THE GRANGE

History of
Wemanesa Grange #170
Gaylordsville, CT

By Virginia H Smith

Wenonah Grange No 170 Jayfordville Conn

Organized March 9th 1908.

Charter Members.

✓ Wm B Hungerford.	Master
✓ C H Evans	Overseer
✓ Lawrence Paine	Lecturer
✓ Thos Austin	Steward
✓ Frank Ward	Asst Steward
✓ John Paine	Chaplain
✓ Mary Paine	Treas.
✓ Jane M Hungerford	Sec.
✓ Henry H Pomeroy	Gate Keeper
✓ Genevieve H Austin	Ceres
✓ Fanny Ward	Pomona
✓ Annie Thompson	Flora
✓ Caroline Evans	L A. Stewardess.

✓ Clarence Evans

Frank Kennedy.

✓ Chas C Pomeroy

Howard Evans

✓ Libbie Hyde

✓ Gertrude E Dolan

✓ Dr J A. Dolan

Wm F. Gaylord - Gaylord?

✓ Edna C Pomeroy

✓ Hannah H Austin

✓ Edward H Austin

✓ Abner B Hyde

✓ Fanny E Newton

✓ Geo Newton

✓ Wm Thompson

AUTHOR'S NOTE

INFORMATION FOR THE MOST PART HAS BEEN TAKEN

FROM WEMANESA SECRETARY MINUTE BOOKS

1908 - 1992

OTHER SOURCES INCLUDE PHAMPLETS, NEWSPAPER

ARTICLES,PERSONAL LETTERS AND NEWSPAPER PICTURES.

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The Grange

An Agricultural Family Fraternity

PURPOSE To build a program of fellowship, service and member activities within a framework of fraternalism embracing all members through: Business Meetings - Legislative Activities - Charitable Services - Deaf Awareness - Youth Projects - Women's Activities - Community Service - Junior Grange.

AMERICA'S FIRST Conceived in 1867 as an organization of agricultural people, the Grange has grown into an organization concerned about the needs of all people, rural and suburban.

A FAMILY ORGANIZATION Father, mother, young adults and children meet on a common level of understanding to participate in educational and recreational programs.

A LEGISLATIVE VOICE Provides each member with a voice – an opportunity, starting in the local unit, to express his/her beliefs, knowing that his/her ideas may reach the highest levels of Grange and the Government. Although nonpartisan, the Grange stresses participation in activities related to public issues.

A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION Every Grange opens in regular form with a prayer and the salute to the flag. The local (Subordinate) Grange confers the first four degrees, symbolic of the seasons of the year, upon the new member when he or she joins the Grange. The county (Pomona) Grange confers the Fifth Degree, the State Grange the Sixth Degree and the National Grange the Seventh Degree.

Throughout the Grange, signs, symbols and passwords are used to represent the lessons of life and agriculture.

A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION The Subordinate Grange, built around the community, elects its own officers and runs its own program. Although Grange business is conducted in closed meetings, educational and informational programs are frequently open to the public. Each member has one vote. The Subordinate Granges meet once or twice a month. Yearly dues, which vary with Granges, are used to support Subordinate, State and National Granges.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS Persons 14 years of age and older may join a Subordinate Grange. Each applicant must have a desire to work with others in elevating and advancing the interest of Agriculture and Rural Life and to receive the benefits and advantages of Grange membership.

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CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBENCY 7/29/92

PROCESSED CLOSING CHECK

THANK YOU FROM GAYLORDSVILLE UN. METHODIST CHURCH

THANK YOU FROM GAYLORDSVILLE VOL. FIRE DEPT.

DONATIONS MADE OVER THE YEARS

APPENDIX WITH OTHER SUPPORTING MATERIALS

D E D I C A T E D

TO THE

PAST OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF

WEMANESA GRANGE #170

GAYLORDSVILLE, CONNECTICUT

WEMANESA GRANGE #170, GAYLORDSVILLE, CT.

	Master	Secretary
1908	Wm. B.Hungerford	Josie M. Hungerford
1909	"	"
1910	C. H. Evans	"
1911	"	"
1912	George E. Newton	Bessie Soule
1913	"	.. E. A. Haring
1914	C. H. Soule	"
1915	"	"
1916	E. A. Haring	Josie M. Hungerford
1917	"	"
1918	W. B. Hungerford	"
1919	"	"
1920	"	"
1921	George Newton	"
1922	"	"
1923	Edwin Haring	Eurline Haring
1924	"	"
1925	"	"
1926	George Newton	"
1927	"	"
1928	"	"
1929	Paul Newton	Bessie Cornwell
1930	Ella Conkrite	"
1931	"	"
1932	George Strid	"
1933	Wesley Pemeroy	"
1934	"	"
1935	"	"
1936	Norman Wyble	"
1937	"	"
1938	James Trotter	"
1939	"	"
1940	Thomas J. Dodd	"
1941	"	"
1942	"	Mary Weeks
1943	Norman Wyble	"
1944	"	"
1945	George Strid	"
1946	"	Hazel Dwy
1947	John D. Flynn	"
1948	Fred Pettes	"
1949	George Strid	"
1950	William Lang	"
1951	Gertrude Wyble	"
1952	"	Doris Terhune
1953	Albert Bandy	Nora Hastings
1954	"	"
1955	Andrew Morren	"
1956	"	"
1957	Gertrude Wyble	"
1958	Elwin Smith	"

	Master	Secretary
1959	Elwin Smith	Nora Hastings
1960	Gertrude Wyble	"
1961	John J. Moore	Mary Alice Parker
1962	Norman Wyble	Hazel Dwy
1963	Jerome Deeds	"
1964	Elwin Smith	Marion Cornwell
1965	Alan T. Dodd	"
1966	W. Arnold Smith	"
1967	Jerome Deeds	Pamiley Hills
1968	"	Virginia Smith
1969	"	"
1970	Janet Judd	"
1971	"	"
1972	Jerome Deeds	"
1973	"	"
1974	"	"
1975	"	"
1976	"	"
1977	"	"
1978	Gertrude Wyble	"
1979	Irene Roppelt	"
1980	Jerome Deeds	"
1981	"	"
1982	"	"
1983	"	"
1984	Elwin Smith	"
1985	"	"
1986	"	"
1987	"	"
1988	"	"
1989	"	Florence Forbes
1990	"	"
1991	"	"
1992	"	"

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Hi Ginny,

This shot appears to me that it was taken just as they finished building - note extra boards laying on the ground by tree.

