler County Pomona Master in 1955.
- Served as Chairman of the PA State Grange Education Committee from 1956-1962.
- At the 90<sup>th</sup> Session of the PA State Grange held in Reading he was elected State Master. He brought to the office business experience, ability to work with people and community groups, and knowledge of the Grange. He received much assistance from outgoing Master J. Collins McSparran, cooperation and dedication of the office staff and council from State Secretary O. W. Rittenhouse, which made the transition from farm life to the State Master's office relatively easy.
- At this time there were 675 Subordinate Granges in PA.
- If the State Department of Forest & Waters had not condemned 14,000 acres in Butler County, which included the Scott Family Farm, for Moraine State Park, Mr. Scott would probably not have left the farm.



### *Of Note:*

- 1963 – Deputy School held for Pomona Masters, Lecturers, State Deputies and Juvenile State Deputies in December at the Nittany Lion Inn, University Park. Also held were the Summer Conferences at PA State University in June and 24 regional conferences.
- Master Scott spoke at the State Convention of Township Supervisors and PA Rural Letter Carriers Association. He participated in the state meetings of PA Farm Cooperatives and the State Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives.
- Condition of the Order – National Grange Mutual Insurance Company sponsored Greater Grange Growth Award which had good participation. During the six month program, 1,361 members were initiated, but the year ended with a loss in membership. Master Scott emphasized in his annual address that “we need to emphasize the need of teaching new members the real value of Grange membership and to exert every possible effort to keep present members active.”
- Activities – September 7, 1963 Shenango Township, Mercer County’s new hall was dedicated by Master Scott with National Master Hershel D. Newsom and Past Master J. Collins McSparran participating.
- September 28, 1963 Lycova Grange, Lycoming County was dedicated.
- Three Granges lost their halls to fire.
- “Paint Your Grange” project was sponsored jointly by Grange League Federation Co-operative, and Pa Farm Bureau Co-op. The program provided each entrant with a \$25.00 certificate toward the purchase of paint. A Grange sign was given to the first ten Granges who completed the project. It was estimated 3,900 gallons of paint were used by the 374 Granges who participated. The State Grange Headquarters also underwent a facelift with a new coat of paint.
- Residents of Port Matilda, Center County had a “limited toll free calling area” for many years. In 1962, a joint committee of members of Half Moon and Port Matilda Granges began the move to get free service. Ellis M. Peters was selected Chairman, and after a ten month effort, with assistance from State Grange and the Telephone Rating Bureau, toll free service between Port Matilda and State College was a reality. Residents of Port Matilda could now call 10,000 phones toll free compared to the limited 900. The entire community benefited from this undertaking.
- Markleysburg Grange, Fayette County, restored and rededicated the M. R. Thomas Cemetery along Route 40 in 1963.
- Individual Honors – J. Collins McSparran elected to the PA State University Board of Trustees Executive Committee.
- June 25, 1963 Joab K. Mahood, Bradford County, Past PA State Grange Secretary, appointed by Governor William Scranton to the Milk Control Commission.
- Dr. Ira C. Gross, Past PA State Grange Secretary, appointed by Governor William Scranton to serve on the newly established 17 member State Board of Education. This Board was the culmination of State Grange policy to separate the Department of Public Instruction from the State Council of Education.
- May 19, 1963 State Chaplain Reverend & Mrs. Elden E. Ehrhart awarded “Rural Pastor Award” at the United Church of Christ at McClure. State Officers and Grangers were in attendance. The award is a National Award presented by the church in Town & County Board of Homeland Missions of the United Church of Christ. Prior to Reverend Ehrhart’s presentation, the award had only been given six times. Reverend Ehrhart is remembered for his meditation articles in the PA Grange News, his song leading at State Sessions and Conferences.
- Scholarship program was approved by Delegates in 1963.

- Master Scott and Secretary Rittenhouse met with Legislators discussing Grange policy on current legislative problems. Passage or defeat of legislation is an effort of many like-minded organizations working together.
- 1964 – Early in March O. W. Rittenhouse, State Secretary, decided to return to his farm in August 1964 after serving in the Secretary’s position since January 1, 1958. From April to August when a new Secretary was appointed, the work in the office was in the capable hands of Kathryn Matthews, Mary Shannon, Nellie Wharton and Zoe Grogan with assistance from Master Scott.
- Secretary Rittenhouse was known as a “Missionary of the Grange”. He was invaluable in teaching ritual at Junior and Youth Camps as well as answering individual Grange questions. He and his wife, Frances, attended many Grange meetings across the State. He made many fraternal visits to homes of members who fallen by the way. He was an active lobbyist for the Grange explaining their positions in many legislative meetings. He served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Pa Council of Farm Organizations and was one of the first delegates to the Penn State Advisory Council.
- Following Secretary Rittenhouse’s resignation, the Executive Committee appointed Richard VanNoy, Troy Grange, Bradford County to fill the vacancy. He was the owner and operator of a dairy farm and had been actively involved in Grange for several years. He served on the State Youth Committee, Pomona Master and was Pomona Lecturer at the time of the appointment.
- August 11, 1964, Mr. Rittenhouse traveled from his Fayette County Farm to Troy to personally install Mr. VanNoy. At the 92<sup>nd</sup> Session held in Wellsboro, Mr. VanNoy was elected Secretary.
- November 1963 John Scott elected National Gatekeeper at Portland, OR.
- The 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Session was held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, New Castle. The session was well attended with 1,235 Patrons attending a banquet. Past Master J. Collins McSparran was Master of Ceremonies and A. Lars Nelson, National Overseer from WA addressed those in attendance.
- 1964 - National Session held in Atlantic City, NJ produced a friendly rivalry between PA and the rest of the states to see who would have the largest number of candidates. A special Sixth Degree conferral was held at Pottstown, PA prior to the State Session in Wellsboro to ensure a large number of members were eligible for the Seventh Degree. A total of 3,678 candidates received the Seventh Degree with 1,787 from PA.
- PA Grange members wore distinguishing PA State Grange buttons. The PA Hospitality Room had PA apples from the Readinger orchards and pretzels.
- Markleysburg Grange, Fayette County, aided a non-member community resident by cutting, hauling, and sawing logs to help build a barn as well as donating \$400 to help pay hospital bills in 1966.
- September 1966 State Secretary Richard VanNoy accepted an appointment as a field representative in the State Soil & Water Conservation Commission. He followed in the footsteps of several previous State Grange Secretaries who left that office for employment in the State Department of Agriculture. He summed up his term as State Secretary in three brief significant statements – “During the past year, I spent considerable time working in several counties. This always seems to be one of the most enjoyable parts of this work. It is also one of the most necessary.
- For the first time since the election of John Light as Secretary, Delegates elected J. Luther Snyder, York County, as Secretary. Each Secretary since Mr. Light had been appointed by the Executive Committee and then elected to office. Most of the unexpired terms were brought about by advancement to either government or the Grange.

