

Live in Harmony



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Program Helps February - March**

Lecturer's January Column on Maine State Grange Website

Are you the type of person who is always taking pictures? This year one of the categories for the photo contest is WINTER. So, although our state session is almost nine months away now is the time to take the photos for this category. Often when people think of pictures of winter in New England what first comes to mind is landscapes taken either during or soon after new snow has fallen. However, there are so many other photos that could be taken such as kids or pets playing in the snow. Photos of people skiing, skating or involved in other winter sports might also make interesting photos. Just remember that all entries in each category will be judged against each other based on the following: Composition and arrangement, Interest, Presentation, and Technique. So, pick up your camera and see what interesting photos you can take.

Grange Month

Taken from an email written by Phil Vonada, National Grange Communication Director that was posted on the Maine Grange Website.

“I am working on Grange Month materials though many of last year’s materials are still good, too, as we are in year 2 of the “Raised Right Here” theme. Make plans now to join us for “Grange Spirit Week” which will be held April 16 – 22 with a Zoom program in the works for EVERY night that week, but more on that soon!

National Lecturer's Forum February 28 at 8:30 (Zoom)

National Grange Lecturer Ann Bercher will lead a discussion on contests, programming and more in the Lecturer's Department. Contact lecturer@nationalgrange.org for more information.

THINGS TO PONDER

- Why eat a lot of natural food when we know that many people die of natural causes?
- Garden Rule When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- Never take life seriously, nobody gets out alive anyway.
- In the '60's people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?

SAYINGS

- I dialed a number and got the following recording: "I am not available right now, but thank you enough for caring to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."
- Little Tommy had been to a birthday party at a friend's house. Knowing his sweet tooth, Tommy's mother liked straight into his eyes and said, "I hope you didn't ask for a second piece of cake." "No, but I asked Mrs. Smith for the recipe so you could make some like it, and she gave me two more pieces without asking."
- My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.
- Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.
- Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.
- The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.
- God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.
- I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

TWENTY FAMOUS FUNNY LAST WORDS

(Use these as cut-ups or program fillers)

- Let's see what this button does.
- He's probably just hibernating
- Are you sure the power is off?
- I wonder where the mother bear is.
- I've seen this done on TV.
- No, these are the good kind of mushrooms.
- I'll hold it, and you light the fuse.
- What duck?
- Look ma! No hands!
- Now watch this.
- Don't be so superstitious!
- No, this stuff is completely natural and safe. That's why it's called herbal.
- Don't worry. I'm sure it's dead by now.
- I don't know. Press the button and find out.
- Don't worry. It's not contagious.
- Of course, it's safe.
- They can't hit us from that distance.
- All you have to do is connect these two wires.
- No, no. These are safe. I've seen birds eat them all the time.
- Oops!

SKITS

Little Boy Crying

The neighbor, walking down the street, finds a little boy from the neighborhood sitting on his front steps, crying.

Neighbor: "What's the matter, honey?"

Boy: "It's my father. He hit his finger with a hammer."

Neighbor: "Then why are YOU crying?"

Boy: "Because (sob, sob) ... first (sob, sob) ... I laughed."

Bathroom Brush

Here we have a husband reading the daily paper and the wife trying not to interrupt, but can't resist.

Wife: "Honey, did you notice?..."

Husband: "What dear?"

Wife: "I bought a new toilet brush."

Husband: (absent mindedly) "Yes, I did But I still prefer the paper."

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NATION QUIZ (All one word answers end in "nation")

1. What nation is given over to destruction? *Ans. Ruination*
2. What nation is most murderous? *Ans. Assassination*
3. What nation is most famous for its lighting system? *Ans. Illumination*
4. What nation makes you immune from disease? *Ans. Vaccination*
5. What nation is most patient and submissive? *Ans. Resignation*
6. What nation creates fear and terror? *Ans. Consternation*
7. What nation produces the most kings? *Ans. Coronation*
8. What nation is the most generation? *Ans. Donation*
9. What nation is the most charming? *Ans. Fascination*
10. What nation is the most critical? *Ans. Discrimination*
11. What nation sees things in a rosy light? *Ans. Imagination*
12. What nation grows younger? *Ans. Rejuvenation*
13. What nation has the best actors? *Ans. Impersonation*
14. What nation presents the person for office? *Ans. Nomination*
15. What nation is the slowest? *Ans. Procrastination*

MUSIC
(For five members)

(Have large cardboard letters M-U-S-I-C covered with brightly colored paper. As part is given letter is held in front of them.)

M: Make music a part of our every day life. We can see it in the growing flowers; we can hear it in the singing of the birds.”

U: Use it to “wash away from the soul the dust of everyday life.” – *Auerbush*

S: “Sing a bit if the day be dark, And the sky be overcast; If mute be the voice of the piping lark. Why pipe (for sing) your own small blast.” – *Dunbar*

I: “I love to listen to music, and in listening I’ve come to think it a necessary part of life. In other words, for a well-rounded life one must have music. Furthermore, music offers the best way using time. As leisure increases, the use of music becomes more necessary. There are no drawbacks to music. You can’t have too much of it. There is no residual effect like indulgence in other things. “ – *George Eastman*

C: Cultivate an appreciation of music by producing it yourself, or by listening to the production of others.



FIND THE MISFITS Which word in the following sets doesn’t belong?

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| 1. Eye, kidney, blood, stomach | <i>Ans. Blood</i> |
| 2. Lawyer, judge, attorney, teacher | <i>Ans. Teacher</i> |
| 3. Rectangle, circle, square, line | <i>Ans. Line</i> |
| 4. Peeler, spoon, fork, knife | <i>Ans. Peeler</i> |
| 5. Car, cart, bus, train | <i>Ans. Cart</i> |
| 6. Garage, church, school, home | <i>Ans. Garage</i> |
| 7. Bedspread, mattress, sheet, blanket | <i>Ans. Mattress</i> |
| 8. Uncle, mother, son, daughter | <i>Ans. Uncle</i> |
| 9. Squash, banana, tomato, lettuce | <i>Ans. Banana</i> |
| 10. Australia, Italy, Asia, Europe | <i>Ans. Italy</i> |