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Hi Ginny,
This photo is taken looking South - note dirt road and horse and buggy in the background - also the church.

Mark

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Hi Ginny,

This is the last old photo that I have - It's a picture of a car in front of the Grange Hall. I found out that the car belonged to a C.H. Hawes from Sherman and that the car was a 1910, Model 10 Buick.

Notice a woman looking out from the top floor with a frilly hat - a little girl at the front door - and someone's elbow leaning on the open window on the right.

Mark

WEMANESA GRANGE #170, GAYLORDSVILLE, CT.

The early history circa 1908 to 1971, is recorded in John Flynn's "History of Gaylordsville" 3rd Edition.

The following are some interesting items taken by me, from the Wemanesa Grange, Secretary Minutes, 1908 - 1993:
The name Wemanesa was suggested by the first Master, William Hungerford, an Indian name meaning "Red Plum Plains".
The first meeting was held on March 9,1908 with 28 charter members. By the end of the first year, membership increased to over 100. Dues for Brothers, 15 cents and 10 cents for Sisters.

July 9, 1909: Property (Route 7, East Side) was purchased from New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company (verified records at New Milford Town Clerk's Office, Book 65, pg 508)

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June 1911: *The Grange hall was completed* (See appendix for early pictures). The hall was built so that the meeting would be held on the top floor. Suppers, plays and refreshments after the meeting would be on the main floor. The kitchen was in the cellar. The double front door opened into an anteroom with a stairway to the top floor. Later years prevented use of the top floor until a fire escape was added. The front entrance was also changed to a door on the southeast side. Blocking off the front door enabled a kitchen to be moved to this area. Drinking water was also a problem. Initially a pipe from the Cass property brought spring water to the cellar. The charge for this service was $5.00 per year. This charge was overlooked for three years .In spite of paying up, Mr. Cass shut off the water. Mr. Kennedy, who lived across from the Hall, offered water from his spring. (See Appendix for original water agreement dated 1927) A permit had to be secured from the Connecticut State Highway Department to put a pipe under Route 7. Later years the Walden's monitored the flow of water with the same fee of $5.00 per year. Sometime in the forties the fee was again overlooked and the water was turned off. From then on water had to be carried via milk cans. An attempt to dig a well in 1960 resulted in contaminated water.

Earlier years found constant haggling over meeting time. All one needed to do was make a motion and have it passed. It was meant to irk certain attendees who would arrive too early or too late. Later a set time was incorporated into the By-laws thus making it more difficult to change the meeting time.

Oct. 1913: It was voted to request the Town of New Milford to furnish two "up-to-date kerosene lamps for the local covered bridge.

May 1914: The Grange secured 76 signatures to request building of a paved road between Boardman and the Kent line. A tent caterpillar contest was initiated and continued over many years. The contest was open to students of Gaylordsville and Sherman. The egg masses were broken off, brought to be counted and then burned. (See appendix c/n Gypsy Moth)

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Aug 1915: Grangers voted to support the train station change of name from Merwinsville to Gaylordsville. Yearly, usually in the fall, a Wemanesa fair was held to encourage the young people to exhibit vegetables.. The Grange provided seeds.

June 1916: Professor Baird of New Milford, noted Historian, came to speak at a grange program

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Feb 1917: Resolution introduced by George Newton ,a Wemanesa member, "Whereas Wemanesa Grange stands for town betterment; be it resolved that we heartily endorse the efforts made by the New Milford Improvement Society to close the saloons in our town"..(Needless to say, The saloons were not closed but Wemanesa did take a "stand".)

1918: Monthly dances were started to raise money. These events proved very popular over the years.

1919: Many other organizations used the hall. The local Methodist church used the hall to put on plays and choral performances. Others included the *Litchfield County Farm Bureau Dairy Meetings*, Farmers Institute, (See appendix for copy of meeting announcement) Gaylordsville Athletic Association, Cemetery Association, the Garden Club and the Rural Mail Carriers Association.
Later years found meetings of the Gaylordsville School Association, Gaylordsville Volunteer Fire Department, Future Farmers of America, 4-H Achievement Night and the annual Children's Christmas Party. A benefit movie "You're In The Army Now" was held in 1954.

May 1920: The Grange repaired the Gaylordsville *FootBridge (Not sure where this was located)*
A committee was appointed to see about contacting the railroad about keeping the station open until after the 6pm northbound train. Many letters back and forth did not remedy this situation. The agent still left at 4pm

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March 9, 1921: At the anniversary supper the Connecticut, State Grange Master, was invited to witness the burning of the mortgage.

April 1923: The Grange held a supper to benefit

construction of Church sheds. $56.51 realized.

June 1923: Covers for the Officers stations were hand made by Eurline Haring, Geneieve Austin and Emma Roberts and were in use right up to 1992.

1923: A stock company was formed called the Gaylordsville Electric Company. Wemanesa Grange held $1,000 in stock.

Jan 1924: The Grange finally hooked up for electricity. Cost was $38.60 and the first maintenance bill dated Feb 24 was for $3.00. Inside fixtures cost $206.00.(See Appendix for copy of bill 6/20/29)

Dec 1927: The Gaylordsville Electric Company was purchased by C, L & P (Connecticut Light and Power). Since the Grange had invested $1000.00, this sale netted the Grange $1176.46 plus an additional dividend of $210.00.

April 1928: A cement porch was put in place on the roadside of the hall.

Sept 1928: $25.00 was donated to the Gaylordsville Garden Club to help beautify the triangle at the junction of Rt. 7 & 55.

1929, the March Anniversary supper was always a popular event. Turkey was the usual main course. Charles Pomeroy was chief carver for many years. Attendees included members, their family and Pomona and State Officers. The tables always were covered with white tablecloths. Earlier years found people hired to wash the linens and sometimes folks were hired to do the dishes. A program followed the dinner so the kitchen crew could then attend this part of the evening. Noted in the secretary minutes that my Grandmother, Ellen Hastings, submitted a bill of $1 for washing and ironing the tablecloths

Nov 1930: The Lecturers program was presented by the local clubs, 4-H, the Oriole Clothing Club and the Garden Club.

Feb 1931: Communication from the State Master c/n the Rural Road Bill "Get Connecticut Out Of the Mud". Charles Pomeroy appointed to contact local Representatives and Senators.