- 1967 – A year of celebration with rededication for the Centennial year of the Grange all over the state and nation. A centennial candle burned in almost every Grange Hall in PA. The ceremony began at the close of the Annual National Session in Minneapolis, probably one of the most unified activities ever achieved by the National Grange. High Priest of Demeter E. Carroll Bean, lighted candles held by Master Newsom and Mrs. Newsom. In turn, they lit the candles of each State Master and charged them with spreading the light to each Subordinate Grange in their state. The candle lighting ceremony was given at Deputy School for each Deputy District. They in turn transferred the light to each Grange in their District.
- PA had excellent publicity, floats, fair exhibits, and 161 billboards publicizing the Organization. Governor Raymond P. Shafer, a member of Meadville Grange, Crawford County, paid tribute to the Grange by proclaiming April 17-23, 1967 as Grange Week in PA. The week-long celebrations served as a kick-off for the Centennial Celebration to climax with the National Session.
- April 17, 1967 – 55 PA Grangers from 30 Granges in ten counties joined more than 400 Grange members from a score of states at the Commemorative Stamp Ceremony at the US Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC. Only 15 commemorative stamps are issued each year. Since 1893 only 523 commemorative stamps had been issued. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman and Deputy Postmaster General Frederick C. Behlen cited the many contributions made by the Grange in the revitalization of the rural economy. National Master Hershel D. Newsom, Chaplain Allen P. Wheeler, Lecturer William J. Brake all participated in the ceremony. Mrs. Newsom held an open house for Grange members at the National Office following a luncheon at the Rayburn Building.
- PA State Grange joined with the National Civil War Wax Museum in the unveiling of the life size figure of William Saunders, on the opening day of the 101<sup>st</sup> National Grange Session November 1967 held in Syracuse, NY. Mr. Saunders was an official of the US Department of Agriculture and a landscape architect, and a personal friend of President Lincoln. Saunders shared the platform with President Lincoln at the dedication of the Gettysburg Cemetery in 1863 when President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address.
- November 12<sup>th</sup> a caravan of cars with 1,200 people traveling from Washington, DC to Gettysburg for the unveiling of the Saunders statue. National Rural Electric Cooperative provided refreshments while waiting for the ceremony to begin. Governor Raymond P. Shafer, Grange member from Crawford County, and National Park Service representatives dedicated a plaque honoring Saunders in the Visitors' Center. Following the ceremony buses and cars headed for Syracuse. Those passing through Williamsport stopped at Eagle Grange No. 1 for refreshments and a rest stop.
- With the National Session in Syracuse, PA conferred the Sixth Degree on a special class of approximately 300 candidates at Troy, PA.
- The seven year membership campaign of Farmers & Traders Insurance Company concluded in June 1967.
- National Grange Mutual Insurance Company launched a Centennial Membership Crusade for September 30, 1966 – June 30, 1967. There were 207 Granges in the 22 states where National Grange Mutual operated that had a net gain of ten or more members for a total of 3,516 members with awards amounting to \$4,740. PA led all but one state in the Campaign – NY!
- National Grange Mutual instituted an additional membership recruitment period from September 1, 1967 – December 30, 1967 promising a Grange rug to the first 300 Granges conferring the Fourth Degree on at least five members. The program was very popular and extended into 1968. A total of 350 rugs were awarded and 190 prizes of \$10.00 in lieu of a rug were awarded.

- 1967 membership indicated 61,375 members in 643 Granges. A total of 273 Junior Granges had a membership of 5,623.
- Three Granges disbanded, three consolidated, and one new Grange was organized – Centennial Grange #2074 organized by Deputy Master William Traver and Mrs. Traver and Curvin Wentz.
- Three new Grange halls dedicated:
  - June 2, 1967 – Hyndman, Bedford County
  - September 22, 1967 – Harveys Grange, Greene County
  - October 5, 1967 – Mount Pleasant Grange, Clearfield County
- 1968 - Executive Committee authorized new flooring in the State Office. New draperies were installed in the Conference Room.
- Vernon Grange, Crawford County developed a Memorial Garden which took three years.
- Nine cultural specialists from abroad were placed in homes in Berks County from March 28-April 2, 1968. Ken Schlegel, a member of the PA State Grange Youth Committee, arranged for their stay and entertainment.
- PA became the sister state to Bahia, Brazil as part of the Partners of Alliance Program instituted by President John F. Kennedy in 1962. PA for Bahia sought ways for PA farmers and farm organizations to assist the undeveloped country. Dr. Robert Alexander, PA State University, and Furman H. Gyger, Jr., PA State Grange Executive Committee, flew to Bahia for a month to survey the needs. Several hundred dollars were raised by Granges in 1968 for hand tools for Bahia.
- 1968 – Pleasant Grange, Snyder County, organized January 23, 1968 by Carl Reigle, members of Beavertown Grange and State Secretary J. Luther Snyder.
- Three new Grange halls dedicated:
  - December 9, 1967 – Carmichaels Grange, Greene County, burned mortgage and dedicated renovated hall.
  - June 2, 1968 – Friendship Grange, Carbon County
  - September 19, 1968 – Mill Run Grange, Fayette County, purchased a renovated two-story school building and a three acre plot of ground dedicating the hall.
- 172 Granges ended the year with a net gain in membership and received plaques provided by the National Grange. June quarter report indicated 638 Subordinate Granges with 59,336 members. There were 270 Junior Granges with 5,523 members. Master Scott in his final address expressed his disappointment that there had been no net gain during his tenure as State Master.
- The Secretary’s Award for prompt, complete reports was continued with 30 Secretaries qualifying for the Award.
- The greatest asset of Master Scott was his genuine love and concern for people. He had a sincere interest in their families, occupations, ideas, and well-being. He was also dedicated to the philosophy and policies of the Grange which placed him in a class of respected and effective State Masters.

***Legislation:***

- 1963 – In State Master Scott’s Master’s address, he stated “The key to Grange legislative power is held by the Subordinate Granges. Your Representatives and Senators want to serve their constituents. We must keep our Subordinates strong to keep our legislative power strong. It is the eternal desire for more and more power by appointed men and departments of government that threatens our democracy.”

- The banning of Bible reading and prayer in the public schools by the Supreme Court resulted in many resolutions of protest. PA State Grange registered its complaint along with many other organizations and individuals to have the action rescinded or to circumvent the ruling but to no avail.
- Revision of School Reorganization Law Act 561 was not a complete victory for Grange ideals, but was compromise legislation. A united front by many statewide organizations persuaded enough Legislators to replace Act 561 with Act 179. It was still a mandatory reorganization bill, but was a more sensible form of reorganization.
- Grange policy to separate the Department of Public Instruction from the State Council of Education was accomplished by the passage of Act 94. This established the State Board of Education composed of 17 members, 11 of which were lay people. The Superintendent of Public Instruction served only as an executive officer and did not have a vote on the Board.
- The 1961 act requiring an Internal Revenue Service or bank employee be present at the opening of a safe deposit box after the death of either husband or wife was repealed. The repeal turned this personal right back to the citizens.
- Compromise legislation was accomplished in the Wage Act of 1961 by limiting what could be considered when wage rates are established. The maximum amount exempt from the law was raised from \$2,000 to \$2,500 and the power of the Secretary of Labor was restricted.
- In 1963 the Highway Department introduced the same eminent domain bill that had been defeated by Grange action and work of J. Collins McSparran in the 1961 Legislature. The defeat of the 1963 bill was not as difficult as 1961 because the Chairman of the Committee Ralph J. Downs, Mercer County, was a Granger and also from rural PA.
- Attempts to redistribute the liquid fuel tax was defeated as was the attempt to relax liquor laws and legalize certain types of gambling.
- Three questions were to appear on the November ballot:
  - *Shall the borrowing power of the State be increased by \$500,000 to provide for a State Guaranteed Scholarship?* This amendment is in line with Grange policy and with proper administration could be a very worthwhile program.
  - *Shall the borrowing power of the State be raised by \$70 million to provide the funds for the State Park and Recreational Program known as Project 70?* Master Scott urged all Pennsylvanians to carefully weigh the advantages of the project against the costs and be sure to vote.
  - *Shall a Constitutional Convention be called for the purpose of rewriting the Constitution of Pennsylvania?*
- Grange had always opposed the wholesale rewriting of the Constitution and felt changing by Amendment was a safer way than by a Constitutional Convention. Voters decided that the Constitution should not be rewritten by a Constitutional Convention. The Grange voiced their opposition at many meetings. This was a major victory for the Grange.
- Project 70 was approved by the voters and the Grange sought enabling legislation to protect the rights of landowners and taxpayers in areas where State Parks are located.
- 1964 – February 11, 1964 Governor Scranton called for a special session of the Legislature to run concurrently with the regular 1964 session. Four issues of great importance were to be considered during this session.
  - The first special call corrected an error in dealing with pensions for war veterans blinded through service connected injuries.