April 1931: Wemanesa voted to sponsor a 4-H Garden Club,The Jolly Rooters .,John Cornwell,Leader. Donald Gaylord was the Litchfield County Extension Agent. 4-H members could exhibit at the annual Wemanesa Fair. The Grange would award prizes.

June 1932:Local baseball games were held in Gaylordsville. Grange Hall used as a place to sleep for the out of town players. The game field was first located down behind the Grange Hall., later located where Emanuel Williamson Park is now.

March 1933: Hall used by Lawrence Honan for a Piano Recital.

March 1934: Resolution drawn supporting rural road improvement and highway funding.
Voted to give a baby spoon to each newborn of Grange members. This tradition carried over the years.

Nov 1935: Annual 4-H Achievement Night sponsored by the Grange for the Health Boosters, Busy Bakers and Jolly Rooters.

Jan 1936: Farm Bureau and 4-H Clubs used hall for meat cutting and canning demonstration.

July 1936: The Grange hosted a Luncheon for 75 area 4-H Club members charging 35 cents each.
Baseball club given use of hall for a benefit dance. 72 attended.

March 1937: Voted members over 80 honorary status and no longer pay dues.

June 1938: Wemanesa Grange Incorporated at a cost of $20.00 paid to the State of Connecticut.

March 1939: Annual Anniversary Supper with 72 attending. Cost: 75 cents each.

June 1940: Rev. and Mrs. R. J.Thomas joined. Rev Thomas elected Chaplain.(Rev. Thomas, Pastor of the local Methodist Church.)

March 1941: Donation to Alan and Helen Dodd upon loss of their home by fire.

December 1941: Notice from the New Milford Air Raid Warning System asking Grange to provide a day of volunteers. Frances Dodd appointed Captain. Members took along food and spent assigned hours-monitoring planes that passed overhead. This information was then relayed to a central monitoring system.
The original site was at the King home on Long Mountain and later at the Observation Tower on Legion Road, New Milford. Aircraft identification classes were held at the Grange hall.

1942: Service Flag purchased to commemorate Wemanesa members in service. This flag was

displayed in the Grange hall.

March 1943: Grange Hall served as meeting place for the Gaylordsville Home Guard, a branch of the Connecticut State Guard Reserve. James Hastings, Captain (my Father).

April 1945: Wemanesa committed to a 10-year pledge of $82.00 per year to build Co-op Housing at University of Connecticut (Storrs)

June 1945: Donation to Teenagers Club of New Milford for equipment at their recreational center. Asked two members of Wemanesa to be on Committee.

Sept 1945: Notice from Southern New England Telephone c/o installation of rural pay phone in Gaylordsville. (Accomplished later with phone located next to local Market and Post Office)

Nov 1946: War over. Home Guard evolved into forming of the Gaylordsville Volunteer Fire Department. Meeting at the Grange hall. 7/10/05

April 1947: Grange catered to 65 at FFA Fathers and Sons banquet.
Blue Cross Health Ins made available to Grange members, Hazel Dwy, Collector and later Elwin Smith. Collector. Payments mailed to the Central Office of the Connecticut State grange.
Letter sent to State Public Utilities opposing closing of the Gaylordsville Railroad Station.

May 1947: Grange given permission by Connecticut State Highway Department to erect flag pole beside WW II memorial on local green. First pole was cedar. A new flag was purchased. Lowell Hendrix to take care of flag.

1950
Oct ~~1948~~: Wedding reception for Allen Parker and Emilie Morren.

March 1949: Hall rented for 12 sessions of a kennel club.
Grange sponsored a Soil Conservation Essay contest. Received $50.00 for exhibit at Danbury Fair. These exhibits continued for many years, many times winning a blue ribbon for quality and design.

August 1949: Grange catered wedding of Elwin Smith and Virginia Hastings

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Jan 1950 New Milford Fire Marshall urging repairs to Grange Hall. Discussion c/o repairs versus building new hall. The land offered by Clarence Evans had a 45-foot frontage next to firehouse. Committee: Jack Dodd, Charles Pomeroy and George Strid. Building to be erected within 3 years. Deed was never secured. Grange decided to meet fire regulations and stay where they were. A building fund was established to help with repairs

September 1950: Grange hall used for wedding reception of James Vanduzee and Ruth Morren.

Oct 1950: Special project of the Home Economics committee was the making of United Nations Flag to be kept in hall.
This flag later donated to Main Street School, New Milford.
Right of way given to Gaylordsville Volunteer Fire Department from Rt. 7 along south of Grange Hall.
A visitor's chair donated to New Milford Hospital.
Money was raised via Grocery Bingo's, Dances, Plays, Raffles, and Merchandise Club via local stores. Dark Horse, a wrapped gift, chances taken and winner to supply gift for next meeting and later a Country Store. This was popular when visitors came Wemanesa members provided several items, chances taken and items awarded separately.

Jan 1951: New overhead lights installed. Exit signs posted. Drapes fireproofed. "Fireproof Formula" consisted of 7 oz. of Borateem, 3 oz. of powdered boric acid and 2 qts. of water.

Feb 1951: Box of hand sewed linens raffled netting $60.00.
Juke Box donated to the Grange. This provided a source of entertainment for many years.

March 1951: Willard Thorpe installed an oil-burning furnace. Cost $420.27
Letter from Rural Roads Association that the Grange go on record supporting use of Highway funds for improvements of highway only. Wemanesa voted in favor. Letters sent to State Representatives and Senators protesting any diversion of these funds.
Patron's Mutual Fire Insurance Company awarded large wooden chairs for increase in member fire insurance. Wemanesa acquired ten of these officer chairs.

May 1951: High Chair donated to New Milford Hospital Pediatrics room. Cost $18.31
Donated to the National Grange project to restore the Oliver Kelly Homestead. Mr. Kelly was an original founder of the Grange. This is an on going project

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Oct 1951: Ada Moore, Lecturer of Housatonic Valley Pomona, sent a scroll for Wemanesa to sign. This

May 1958 Grange fiscal year change from Jan to Jan to Oct 1 to Sept 30.
Inspection by Deputy, Grange received 90% out of 100%

Sept 1958 Telephone installed at hall

Dec 1958 Number of children was increasing at Christmas Party. Voted to give a box of mixed candy, a candy cane and an apple or an orange

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Jan 1959 Metal Fire Escape purchased from St. John's church for $200.00. Placed on north side of hall

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Feb 1959 Rev Clater given use of hall for Church youth dance

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April 1959 22 new members joined.
Tommy's Cleaners donated an electric clock for the hall.
Formation of Junior Cadets Drill Team by Gertrude Wyble with Steve Gereg as drill master. Girls wore white blouse, navy skirt; boys wore navy pants, white shirt; red kerchief and white over-sea's cap. About 14 belonged to this group. They traveled to other granges and performed at Connecticut State Grange Session plus marching in Memorial Day parades

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June 1959 Community Service project Road Signs for Gaylordsville' Purchased from Brighton Steel Co. Cost $371.00. Names of roads registered in Hartford. New Milford Selectmen offered to see that they were installed.
Gertrude Wyble Grange Master and Elwin Smith Community Service Chairman.

Jan 1960 Wheel Chair purchased for New Milford Hospital. $49.50

March 1960 Water not fit to drink. Two 24-qt stainless steel cans purchased.

July 1960 Wemanesa Summer Fair held at Firemen's field.
Six new folding-tables purchased including a carrier.

Dec 1960 Special performance, a pantomime, mimicking "The Beatles" by Pamiley Hills, Edythe Lane, Ina Johnson and Ruth Powers. They performed during a "Men verses Women" competitive program (See Appendix for pictures)

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Feb 1961 Excellent program presented by Lecturer Gertrude Wyble entitled "Bells". (See Appendix for program details.)

This program won first place on the Grange National level for Gertrude. She gave her $100.00 prize money to Wemanesa.

Nov 1961 Won National Grange First Place Award for their Home Economics Report.

Dec 1961 Christmas party has increased to 144 Gaylordsville area children.

May 1962 Bible marker given by family of Nora Hastings who passed away April 1961. Mrs. Hastings served eight years as Sec and 16 years as Pianist.

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Oct 1962 received first place for exhibit at Danbury Fair. Prize of $100.00
Connecticut Granger now the official Grange paper with Wemanesa reporting activities under Housatonic Valley Pomona space.

Nov 1962 Junior Grange held a profitable Christmas Fair with the Youth Committee in charge of the Snack Bar.
Donation made to New Milford Fife, Drum & Bugle Corps.
Value of Grange property increased from $3500.00 to $10,150.00. C, L & P electric bill $7.21 per month.

Dec 1962 cards and gifts sent to servicemen: Michael Hastings, Arnold Thorp and William Jennings.
Pamiley Hills thanked the Grange for the use of the hall for a family get-to-together.
Ina Johnson is the current Matron of the Junior Grange and the Homemakers Club meets at the Grange hall.

April 1963 Youth Committee holding monthly dances, Todd Cole Chairman. Community Service and Ways & Means Committee holding Bingo's to make money with groceries given for prizes.
Voted to send two Junior Grange members to camp Berger.
Community Service Comm. under the direction of Jerry Deeds, completed the new room addition to the home of Elwin & Virginia Smith. Virginia's father started this room never realizing that he would be the first to occupy it. Was discharged from New Haven Veteran's Hospital with terminal cancer.

July 1, 1963 Invitation to dedication of New Milford High School, Sunny Valley Road.
Flowers sent for funeral of James Hastings
Display at Bridgewater Fair. $20.00 prize.
Letter from Honorary member Ed Haring, now residing in Florida. Secretary to maintain correspondence.
Donations made to the following: Salk Institute, Care,

initiated a fund in memory of Sydney Moore. Interest from this account would be used to purchase a Lecturer's achievement pin. This to be awarded yearly to a Subordinate Lecturer in the Pomona

Nov 1951: Six nightgowns and six bibs made for Newington Children's Hospital.

May 1952: Grangers continue to take part in Gaylordsville Memorial Day Program.

Aug 1952: Wemanesa catered at an Auction at Dan Weavers in Boardman.

Nov 1952: Decision to work with School Association to plan annual Gaylordsville Children's Christmas Party, providing refreshments and a gift through grade school age. The Grange had done this for several years but as the numbers increased, help was welcomed.

June 1953: Entered Dairy Supper Contest sponsored by Connecticut Milk Producers Association. Object was to use as many dairy products as possible. Final report to include recipes used , how many served and profit. Wemanesa placed in the winner circle many times.

Dec 1953: Gifts still being sent to members in service plus letters and cards sent.

Feb 1954: Community Service project to maintain a medical lending service. (Over bed tray, stainless steel bedpan, basins, thermometers, rubber draw sheets etc.)

April 1954: Evolving of Grange procedure. When voting white balls elect and black balls reject. Black balls changed to cubes. New cubes made by Andy Morren.
Double door metal cabinet donated to Grange by Sue and Loretta Morrissey.
New flag purchased for Memorial Day since mice ate the former one.
Members took part in a bowling tournament. Trophies presented to Al Purdy, George Strid Jr., Albert Bandy and Alma Edmonds.

Oct 1954: Surprise House warming for Ginny and Al Smith after the meeting at their home.

Dec 1954: 104 Gaylordsville children remembered at annual Christmas Party

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April 1955 Dr. David Schwaid suggested having a free library in the upstairs of the Grange Hall. He had a quantity of books to donate. Since there were no volunteers to service this project, the Grange had to decline.

August 18, 1955: Meeting canceled due to flooding of the Housatonic. Money food and clothing collected for flood victims.

Oct 1955: 30 wooden folding chairs purchased from Peelan Planze of New Milford for $40.00.
325 pocket edition books, candy, cigarettes and playing cards taken to Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital.
Use of Grange Hall granted for Young Peoples Party requested by Rev Rice, Pastor of the local , Methodist Church. Gertrude Wyble won National award for her play "Cross Over the Bridge".
Quote given by Henry Perlosky to paint the hall for $700.00. Decision to put gray shingle on outside of the hall by Textro Improvement Co., Norman Murphy, Agent. Cost $1900.00. $1340.00 in building fund leaving balance of $560.00. Felt outside upkeep would be less. These shingles although now painted a different color are still on the building.

Jan 1956: Benefit for the Gaylordsville Volunteer Fire Department netted $85.00.

March 16, 1956: Meeting canceled due to blizzard. 8/5/05

April 1956 Community Service Project. American Flag presented to Town of New Milford Court Room (See Appendix for picture)

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July 29, 1956 Juvenile Grange Camp opened at Winchester Center, CT. Cost $25.00 per child.