- Second to be considered was the revision and amendment of the Unemployment Compensation Law.
- Third was the new Eminent Domain Law.
- Fourth was Project 70, enabling legislation.
- The special session of the Legislature lasted until June 16, 1964 and passed bills implementing all four proposals.
- Unemployment Compensation Tax Reform eliminated many of the benefit loop holes and double round of payments. This lowered the tax necessary to support the program and encouraged business in the state.
- The new Eminent Domain Law was a long step in the right direction of land owner protection. Grange Attorney William Livingood was influential and instrumental in persuading the legislative task force that perfected the bill, to accept the Grange amendments that really improved the law. The act established legal procedures and notifications to land owners that must be followed by all condemnors when land is condemned in fee simple. For the first time property owners were assured 80% payment within 60 days of the condemnation and acceptance of such payment did not prejudice the right of either party to proceed for final settlement in the courts.
- As far as Project 70 was concerned, Grange efforts to protect municipalities and school districts from the loss of tax base were rewarded by the inclusion of the “in lieu of tax payment” amendments. Another goal achieved in this legislation was having the Secretary of Agriculture included on the State Planning Commission as a voting member when they sit in consideration of approval of Project 70 acquisitions.
- The Committee to Save Our Constitution was activated. Harold “Cappy” Thompson, PA State Association of Township Supervisors, said “The job now is to revise the constitution by amendment. We want to work with the Legislature in affecting amendments which can be submitted to the people. That’s the only proper and safe way to change the Constitution.” John Scott served as Treasurer of that Committee.
- 1965 – As a result of a Supreme Court ruling, the number one issue at the opening of the Legislature was reapportionment. The 1965 General Assembly – Democrat controlled House and Republican controlled Senate – created a frustrating situation. After ten months in session, practically all important issues were still pending. The Supreme Court stepped in to settle the reapportionment of Legislative Districts. After several months of concerted efforts, the Legislature failed to agree. As a result, the final plan greatly reduced the number of rural Legislators.
- Richard VanNoy, State Secretary, witnessed the signing of Act 237, as a result of the efforts of the State Grange. This bill provided for the inclusion of a licensed veterinarian on the Drug Device & Cosmetic Control Board. Practically all commercial feed used by today’s farmers contains some drug additions.
- Another effort with results was the amending of the present vehicle code to permit farm owners or operators to use unlicensed motor vehicles, with a license exemption certificate, to haul their products within an eight mile radius of the farm they own or operate.
- The effort to have Daylight Savings Time end the last Sunday of September was lost due to a desire to make the change of time uniform throughout the Eastern Time Zone.
- The 1965 Omnibus Bill at the National level provided for many of the Grange ideals - full parity price for wheat used in domestic consumption and permitted the farmer to grow whatever wheat he wished for freed grain purposes. The dairy section contained the two price concept – a Grange goal for many years.
- The milk situation and what the Agricultural Act of 1965 would mean to dairy farmers was a topic of much discussion.

- Howard Benning, dairy farmer from Susquehanna County, was appointed by USDA Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, to serve on the USDA Comprehensive Study Committee to study and formulate rules and regulations to implement the Dairy Section of the Agricultural Act of 1965.
- Pomona Granges in Western PA sponsored three meetings to discuss amendments to the State Milk Control Law. Dr. Joseph Taylor, Head of Dairy Science Department, Agricultural Extension at PA State University, chaired the discussion panel. The panel consisted of State Representative W. Brady Hetrick, Mifflin County; Dr. Maurice M. Martin, Secretary of PA Milk Control Commission; and State Senator D. Elmer Hawbaker, Franklin County.
- Perry County was facing deer problems, which were becoming large and destructive to farm crops. Ralph Smith, Oliver Grange, set up a meeting with over 300 in attendance. Glen L. Bowers, Executive Director of the Game Commission was on hand to discuss deer management planned by the state. An extended antlerless deer season of one or two days resulted. Credit for the Bad Weather Clause and increased allocation of antlerless deer license goes to Dr. Norman Reber and Dick Denison of PA Farmer Magazine who went on from the Perry County meeting to develop a challenging and decisive testimony for presentation at the June 11, 1966 meeting of the Game Commission.
- PA Secretary of Agriculture Leland Bull, Master Scott, and Gerald Biggs of the PA Farmer's Association met with General Henry M. Goss, Director of the State Selective Service, to discuss concerns regarding the serious labor problem and food crisis. They felt deferments of some full-time farmers was vital due to the number of young farmers being drafted. General Goss stated no special rules or regulations had been instigated covering any segment of the State or Nation's work force. Farmers who needed deferment for skilled manpower should apply for deferments at the local draft board. Farm deferments were not easy to obtain.
- 1966 – Controversy of oleomargarine had been settled for some time, but not before the Grange got in its final licks. After February 15, a license to sell or serve oleomargarine was no longer required, there were restrictions governing the serving or use of colored margarine in eating places. Notice had to be given to patrons either on the menu or by prominent signs. Each single serving needed to be triangular in shape and be marked or labeled as margarine.
- Grange efforts were rewarded in the passage of a Constitutional Amendment to speed up Constitutional Amendments in case of an emergency. This happened by permitting submission to voters after only one session of legislative approval if such was approved by 2/3 vote of each house. The amendment appeared on the ballot for voter approval.
- With the help of many other groups, success was achieved in restricting the beautification efforts of the highway department by the exclusion of "condemnation by fee simple", and in amending the milk control law so that the commission could be more effective in five areas of concern.
- 1967 – The Constitutional Referendum bill was signed into law March 15, 1967 after 2 ½ months of legislative maneuvering, political pressure and considerable amendments.
- As a result, the May 16<sup>th</sup> ballot contained the question, "Shall a Constitutional Convention be called to rewrite certain sections of the State Constitution?" The rewriting of four sections was approved. Delegates would be chosen in the November election to attend the Constitutional Convention to draft the sections to be submitted for approval.
- Indemnity payments for animals condemned in disease eradication programs increased.
- New freedom given to County Commissioners for Agricultural Extension expenses.
- Line held on mandatory meat inspection and the milk control law.