March 1957: Water still a big problem. Norman Wyble and his Father, who is a "Water Dowser", found a vein of water South of the Grange Hall. Allen Parker offered to dig down four feet for free plus being aided by men of the Grange. Elmer Sega was hired to come with a clamshell, sink a tile and add gravel. Master's and Overseer's gavel block made and donated by Andrew Morren

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May 1957: Memorial Day, Michael Hastings, (my Brother), read the Gettysburg Address. Had just joined the Grange

August 1957: Water pump purchased for the well with final hookup Sept 1958. Water sample to state lab.

Dec 20, 1957: Applied to Connecticut State Grange for charter for Wemanesa Juvenile Grange. First meeting Jan 11,1958.at the Wemanesa Grange hall.

Jan 1958 Community Service Project: Initiated fire whistle to blow for "NO School at 7:30am

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Connecticut State Grange Camp Berger Maintenance Fund and Mattatuck Council BSA.
Constant visiting back and forth between Granges

September 1963 Community Service: Donated wooden signs for the Gaylord and Morningside Cemeteries.
Planned to make exhibit at Bethlehem fair but main tent was blown down. Brought produce back home and raffled items off at a Country Store at Wemanesa. The Wemanesa Fall Fair made a profit of $644.35 column of 8/12/05

Oct 1963 Community Children's Halloween Party on 10/31
$75.00 received for display at Danbury Fair
Todd Cole to represent CT at Nat Grange Session in Oregon as Youth King (See Appendix for picture)

Dec 1963 Reported that Patty and Sarah Johnson had the chickenpox
Invitation to 6th Anniversary Party of Wemanesa Junior Grange. Pamiley Hills, Matron

Jan 1964 Report by Todd Cole on his trip to Portland, Maine to attend New England Youth Leaders Conference.

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Feb 1964 Grange served refreshments for Red Cross Blood Bank

March 1964 Building Fund established. Discussions concerning a new Grange Hall. Building lots being considered.

April 10, 1964 Last living Charter member Charles Pomeroy passed away. Charter draped in his memory

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Sept 1964 Flag pole down again. Permit on file for wooden pole committee appointed to replace it.
Property on Rt. 55 considered for building lot. $3500.00

Feb 1965 Community Service Project: 43 urine samples tested for sugar. One positive, referred to own Doctor.
Furnace blew up with soot damage. Insurance covered $130.00 worth of cleaning.
Leakage of water into Wemanesa Grange cellar reported to Connecticut State. Highway Dept. Chimney cleaned

March 1965 Planned potluck Anniversary. Supper, 90 attended. Held at local church hall..

April 4, 1965 New Hat sale for benefit of a new furnace.
Letters sent to US Senators from Connecticut to vote for pay increase for servicemen.
April 1965 Sponsored an Easter Egg Roll at the Firemen's Field.
Ambassador Basket initiated. Buy an item, replace with another and pass it on Arnold Smith out of service. Michael Hastings home on leave from the Navy - based in Hawaii
New furnace purchased from Hoffman Fuel $675.00
Open House held with Grangers and representatives from the Church and School Association.

Nov 1965 Pamiley Hills won $100 in the State Grange Baking contest. 1/2 donated to Subordinate grange and 1/2 to Jr. Grange (See picture in Appendix).
Litchfield County Nat Bank Safe Deposit box rent $3.00

May 1966 Four camperships to Camp Berger donated to Wemanesa Junior Grangers

Jan 1967 Gaylord School closing. A question of using this for Grange Hall site. Not available due to being declared a historical site.

Feb 1967 New Milford Sing-Out Group came and sang for 1/2 hour. Celeste Bellemare and Debbie Smith members of this group.

April 1967 Motorcycle Group represented by Ray Weeks and Jack Sanford came to protest not being allowed to use the Grange hall for a meeting. Group had previously used hall without permission. Joe Hine of the New Milford Police Dept. and Joe Castle, Town Constable were present during discussion. Grange approved a cycle meet for April 8 with stipulation to write Secretary in advance for use of hall. Club gave donation of $5.00.
Letter of protest sent to President of the Board of Education Steven Hume concerning suspension of Vo-Ag at the High School

Aug 1967 Grange Fair again held at the Firemen's field with a profit of $400.00. Bingo and supper were included.
Fire Company borrowed Grange tables for their clambake

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Oct 1967 $75.00 awarded for Danbury Fair display.
The Grange a family affair: Elwin Smith installed as Treasurer, Virginia Smith, Secretary and Debbie Smith Lady Assistant Steward

Nov 1967 New way to raise money, a dart turkey shoot. A circle divided into 16 slices @ $1.00 a slice.

A dart thrown on the circle and name on the slice is declared winner of a 12lb turkey. Cost of turkey ran around $5.25 each. Easter time, a ham was substituted for the prize.
Wemanesa Junior Grange named Junior Grange of the Nation at National Grange Session. Virginia Smith awarded Matron of the year on national level.
Ed Haring at age 91 still sending letters to Wemanesa.

Jan 1968 Mr. Haring declared a 50-year Golden Sheaf member. Through the cooperation of the Connecticut State Grange, Master, Kingsley Beecher and the Florida State Grange Master Robert Proctor, Mr. Haring was presented with his certificate and pin Minnie Powell of Sherman made an Honorary Member.
Total Wemanesa Membership: 128
Gaylordsville Homemakers still meeting at hall
Public Address System purchased from Ray Thorland for $150.00

Feb 1968 104 gallons of fuel oil @ 18.3 gal.

March 1968 60th Anniversary dinner held at Sherman Congregational Church. Catered by the church for $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for children. Honored Bessie Cornwell, 60-year member. Certificate and pin presented by CT St. Grange Master Kingsley Beecher(See picture in Appendix). 76 were in attendance. A memorable program presented by Lecturer Gertrude Wyble.(See Appendix for outline of this program.)
Ride home to Gaylordsville was in a "pea soup" fog.

May 1968 Lite a Bike campaign: Placing reflective tape on bicycles.
Donation of two Camp Berger camperships @ $39.00 each.
Officers and members marched in Memorial Day parade in Gaylordsville. Long time tradition to raise the flag.

July 1968 Rented a booth at New Milford Days for $30.00. Sold baked goods and hand made items. Made $99.50.

Aug 1968 Proceeds of Bingo, $75.00, donated towards New Milford Hospital Intensive Care Unit.
Selling candy bars to raise money.

Oct 1968 $25.00 donated to NM Sing-Out Group to help defray cost of National cast coming to New Milford High School.

Nov 1968 Gertrude Wyble, having served 8 years as Connecticut State Grange Junior Superintendent, won National Grange honors as Outstanding Junior Grange Superintendent of the Nation

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Dec 1968 Christmas remembrances taken to Wemanesa older members.

Jan 1969 New florescent lights installed by Gleason Electric of Kent for $267.00. Six units in main part of hall and two in the stage area. Mention of a stage: For years a portable stage was put in place for special programs.

Feb 1969 $25.00 donated to Camp Berger towards purchase of a serving cart

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March 1969 Anniversary supper held at New Milford Veterans of Foreign Wars hall with their house committee catering. A hard lesson was learned here. 100 reservations were made and money was not collected ahead of time and only 66 paying guests showed up.(Ah, memories!) 10/7/05

May 2, 1969 Grange meeting canceled out of respect to the passing of Bessie Cornwell into the great Grange above. Charter draped at May 16 meeting.
Announcement: Debbie Smith crowned Connecticut State Grange Princess. Debbie represented Connecticut in November at the National Grange session in Florida. Debbie currently Chaplain of Connecticut State Youth Grange and a Counselor at Camp Berger..
Elwin Smith elected Master of Housatonic Valley Pomona. Presented with engraved gavel by Wemanesa Grange

July 1969 Open meeting and picnic at home of Jerry & Lily Deeds. Jerry current Master.

Sept 1969 119 members.

Oct 1969 Benefit Bingo proceeds to benefit travel expenses for Debbie Smith's trip to Florida in November.

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Nov 1969 Safe deposit rent at Colonial bank $6.00.
Charter draped in memory of Walborg Classon. Was Wemanesa Chaplain for 10 years.
Wemanesa Junior Grange received a trophy from "Keep America Beautiful" for the Junior Grangers project - cleaning up the roadsides within a mile radius of the Grange hall. Town of New Milford provided a large dump truck, which was filled with discarded cans and debris. Over 1000 cans were collected. A weekend in NYC to attend the presentation was enjoyed as guests of the organization. This all came about through the courtesy of being nominated by Mrs. Shary of Long Mt. who was a board member of Keep America

Beautiful. She had read about this venture in the New Milford Times.
Neighbors night held with 12 outside Granges attending. Total attendance 60

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May 1970 Henry and Irene Roppelt raise the flag on Memorial Day. Doug Terhune read the Gettysburg Address

June 1970 Currently the Junior Grange does not have a Matron and resulted in becoming dormant.
It was sad to see this happen. Original members had grown up and membership dropped off due to so many conflicting outside activities. (Bank accounts were kept in trust by Wemanesa Subordinate Grange for seven years and then placed in Wemanesa general fund.)

Sept 1970 Double installation with Brewster Grange, Brewster, NY
1970 found Wemanesa struggling with maintenance of the building.

Sept 1971 Special Committee: Master, three members of the Executive Committee and with Sec Ex-Officio met to discuss condition of hall. Building now 63 years old. New slate shingle had been applied previously and was in good condition. A new roof was needed. There was no running water or acceptable bathroom. Electric and heating needed to be upgraded. Decision reached to have Secretary send a letter to each member to attend Oct 1,1971 meeting. The purpose to vote on selling of the Grange Hall. Also to consider meeting at the Gaylordsville Methodist Church on the first and third Friday of each month at 8pm.
90 percent of the members responded in favor of this plan with 21 actually attending and voting in favor.
A letter of acceptance was sent to the Church in care of Pastor Roy Jacobson. Rent of $15.00 per meeting was agreed upon. The Grange would carry Fire, Theft and Liability Insurance.

The Grange Hall was sold to Thomas & Gertrude Zaleta, 12/8/1971 for $5,000.00. (See Appendix for Bill of Sale) Some minor repairs were done and the building housed antiques. In 1972 the building was sold to Andrew and Elizabeth Carmellini of Brookfield, CT. A septic system was installed using water from the old shallow well on the south side of the building. An Antique business "Candlewood House" operated until 1978.
April 1978, Mark and Gail Estabrooks became the new owners and renamed the business "Bittersweet Antiques". An artisian well was installed.. The electric system was upgraded including electricity and heat to the top floor. New twelve over twelve windows and shutters were installed. Insulation was put in the attic and a new roof applied. A new furnace was put in place in 2003. 1987 Carroll Benjamin put in an one bedroom apartment with a twelve by thirty foot deck off the back. Carroll Benjamin also built an Out Building for storage as well as a stairway to the deck. Allen Parker graded the south side to accept an asphalt driveway down to the back from the parking area on top. Fifty-two yew bushes were put in place on both sides of the driveway.
Sadly, Gail has passed away. Mark Estabrooks has continued to operate the "Bittersweet" as an Antiques Center renting out to over twelve antique dealers. Mark has provided some remarkable early photos of the old Wemanesa Grange hall plus color photos of how it looks today. April 2004 marked twenty-six years in business for the Bittersweet Antiques. (See Appendix for photos) 10/14/05

Nov 1971 Seventeen members attended the first meeting at the church with Jerome Deeds, Master, presiding.
Decision reached to donate the Grange dishes, with the Grange emblem, to the New Fairfield Methodist Church. Silverware service for 72, with Wemanesa engraved was also donated to the church. Two overhead fluorescent lights, eight Formica topped tables, two floor fans and a white kitchen cabinet were donated to the Gaylordsville Methodist Church.
Ten wooden Officer Chairs, earned through Patron's Mutual Insurance sales, offered to interested members for $25 each.

March 9, 1972 64th Anniversary celebrated at the New Milford Holiday Restaurant with 33 attending. Each one paid for their dinner in advance. Edward Haring our 60-year member was remembered. Now living in Florida but keeping in touch over the years

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October 1972 A pediatric blood pressure cuff was presented to the NM Hospital Emergency Room. Cost $49.50

Dec 1972 Sadly, Ed Haring passed away. He was Master for four terms in early years.

July 1973 The first of many "Save the Charter" picnic was held. Grange rule was to have at least one meeting a month. This was at Macedonia Brook Park pavilion. Each year it coincided with the Kent Lions Club Clam Bake.30 of us enjoyed chicken, bake potato, corn, salad and clams. Money was collected in advance and reservations made by Jerry Deeds.

Dec 1973 Three of our members in military service:. Richard Moore USAF, Alden Beatty US Navy and

Ethan Deeds, US Army

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March 1974 Anniversary Dinner held at the Candlewood Inn, Brookfield, CT. 51 attended.