- 1968 – From December 1967 – February 28, 1968, the Constitutional Convention drafted four conservative articles for the State Constitution ratified by the voters. The Grange worked for their implantation explaining the proposed changes.
- New mandatory meat inspection law gave exemptions to farmers who slaughter animals for his own use or retail sale, if produced by that farmer. Custom butchers were also exempt if they did not sell meat.
- Apple Marketing Act of 1959, sponsored by the Grange extended to include all agricultural commodities.
- The Milk Control Law amended in accordance with Grange policy to increase bond protection for farmers and to require dealers to use a uniform accounting system.
- Fight lost on pari-mutual betting and aid to non-public schools.
- The Susquehanna River Compact was created to supervise water resources of the entire Susquehanna River and its tributaries. It is a Federal interstate agreement controlled by a Commission comprised of voting members of Governors from PA, NY and MD, and a personal representative of the President of the US. At the 1966 Annual Session, Delegates opposed the Compact approved by the Interstate Advisory Commission from PA, NY and MD. PA State Grange became actively involved in the meeting and development of proposals of the Compact. At the 1967 State Session, delegates approved the Compact in its present form.
- The book entitled The Susquehanna Compact – Guardian of the River’s Future by William Voight, Jr. gives much credit to the PA State Grange for passage after their initial opposition and to Master Scott’s personal involvement for its acceptance and enactment. The Susquehanna River Basin Compact was signed by Governor Raymond P. Shafer on July 17, 1968. In December 1970 federal legislation was passed and signed by the President.

### *Activities:*

- Over the 1963 Christmas holidays, 20 Berks County Grange farm families hosted 26 international students from five areas in Africa. Wayne Readinger, whose family hosted Susan Allo from Cameroon, stated “What finer project is there for Grange families than this. Not only to build better communities and leaders of tomorrow at home, but to promote a better understanding among the peoples of the world, to build brotherhood, promote peace, and shun hatred and evil is indeed a challenge to all of us.”
- A special meeting was held March 20<sup>th</sup> in the West Shore Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Camp Hill for “transplanted” Grangers living and working in the Harrisburg area. Almost 150 Grangers from the area attended and expressed a desire to hold another meeting in 1965.
- John and Dorothy Scott were guests of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association’s annual meeting in Dallas, TX. This gesture showed their appreciation for what the Grange had done for them and cemented relations between the two organizations.
- Several hundred people filled the House of Representatives on April 24, 1964, a first in the history of PA. The House had never been open for a public meeting and never had there been displays permitted until the Seventh Annual Safety Awards program. The Awards program was conducted by the PA Rural Safety Council and Department of Public Instruction under direction of Mr. Carson Mertz, Sandy Lake Grange, Mercer County. Mrs. O. Walker (Mary) Shannon was the PA State Grange representative to the organization and served as Secretary.
- Valley Grange, Red Hill, Montgomery County, gave a group of British farmers from Red Hill, England a royal welcome in early summer of 1964.

- Farmers & Traders Life Insurance Company, Syracuse, NY, an offspring of the Grange, held their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on September 15, 16, and 17. The 50<sup>th</sup> celebration was attended by 27 State Grange Masters and their wives, along with National Grange to mark the milestone.
- PA State Grange spent \$3,000 in Allegheny County to protect farmers there as well as the entire state. The Allegheny County Board of Health prohibited the sale of raw milk by the producer directly to consumers. William Livingood, State Grange Legal Counsel, argued the defense and was upheld by the court that the State law gave counties the right to stricter inspection and quality controls, but did not permit County Health Boards to override State Health Standards which permitted the sale of raw milk.
- Master Scott assisted with loading the goats for trucking to FL and from their flown to Guatemala for the Goats for Guatemala project.
- John Scott represented the Grange at the annual meetings of the PA Association of Township Supervisors, PA Rural Electric Association, and the PA Association of Future Farmers of America.
- The leadership qualities and prestige of the Grange were recognized by Governor Scranton in Committee appointments. Master Scott was appointed to serve on the State Board of Education Special Committee for Vocational Technical Education and the Advisory Committee on Educational Legislation. In addition, he served on the State Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, the Committee for Administering the Funds available for Agriculture Research under Act 159, the Executive Committee of the PA State University Advisory Council as well as many legislative discussions and investigating committees.

#### ***Individual Honors:***

- Recognized as the Scout Troop of the Year at the National Session was Scout Troop #11 of the Bucktail Council, sponsored by Penn Grange, Clearfield County.
- Master Scott, while serving as National Gatekeeper, represented National Grange at several National meetings. He was also Chairman of the Agriculture Committee at the National Session. Governor William Scranton requested Master Scott serve on the Special Constitutional Study Commission to recommend proposed constitutional amendments. Master Scott was also the guest speaker at other agricultural and rural organizations state and district meetings.
- Continuous membership recognition was presented to many 25, 50, and 65 year members. Mrs. W. J. Walker, Covington Grange, Tioga County received the second 75 year certificate issued in the state of PA and the 28<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Later in 1964 Mrs. Carrie Lewis, Middle Ridge Grange, Tioga County, received the third 75 year certificate in Pa and the 37<sup>th</sup> in the nation. The first 75 year certificate was issued to Albert M. Cornell, Past PA State Grange Lecturer in 1952.
- At the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the National Grange held in Minneapolis, MN John Scott was elected as Secretary. Harry A. Caton had held the office of Secretary for 37 years, the longest term of office held by any National Officer. Mr. Caton declined to accept re-election due to his failing eyesight. He was unanimously named Secretary Emeritus by Delegate action.
- December 1965 M. Clair Reitz, Beaver Grange, Jefferson County, selected as Outstanding Conservationist in the State and one of the top conservationists in the nation. He received a four day visit to the Good Year Farms near Phoenix, AZ as a guest of the Goodyear Rubber Company. He was accompanied by Donald T Smith, Sugar Hill Grange, Jefferson County, and a member of the County Soil Conservation Governing Board.
- January 10, 1966 – Master Scott honored for his years of distinguished service to PA agriculture by New Holland Machine Company; and was the eighth recipient of the award. He was cited for “having done

much to bring about cooperation throughout the Commonwealth in the field of agriculture and resource conservation, and to advance state legislation favorable to agriculture.” He had also been named by Leland H. Bull, PA Secretary of Agriculture, to a committee administering available research funds. He had received gubernatorial appointments to 1,000 Pennsylvanians, the Rural Area Development Board, and Governor’s Conference on Natural Beauty.