May 1974 Church publishing a newsletter. Grange invited to participate.

February 1975 Two large, two-door filing cabinets purchased to store Grange records at the Elwin Smith home. (Later one cabinet donated to Housatonic Valley Pomona Grange for storage of Pomona Grange records at Taghhannuck Grange hall in Sharon. The other cabinet has been donated to Gaylordsville United Methodist Church for storage in the kitchen)

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On going saga of the Gaylordsville sign. John Ward, a local resident previously remade it in 1965, using a photo to copy the Colonial design. This time a car took the sign and the flagpole over the bank on Rt. 7. A letter was sent to Lewis White, First Selectman, Town of New Milford, stating that Wemanesa Grange would be responsible for maintenance of the sign and flagpole. State of Connecticut issued a permit to relocate the flagpole closer to the Memorial stone on the green. Pineman Sign Co. carefully restored the sign. Both were in place for the New Milford Centennial celebration.

Oct 1975 Vito Genna, an avid photographer, showed slides of the 250th New Milford Celebration. He also showed slides of Thornton and Edythe Lane's 50th Wedding Anniversary party

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March 1976 Dues changed from $3.50 per year to $5.00 effective Oct 1976.

April 1976 Donated $100.00 to the NM High School Band towards their trip to Florida Disney World.
68th Anniversary of Wemanesa held at the Bantam Inn. Price $7.25 to $10.40 for a full course dinner.
Memorial Day found the flag pole in place but no rope

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July 1976: Donation of $25.00 towards new floor at Gaylord School

July 17 Farm and Home Day at Sunny Valley Farm in New Milford. Wemanesa donated milk for 400 attending. (See Appendix for phamplet)

November 1976 Reported that Elbridge Powers hurt his leg falling off a tractor. Ruth Powers sprained her ankle and from limping, threw out her back. Mel Gilmore having dizzy spells so stays at home. He was searching for an old fashioned pair of mittens...so Virginia Smith knit him a pair. Fil Genna gave a report on her husband who is taking medication for a heart condition.
Discussion on misuse of land fills. Bottle bill on the horizon urging bottle return. Wemanesa supports this.

March 1977 69th potluck Anniversary supper held at Kent Congregational Church Hall.
An open meeting and program followed.
Motion made to celebrate all members' birthdays in May.
Jerry Deeds will recycle aluminum cans, newspaper and bottles to benefit the Wemanesa Grange.

May 1977 Memorial Program. Herman Jacot and Chris Kelly sang a duet.
69 pairs of used eyeglasses and 76 used hearing aid batteries were collected for recycling.

Aug 1977 Members toured the Shaker Museum at Old Chatham, NY. Shaker motto "Hands to work and Hearts to God". Kelly Bus Service provided transportation. Stopped for dinner at "Poor Jim's Steak House", Red Hook, NY
The restaurant was advised in advance and served cream puffs for dessert... much to the delight of Gert Wyble

Aug 1977 Farm and Home Day again at Sunny Valley. Co-sponsored by Wemanesa, Metichewan and Washington Granges and local 4-H Clubs

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Nov 1977 Regular meeting held in one of the church Sunday school rooms. Lack of communication found the hall set up for the Turkey Supper. Secretary to send list of 77-78 meeting dates to Pastor Craig Fitzsimmons. A thermometer shaker was donated to the New Milford Hospital Emergency Room.
Current 50-year members include Wesley Pomeroy, Edythe Lane, George Strid and Alta Jaycot.

Jan 1978 Teakettle donated to church kitchen. Hall rent now $20.00.

April 1978 Carol and Joann Smith joined the Grange (My youngest daughters)

May 1978 Due to bad weather Anniversary deferred to May. Held at Coach and Seven, New Milford.. Cost was $7.00 each with 36 attending. Special Guests included Connecticut State Grange Master Frank Warner and wife Margaret and Housatonic Valley Pomona Master Edwin Pederson and wife.
Camperships now $60.00 per week.

Aug 1978 $100.00 donated to Church for vinyl siding and insulation on Parsonage

Sept 1978 Installation. 20 members and 17 Visitors. Including State Master Frank Warner.
Nov 1978 Grange sent a bouquet of flowers in honor of 50th Anniversary George and Josephine Strid

Mar 1979 Anniversary Dinner held at Buckboard restaurant, New Milford. Edwin Larson presented with Grange Community Citizen award. This was given to a non-member who is outstanding in the community. As part of the program, Carol and Joann Smith gave a report on their trip to Mexico

May 1979 In spite of being in cement base, the flagpole again run over deliberately. Old base removed by David Williamson with his wrecker. New pole ordered but got delivered to Kent Firehouse. Finally in place for Memorial Day. Elwin and Virginia Smith were to raise the flag. Someone had tinkered with the rope and the Flag had to be held during the ceremony. Jeffrey Fillian, Pastor of Gaylordsville United Methodist Church, a special guest, read the 23rd psalm during the Grange memorial program.
Since men were not prevented being on the Committee on Women's Activities, Jerry Deeds took over as Chairman. 10/30/05

July 1979 Flagpole again knocked over with Wemanesa putting it back in place.

Sept 1979 Meeting canceled due to North East Electrical Blackout.

Oct 1979 Grange continues to pay for Granger Newspaper to 53 families. Cost $71.55

Jan 1980 Donation of $500.00 towards playground equipment at Emanuel Williamson Park. This project spearheaded by the Gaylordsville Civic Association. Decision to hold meetings once a month on the first Sunday during the months of Jan, Feb and March preceded by a potluck lunch. Change noted in By-laws. A Grange road sign was discussed but tabled due to recent vandalism in town.

Feb 1980 Voted to donate $100.00 towards improvements at the Kent Community House.

Aug 1980 Campership @ $70.00 per week per child. Robert Garren was the guest speaker. He presented information on the new Emanuel Williamson Memorial Park, located off Rte.7 in the Southern section of Gaylordsville.

Oct 1980 Community service project: "Vials of Life" with medical information, to be placed inside refrigerator, distributed to local residents and to anyone else interested.

Nov 1980 Elwin Smith named to Board of Directors of Connecticut State Grange Federal Credit Union

Jan 1981 Dues raised to $7.50
George and Josephine Strid home burned to ground. $300.00 given to them by Grange

March 1981 Visitors Night 17 members and 23 Visitors

May 1981 Foodless Food Sale netted $123.00
May Anniversary Turkey Dinner served by GUMC @$5.00 per person, 37 attended.
50-year certificates presented to Josephine Strid, Norman Wyble and Frances Dodd
Voted to have Pineman Sign Co. repaint Gaylordsville Sign. Cost $82.82
Newsletter compiled by Virginia Smith and mailed to each Wemanesa family.