- 1966 – Four members received 75 year continuous membership recognition. Mrs. Edith Wilcox, Tioga County; Nellie Rockwell, Bradford-Sullivan Pomona; William Snell, Montgomery County; and William H. Weamer, Upper Bucks County.
- 1967 – Reno H. Thomas, Beavertown Grange, Snyder County, named the top hog farmer in the Nation at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Ford Farm Efficiency Awards program. The plaque and check presentation for \$2,000 was presented in Detroit, MI. Recipients are asked to recommend an institution of their choice to receive a \$2,000 grant and Mr. Thomas designated PA State University.
- John W. Scott elected to the Board of Directors of National Grange Mutual Insurance Company.
- Ernest O. Miller, Virginville Grange, Berks County, named PA “Outstanding Young Farmer” in 1968 by the State Junior Chamber of Commerce. In April he and his wife, Joyce, attended the National Jaycees Convention in IA.
- George Steele, Chester County, Past State Grange Overseer and Steward, elected Chairman of the Board of Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore. He was also a member of the Agway Board of Directors and later became President and Chairman of the Board. George served as the Drill Captain for the Sixth Degree for a number of years. He was assisted by Esther Schafer, Berks County, who trained the court women and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Peterson, McKean County, who decorated the stage.
- John Brackman, Bradford County, former member of the Legislative and Finance Committees named a Master Farmer at the January 1968 Farm Show.
- Due to the loss of approximately three million acres or 20% of agricultural acreage over the past 17 years, Governor Raymond P. Shafer appointed an 18-man committee charged with developing a plan for preserving agricultural acreage, consistent with the total land requirements of the Commonwealth. John Scott was a member of the committee which presented its findings and recommendations in a final report in December 1969.
- Master Scott chosen to serve on the Governor’s Priority Commission to review the needs of the Commonwealth and suggest priority ratings given to new programs.
- The Grange played an active role in the State and National Plowing Contest August 27-29, 1968 at Hershey. The event had its start in Hershey in 1958, and combined a conservation exposition, Forage Progress Day, and Educational exhibits – one by PA State Grange. Master Scott was a member of the General Committee to plan and supervise the event.
- PA State Grange named as one of the organizations to be represented on the Solid Waste Disposal Commission. Richard S. Halloway, Master, Fulton Grange, Lancaster County, appointed to the Commission.

### ***Condition of the Order:***

- For the first time the State Session convened in Wellsboro, Tioga County, for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Session in 1964. Even though State Grange had never been held in Tioga County, it provided two State Masters – Philip H. Dewey and E. B. Dorsett. Reports indicated Grange growth and activity; however there was not a net gain in membership.

- The Membership Committee slowed the rate of loss with an Incentive Program. A total of 2,380 new members were initiated. The Juvenile Grange had a gain in both number of Granges and members.
- Increased interest in unwritten work with 69 Award of Merit Card issued as compared to six in 1963.
- Grange hall dedications:
  - Kutztown Grange, Berks County doubled the size of their hall and was rededicated
  - April 3, 1963 – Lincoln Grange, Huntingdon County
  - June 26, 1963 – Centre Hill Grange, Clearfield County
  - August 15, 1963 – Penn Line Grange, Crawford County
- 1965 – Deputy Conference held at Nittany Lion Inn, University Park was attended by High Priest of Demeter E. Carroll Bean. The Conference adopted a slogan “I will assume my share of the responsibility” was taken seriously by those in attendance.
- Executive Committee authorized awards for getting new members as recommended by the Study Committee. Fleetwood Grange, Berks County, initiated a class of 70 new members.
- The PA State University Grange, a “Grange away from home” was disbanded in June 1965.
- State Grange honored the request of the University that the dormitory donated by funds raised by the Home Economics Committee be changed to a Guidance Counseling Hall since it was too small for use as a dormitory. The Guidance Center will continue to be known as Grange Hall.
- With the inception of the use of zip codes by the US Postal System, the State Grange Office spent many hours adding zip codes to the addressograph plates.
- Many farmers in the state were faced with feed shortages due to severe drought for the third and fourth year. US Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman approved the request of the PA Agriculture Disaster Committee for 38 counties to be eligible to purchase government owned feed grain at reduced prices. The PA Grange News listed farmers who had hay for sale to help with the problem.
- In 1965 PA State Grange faced financial crisis due to the ratification of a dues increase by the National Grange. PA State Grange savings, as a result of the 1962 state dues increase, helped bridge the gap, but another state dues increase was necessary. The Good of the Order Committee recommended at the annual session that Article X, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws be amended to raise the minimum Subordinate dues. The recommendation was adopted and went into effect in 1966.
- Wilmot Grange, Bradford County, after losing their hall to fire, dedicated a new hall August 7, 1965. Their only debt at the time of dedication was the hardwood floor.
- May 29, 1965 an annex on Sharon Grange, Potter County was dedicated as a Junior Grange hall.
- Membership reports indicated there were 654 Subordinate Granges with 64,672 members, 275 Junior Granges with 5,737 members at the end of the June 30, 1965 quarter.
- 1966 – Master John Fox and Albert Magee, Shermanata Grange, Perry County held a kick-off dinner which resulted in 50 new and reinstated members. That Grange, however, was outdone by Mt. Joy Grange, Clearfield County, which had a net gain of 59 members in 1966 and received \$100 for first place.
- As of June 30, 1966 there were 648 Subordinate Granges with 63,296 members. There were 274 Junior Granges with 5,692 members.
- July 10, 1966 Greenwood Grange, Juniata County celebrated burning their mortgage followed by the dedication of their new hall.
- Eureka Grange, Crawford County dedicated a new hall July 2, 1966.

### ***Study Committee:***

- Master Scott, in conjunction with the State Executive Committee, appointed a Study Committee early in 1965 due to the continued drop in membership. The Committee was comprised of William A. Steel, Beaver County, Chairman; Mrs. John Benson, Lawrence County; John Cressman, Lehigh County; Glenn Swank, Armstrong County; and Mrs. O. Walker (Mary) Shannon, Beaver County (Secretary of the Committee); Harry Gwin, Huntingdon County and Ira Gross, Snyder County.
- The Study Committee reemphasized that to have a growing, thriving Grange we need
  - Dynamic leadership
  - An enthusiastic program
  - Membership involvement
- At the 1967 Session some of their recommendations had been instituted
  - Sashes for Directors of Women's Activities and State Youth Chairman
  - Problem of Delegates not being in attendance partially resolved by giving door prizes at the end of each day's session
  - Secretary's Award program recommended by the Study Committee on February 8, 1965, was adopted by the Executive Committee on February 25, 1965. An award was to be presented to the Subordinate Secretary by the State Secretary for 100% collection of dues by September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Recommendation of more emphasis on publicity at the State level became reality when Norman Eberly joined the staff as Director of Public Relations. Mr. Eberly had retired from PA Department of Agriculture.
  - The recommendation that special deputies be assigned to work with Granges in trouble was not carried out since there were no funds in the budget to cover the expense. It was recommended that Pomona Granges have a State Officer on their program at least once a year and a training session at a Deputy Pomona District level did not receive the expected response.
- 1968 – The John Scott Class of 1,000 membership program was launched in April by State Lecturer Marguerite Christman. A commemorative John W. Scott plate was given to members obtaining five or more applications by May 15.

### ***Lecturer 1962-1968:***

- Mrs. Arthur W. (Marguerite) Christman of Towamensing Grange, Carbon County, wore many hats when she was elected the State Lecturer in 1962, and she was charged with entertainment and instructing Grange members. Mrs. Christman was a Pomona Master, Deputy State Master, church organist, choir director, and a Justice of the Peace in addition to her involvement in other community organizations. She and her husband, Barney, worked as a team. While she spurred Lecturers to greater participation and achievement, Barney took care of the "little things" to keep things moving smoothly.
- A new Lecturer's Handbook was published and distributed in September 1963, bi-monthly bulletins were mailed, conferences held, meetings attended, speeches given, officers installed, and many miles traveled to give the PA State Grange assistance. At the Erie State Session, an exhibit "Grange – Wheels—Keep 'em Moving" was evidence of outstanding visitation programs.
- 1963 – Leadership School was held at PA State University, and witnessed a first. Participants were instructed by Roy Battles, Executive Director Clear Channel Broadcasting Service, over closed circuit TV. Participants could see the speaker on the monitor and ask questions. Most felt they preferred the live audience and expressed concern for the students being instructed in the TV format.

- The PA delegation at Mid-Atlantic Lecturers' Conference in Atlantic City in 1964 and the State Leadership School presented a production of the Beverly Hillbillies. Although it didn't win an Oscar or Emmy it did earn several members of the cast a reputation which followed them.
- The 1965 Mid-Atlantic Lecturers' Conference was held in conjunction with the PA State Grange Leadership School. There were 675 Grange Leaders in attendance. For the first time Youth Leaders were part of the school and conducted workshops of interest to Grange youth.
- The Leadership School was held for the last time at PA State University in 1966. This change was due to the trimester classes, increase in student population, and construction programs.
- After considerable study, the 1967 PA State Grange Leadership School was moved to the Gettysburg College. National and State Grange Officers served as workshop leaders. Many of those in attendance took home a personally autographed copy of The Grange – First Century of Service and Evolution autographed by National Master Hershel Newsom and Mrs. Newsom.
- Goats for Guatemala
  - Lecturer Christman announced at the 1964 Session that all Grange Departments would be supporting the "Goats for Guatemala" project. Each Lecturer was requested to present an International Night about the land and people of Guatemala and to take an offering at the conclusion of the program. This project was one of the most outstanding aid programs of the PA State Grange. Over a three year period, PA Grangers contributed nearly \$10,000.
  - Between Thanksgiving and Christmas the State Grange goal was to raise \$3,000 to purchase goats. At the time National Grange was cooperating with the Peace Corps administering the work of 52 Peace Corps volunteers.
  - Seka Elyash, graduate of Hope Juvenile Grange, Allegheny County, was the first to donate to the project. She donated her pet pure-bred Alpine goat, "Spotty", which she raised as a 4-0H project. Others donating animals were Mr. & Mrs. Luis DeGorbea and Bausmas family.
  - Lecturer Christman announced at the 1965 Session in excess of \$5,300 in cash and eight goats were contributed by Granges and Grange friends.
  - March 1965 Liberty Elyash and his daughter, Seka, Hope Grange, Allegheny County, flew to Guatemala with the 28 goats, 12 registered heifers, and five pigs. They traveled to the homes where the animals were placed and reported how humble and grateful the Guatemalan people were.
  - In the second "Goats for Guatemala" project in 1966, \$3,074.36 was raised. Arrangements were made with Heifer, Inc. to ship the animals.
  - In 1967 the Grange sent 100 rabbit cages and a check for \$335 to purchase cement for a cattle project. The remainder of the money in the fund was used for the shipment of cattle by Heifer, Inc.
- The Lecturer's Department placed an emphasis on safety, particularly aiming programs at "Bicycle Safety". Many bicycles were inspected and programs on safe riding habits were presented. John Beitler and his Committee, Lehigh-Northampton County, conducted an inspection of more than 160 bicycles in cooperation with the State Police.
- The National Grange Centennial Celebration began in October 1966 and brought a year of activity and commemoration. Many Lecturers presented the history of the Grange to the public in pageants, plays, and programs.
- The Pageant, "The Grange Song of the Century" written by Mrs. Christman and her Committee. Mr. & Mrs. John Richard, Bucks County, were responsible for the lighting and costuming for the production.

The entire cast traveled to 14 counties to put on the pageant without reimbursement. The pageant was a reflection on the music, programs, costuming, and events in the 100 years of the fraternity.

### ***Talent Winners:***

- Lecturer Christman's 1966 State Report stated approximately 2,000 people enjoyed talent presentations at four District eliminations of the Talent Festival. Twenty-three Pomona Districts were represented by 275 performers in 73 acts.

### ***Art & Photography National Winners:***

- 1963 – Charles Roger, West Caln Grange, Chester County, first place oil painting
- 1963 – William Cameron, Perry Valley Grange, Perry County, third place photo close up division and in 1966 – he received second place with an animal picture
- 1964 – Elba Salsgiver, Jefferson Grange, Butler County, first place water color
- John Bechtel, Virginville Grange, Berks County, third place drawing
- John R. Richard, Richland Grange, Upper Bucks County, third place photo people
- 1965 – Russell Metzger, Central Grange, Lehigh County, third place scenes photo
- Marlin Wert, Turbett Grange, Juniata County, third place close-up photo
- 1967 – Milo Jackson, Kennett Grange, Chester County, second place photo people
- Mrs. Gale Boak, Cannonsburg, second place water colors
- Mrs. John Cressman, Hanover Grange, Lehigh County, second place poster
- 1968 – Thomas Dibert, Bedford Grange, Bedford County, third place photo animal
- D. L. Mong, Huntingdon County, third place photo close up
- Talent, Quartet, Family Musical
  - 1963 – Linda McCardle, Brandywine Grange, Chester County, fourth place vocal, “The Creation”.
  - 1965 Carol Mengel, Ontelaunee Grange, Berks County, first place vocal, “I Can’t Say No”. Accompanist Virginia Fields.
  - 1966 – Schneck Family, Schnecksville Grange, Lehigh County, first Family Vocal (first year of Family Divisions). Mrs. Anne Kern, Mrs. Lois Shaffer, Paul Schneck and Mrs. Joyce Shankweiler.
  - 1967 – Geiger Family, Schnecksville Grange, Lehigh County, first place Family Vocal. Mrs. Anna Breininger, Bonita Breininger, Mary, David, Cynthia Geiger, Mrs. Grace Eell, Audurey Sell, and pianist Mildred Wolfe.
  - Zahn Family, Big Knob Grange, Beaver County, fourth place Family Instrumental.
  - 1968 – Lauchnor Family, Schnecksville Grange, Lehigh County, second place Family Vocal.
  - James McKim Family, Westfield Grange, Lawrence County, third place Family Instrumental.
  - 1962 – Bernville Grange Girl Quartet, Berks County, second place Quartet.
  - 1964 – North Sewickley Grange, Beaver County, second place Quartet.
  - 1965, 1967 – Rolling Tones, Millers Run Grange, Washington County, second place Quartet.
  - 1966 – Girls Quartet, Royal Grange, Butler County, second place Quartet.
  - The Quartet contest was discontinued by National Grange in 1967.

- The highest and lowest points for Lecturer Mrs. Christman were reached in the last year of her term of office. The following quotation from her final report expresses her frustration and disappointment. “It is with deep regret that we report failure to reach the membership goal promoted through the Lecturer’s Department. Harsh as these words might sound, it is nevertheless true, that apathy, selfishness and lukewarm love of our Order are the reasons for this failure. Apathy – “Oh, I can’t be bothered, let the other fellow do it.” Selfishness, in not wanting to ask others to become members and thus sharing with them the joys and fellowship of the family fraternity-lack of pride-in this rural Family Fraternity- by failing to speak for it and making it secondary to interests far less worthwhile. The Grange deserves only the best and we, its members, will cause its light to grow or to dim.”
- January 31, 1968 – Mr. & Mrs. John Bechtel, Virginville Grange, Berks County; Peg Christman and National Master Hershel D. Newsom were received by President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House where National Master Newsom presented a citation drawn by Mr. Bechtel. The citation was done in PA German fracture style. President Johnson was pleased with the Grange’s recognition and the artistic citation. He commended the Grange for its achievement through the years of the past century and called it one of the finest agricultural organizations in the country.

### ***Home Economics – 1962-1964:***

- Mrs. J. Collins (Ella) McSparran, former First Lady of the PA State Grange, member of Fulton Grange, Lancaster County, appointed Chairman. She announced National winners as follows:
  - 1962 – Mrs. Emerson C. Smith, Sr., California Grange, Montour County, third place sweater.
  - Martha C. Sheppard, West Caln Grange, Chester County, third place three-piece baby set.
  - 1963 – traveled with other Department Heads to 18 regional conferences throughout the state.
  - 1963 National winner – Mrs. Jesse French, Fort Granville Grange, Mifflin County, first place in Adult Sewing for others class. She also won third place with a knit sweater.
  - Mrs. Fay Walters, Beavertown Grange, Snyder County, second place in National Sewing Contest.
  - Mrs. D. L. Spencer, Fulton Grange, Lancaster County, second place Socks, Gloves and Mittens Class.
  - Mrs. Alice Borger, Harmony Grange, Northampton Grange placed in the top ten in the Nation with an apron.
  - 1963 – Mrs. Ella Mackey, Lehigh-Northampton Pomona, first place in philodendron and white violets
- A project of making djellabuhus was contributed by 61 women from six Granges in Perry County and provided 255 persons in Algeria with these hooded raincoats.
- Toys, craft material, lap robes, and favors were contributed to schools for the mentally retarded, hospitals, and convalescent homes by many Granges.
- 1963 State Report in Erie Mrs. McSparran reported PA was second largest contributor to the Salk Institute. A total of \$1,686.45 was contributed by 208 Granges to help establish a Grange Seminar Room in the Institute in San Diego County, CA. Home Economics Committees across the US contributed \$12,618.80 to assure the room. An additional \$854.25 was also contributed to the National Care Project in 1963.
- 1964 – Care contributions accounted to \$849.15 to help send medical machines and surgical instruments to a medical team in Cambodia.



- Hundreds of pairs of glasses came in and Mrs. McSparran boxed them and delivered them to the Eyes for the Needy Center in NJ.
- 1964 Leadership Conference theme, “Enriching Family Life.”
- 1964 – Mrs. McSparran received the first place Home Economics report in the nation for states with more than 300 Subordinate Granges.
- Mrs. McSparran requested to be replaced after two years as Chairman.
- 1964-1968 – Mrs. Charles (Ann) Davis, Jr., member of the State Home Economics Committee for two years prior to her appointment as Chairman.
- National Awards
  - 1965 – Cissie Morris, Home Camp Grange, Clearfield County place first with Knit Socks, Gloves, and Mittens in National competition.
  - Mrs. Mae Guinther, Kissinger Grange, Berks County received third place for a crocheted bedspread.
  - Mrs. Lyle Stockholm, Lawsville Grange, Susquehanna County, received third place for her embroidered tablecloth.
  - A National Grange Centennial Historical Sampler class started in 1965 with the winner to be chosen from the top entries through 1967. Mrs. Ellen Storb, Chester Valley Grange, Chester County placed second in 1965 and second in the final competition in 1967.
  - The present Grange flag is the result of the first place design of Margaret Williams, Union Grange, Centre County in 1966. Her design was combined with a design by a woman from VT and added ideas from Mrs. Blanche Newsom and a professional flag designer. Mrs. Williams received \$100 and one of the first Grange flags as her award.
  - 1966 National Convention Mrs. Alta Peck, National Home Economics Chairman, State Master Scott and Dorothy accepted a \$1,000 check from Coats & Clark on behalf of Mrs. Mable Bartmas, Jefferson Grange, Butler County as her award for the Best of Show Crocheted Bedspread. He also accepted a check for \$500 from Coats & Clark for Jefferson Grange.
  - 1966 Mrs Genevieve Lochard, Hope Grange, Indiana County, received first place for a stole.
  - Dorothy Grady, Labor Grange, Wayne County, placed in the top ten with a sampler.
  - Mrs. Robert Barkman, Somerset Grange, Somerset County, received third place in the sewing contest in the Sewing for Others Class.
  - 1970 Susan Barkman (Mrs. Barkman’s daughter) received first place in the sewing contest for someone under the age of 18.
  - 1968 – Mrs. Glenn Yarnall, Sanatoga Grange, Montgomery County, received third place in the Sewing for Others Class.
  - Inez Wasko, sponsored by Mt. Pleasant Grange, Mercer County received third place for a bedspread.
  - Iola Straw, Jordan Grange, Clearfield County, received second place in the Embroidered Towel Class.
- In conjunction with the National Home Economics Committee’s drive to raise \$25,000 for the National Grange Debt Retirement, Mrs. Davis reported PA contributions amount to \$3,100.66.
- PA contributed to Care from 1965-1968 \$4,498.43 for various projects – water pumps in South America, Young Farmers Institute in India.
- 1967 – National Chairman Peck recommended to the National Delegate body that the name Home Economics be changed to Committee on Women’s Activities. The recommendation was accepted and Mrs. Davis became PA’s first Director of Women’s Activities.

- Duties of the Women's Activities Director included writing for the PA Grange News, participation in the Leadership School obtaining workshops.
- Ellen Garber from PA State University served as a member of the State Women's Activities Committee.
- When Mrs. Davis relinquished her Chairmanship, all of her reports to National Grange had received National recognition.

### ***Youth 1962-1968:***

- Mildred Shultz, Somerset County served as State Youth Director from 1958 until 1964 when she relinquished the role to Edward T. Murphy, Jr., Beaver County.
- At the 1964 State Session three former Youth Committee members were elected to State Offices – William A. Steel, Beaver County, Assistant Steward; Richard VanNoy, Tioga County, Secretary; and Doris Koenig, Lehigh County, Lady Assistant Steward.
- Edward T. Murphy, an ex-Marine, had experience of dealing with young people. He served as a member of the State Youth Committee, and had been Director of both Junior and Youth Camps in Beaver County for several years. Many of his church activities had also been in youth work.
- When Camp Mizpeh was sold in 1966, the Youth Camp moved to the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds. The kitchen was managed by Beaver County folks and some volunteers. Youth stayed in tents a week prior to the opening of the Centre County Grange Fair.
- Youth Royalty – Princess of Springtime and Knight of Harvest
  - 1962 – Kathy McNees, Allegheny County; Paul Eckart, Carbon County
  - 1963 – Judy Snyder, Berks County; Thomas Kulzycke, Crawford County
  - 1964 – Jean Readinger, Berks County; Ray Cannon, Mercer County
  - 1965 – Linda Whitehead, Beaver County; Richard Schultz, Mercer County
  - 1966 – Seka Elyash, Allegheny County; Robert Blank, Beaver County
  - 1967 – Linda Zahn, Beaver County; Arlan Davis, Berks County
  - 1968 – Sylvia Paden, Lawrence County; Art Zug, Chester County
- 1965 – Linda Whitehead, Beaver County, first runner-up National Princess
- 1967 – Seka Elyash, Allegheny County, first runner-up National Princess
- National Youth Travel Scholarships
  - 1963 – Mike Rebach
  - 1964 – Judy Snyder and William A. Steel
  - 1965 – Barbara Riddle
  - 1966 – Seka Elyash, Robert Blank, David Hay and Ruth Workley
  - 1967 – Kenneth Schlegel, James Workley, Linda Whitehead, Linda Christy, and Mary-Lee Hobbs Steel
  - 1968 – Sylvia Paden
- Filling the chairs as National Youth Officers in the opening
  - 1964 – Mary Robinson, Executive Committee
  - 1965 – Barbara Riddle, Secretary
  - 1967 – Linda Zahn, Secretary
  - 1968 – Sylvia Paden, Secretary
- GISYE (Grange Interstate Youth Exchange)
  - 1966 – Sylvia Paden – IA
  - 1967 – David Graybill – NY

- 1966 – Barbara Riddle Gross, Venango County, appointed to serve as Chairman of the National Youth Advisory Committee for two years.
- Grange youth are active in their respective communities on square dance, degree and drill teams in addition to participating in community needs and programs.
  - Allegheny County sponsored annual “Socks Appeal” collecting over 100 pair of socks for a children’s home in Pittsburgh.
  - Mt. Joy Grange Youth Group, Clearfield County, collected \$167.00 for two muscular dystrophy victims.
  - York County Youth distributed fruit baskets at Easter Time.
  - Lycoming County cooperated with local Kiwanis Clu in furnishing pamphlets “You and the Law” to schools.
- Peace Corp volunteers
  - 1963 – Glenn Currie – Malaya
- IFYE
  - 1962 – Janet Williams – Netherlands
  - 1964 – Gerald Ely – Sweden
  - 1966 – Betty Lou Smith Painter – Ireland
  - 1967 – Connie Henricks – Chile
- 1963 – Shirley Bindley, polio victim at age 5, manned the reservation desk at the 1963 Erie State Session. In 1965 she competed at the Paralympics in England where she won six Paralympic Gold medals. She set a new world record with her 49.2 ft. discus throw.
- 1964 – Rosa Lee Morse, Bradford County State Dairy Princess; Kenneth Schlegel, Berks County, received the American FFA Farmer Degree.
- Youth of Lehigh County peeled, sliced and fried 2,500 lb. of potatoes to raise money to cover the Youth Party at the Allentown State Session in 1965.
- 1965 – Youth Committee, for the first time, took part in the State Grange Leadership Conference.
- Winning youth ritual teams opened a day’s session at State Sessions:
  - 1962 – Berks County
  - 1963 – Mercer County
  - 1964 – Washington County
  - 1965 – Chester-Delaware County
  - 1966 – Washington County
- An added incentive was the Beatty H. Dimit Better Ritual Award Plaque, made available in 1967 by the Dimit Family. The Mercer County Team, under the direction of Virginia Richardson, was the first team to win the Dimit Award. The team also had the honor of exemplifying the Fourth Degree at the Centennial Session of the National Grange in Syracuse, NY in 1967. The Berks County team won the award in 1968.
- Ed and Betty Murphy moved to Rhode Island.

***Junior Grange:***

- Delegate action at the 1964 National Session official changed Juvenile Grange to Junior Grange.
- Mrs. James (Agnes) Ingwersen, KS became the Junior Superintendent. Mrs. Byron Frederick retired after 13 years of service.
- Miss Marjorie Slick, Blair County, continued to grow the PA State Junior Grange program.

- State Junior Camp held at Camp Kaneshatake continued to be filled to capacity. Days included workshops - model Grange meetings, recreation, arts and crafts. National Junior Director Agnes Ingwersen attended the 1968 Junior Camp.
- A Junior meeting was conducted in the pool under the direction of Isabelle Harrison, Chester County
- Participation in National contests was encouraged with great results.
  - 1963 – Linda Cochran, New Vernon Grange, Mercer County, placed third in water colors.
  - Linda Doughten, Goshen Grange, Chester County, placed second in drawings.
  - Marsha Langley, Menallen Grange, Fayette County, placed second in posters.
  - 1964 – Sheila Smith, Blue Ball Grange, Clearfield County, placed second in drawings.
  - Joan Weaver, Brandywine Grange, Chester County, placed second in drawings.
  - Diane Cooke, Brandywine Grange, Chester County, placed second in posters
  - Suzanne Merkel, Virginville Grange, Berks County, placed second in photo scenes.
  - Michael Smith, Little Gap Grange, Carbon County, placed first in photo people.
  - Alan Cropp, Uniontown Grange, third place soap carving.
  - 1965 – Sandra Hill, Virginville Grange, Berks County, first place drawing
  - Kerry Waibel, Big Creek Grange, Carbon County, first place color photo animals.
  - Susan Kanouff, Blue Ball Grange, Clearfield County, first place close-up color photo
  - Sherman Smith, Blue Ball Grange, Clearfield County, second place water color.
  - Jane Hill, Virginville Grange, Berks county, second place color photo people
  - Michael Livi, North Strabane, Washington County, third place oil painting.
  - Larry Diehl, Big Creek Grange, Carbon County, third place color photo scene.
  - 1966 – Nancy Walker, Community Grange, Perry County, second place poster.
  - Diane Cook, Brandywine Grange, Chester County, second place color photo scene.
  - Paula Jo Kennedy, Menallen Grange, Fayette County, first place photo animal.
  - Marlene Stevenson, Unionville Grange, Butler County, first place Junior Home Economics Report.
  - 1967 – Paula Jo Kennedy, Menallen Grange, Fayette County, second place color photo scene.
  - Ricky Waibel, Big Creek Grange, Carbon County, third place color photo animals
  - Kathy Timko, Perryopolis Grange, Fayette County, first place seed picture
  - 1968 – Becky McFadden, Penn Grange, Clearfield County, first place oil painting.
  - Dennis Ray, Unionville Grange, Butler County, first place poster.
  - Randy Naster, Chestnut Ridge Grange, Washington County, second place water color.
  - Todd Ryan, Menallen Grange, Fayette County, third place photo animal.
  - Jeff Paden, Westfield Grange, Lawrence County, third place photo close-up.

***Junior Achievement Award:***

- 1965 – National Session in Topeka, KS, Unionville Junior Grange, Butler County, received Outstanding Junior Grange in the Nation. Mrs. Wilbur Stevenson, Matron names “Junior Grange Matron of the Year”. Unionville Grange was the home Grange of State Master Scott where he had served as Junior Patron.
- 1966 – Menallen Grange, Fayette County and their Matron Mrs. Thelma Deal, received second place in the National Junior Achievement Award.
- 1967 – Shermanata Grange, Perry County and Matron Miss Erla Haas, received second place Junior Achievement Award.

- PA Junior Granges second largest contributors to the Greek Team and sent \$549.43 during Miss Slick's administration.
- During Miss Slick's administration 20 new Junior Granges were organized, 16 reorganized making the total PA Junior Granges 270 with total membership of 5,523.
- Many Junior Granges received Junior manuals, songbooks, rugs, flags, and Bibles in the membership award contest.