Aug 1981 Another picnic at Elwin and Virginia Smith home. Grange provided meat and dessert. 36 attended.
Menu: Special baked beans made by Marie Kelly
Potato salad - Lily Deeds
Tuna and cheese casserole - Gert Wyble
Baked lima beans - Irene Roppelt
Yellow squash casserole - Pamiley Hills
Deviled eggs - Jennie Parker
Toss Salad - Dorothy Johnston
Lasagna - Fil Genna
Pickles, olives and potato chips - Carrie Metty and Alta Jacot
DO YOU REMEMBER? Soda and ice tea to drink

Sept 1981 Doug Terhune has a son. Was it yesterday when he was Junior Grange Master?

Dec 1981 Decision to transfer billing of Blue Cross and CMS to Central Grange Office

Jan 1982 Dough for a friendship cake given to Gertrude Wyble by May Mitchell of Southbury. Takes ten days to create new dough. Then divide into one cup portions and pass on to three friends and follow recipe to make cake.
Discussion c/o church need for paint. Jerry Deeds has some to donate.
Elwin Smith named to represent Wemanesa on the New Milford 275th Anniversary Committee.
$50.00 donated towards Gaylordsville Float, which won a blue ribbon

June 1982 Nancy and Ethan Deeds have a son

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Aug 1982 Back at the Macedonia Pavilion. $8.00 for Chicken Fry and Clam Bake dinner
Another newsletter sent out to 50 Wemanesa families

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Oct 1982 Plans for a raffle: Afghan made by Fil Genna, Bird Feeder and Stool made by Jerry Deeds
Al and Vera Burkhardt delegates to CSG Session

Jan 1983 Rev James and Lucy Smith join the Grange. Rev. Smith elected Chaplain.
Wemanesa sent a letter to New Milford Junior Chamber of Commerce nominating Lee Hendrix for Young Man of the Year. He was selected and honored at a dinner.
Wemanesa sent letters to New Milford Board of Selectmen with copies sent to Board of Finance, Republican and Democratic Town Committee Chairman, favoring a Polling place in Gaylordsville. Members signed petition being circulated by the Civic Association to be presented at the February 14,1983 Selectmen's Meeting. (Polling place approved and currently at the Gaylordsville Fire Department building.)

April 1983 75th Anniversary with the dinner catered by GUMC @$6.00. 47 attended.
New 50-year members honored were Francis Corey, James Dolan, Thomas J. Dodd and Alan Dodd.
J. Robert Garren was presented with Community Citizen Award.

Sept 1983 The newer Grange silverware that had been stored, some now donated to the church. (64 knives, forks and spoons, 36 tablespoons and extra knives and small spoons. Thank you from Pastor Jim Smith

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Oct 1983 28 proposals for membership

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March 1984 $200.00 donated to Church roof fund..

May 1984 Gaylordsville sign restored and repainted by Pineman Sign Co. of NM. Cost $134.38.

July 1984 Chris Kelly reported bad odor coming from smokestacks at Balmoral Pet Cemetery in northern Gaylordsville on Route 7. The odor was more profound at nighttime. Problem taken to July 9 meeting of New Milford Board of Selectmen.
Facility inspected and problem solved.
Work at Emanuel Williamson Park not being completed. Grange contacted First Selectman Chapin. Problem soon taken care of especially huge pile of dirt was spread out.

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Oct 1984 Grange installed railing by Church kitchen door courtesy of Roger Curtis

Dec 1984 Potluck Supper followed by an informal meeting. A moment of silence observed in memory of George Strid. Officers wearing sashes went before the meeting in a body to funeral home to pay respects to the family.

Jan 1985 $50.00 donated to Kathy Reynolds following fire at her restaurant "Kathy's Kitchen".

Feb 1985 Cost to refurbish the Memorial Plaque on the green $75.00 by the Waldron Monument Co. Expense to be shared with Civic Association. Aaron Seltzer will repaint the flagpole.
Fil Genna continues to knit an afghan for our raffle. Cost of yarn donated. Netted $145.00.
Wemanesa co-sponsoring with Connecticut Arthritis Foundation to organize an Arthritis Support Group of Gaylordsville. This was the only group in Litchfield County. Four meetings planned a year with professionals addressing the group. Led by Virginia Smith. (This group met for five years.)

May 1985 Grange concern that US Post Office in Gaylordsville might be closed. Letter sent to Sen. Lowell Wicker who reassured us that there would be no closure.
Mark and Gail Estabrooks offered to raise the flag daily on the green.
Wemanesa members involved in project "Big Sweep". Clean up days scheduled for Gaylordsville. Trash bags available at local store and large dumpsters placed at GVFD. Free bulk dumping was offered at Waste Management landfill in New Milford.

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September 1985 $100.00 donated to New Milford Visiting Nurses Association Hospice Program.
Four dark walnut Formica top tables, 36"x72", $338.00, donated to Church Fellowship Hall.
Remainder of Grange silver service for 69 donated.
Thank you from Pastor Jim Smith.

Oct 1985 Roger and Dorothy Curtis were representing Wemanesa at the 101st Session of CSG. Detailed written report duly saved with Secretary minutes.

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Dec 1985 Saddened by passing of Lily Deeds. Charter draped in her memory

Jan 1986 Sgt. Jeffery Larson of the New Milford Police Department gave talk on traffic safety especially concerning wearing of seat belts.
Thank you from NMPD. First organization to invite member of their Traffic Safety Unit.

March 1986 78th Anniversary, a combination "Go To Church Sunday" at GUMC and "Pot-Luck Lunch". Grangers and non-Grangers welcomed. 25 and 50 year members honored plus Edythe Lane a 64 year member, Alta Jacot 60 years, Norman Wyble, Josephine Strid and Frances Corey 55 year members.
"The Lord's Prayer" tableau was led by Rev James Smith. The prayer was said line by line by fourteen people, each holding a pastel candle. The tableau concluded with all the candles being lit and a cross-formed at the altar by participants. An open bible was on the altar. John Forbes sang a solo "How Great Thou Art". 44 attended.

Apr 1986 Donated $100.00 to the New Aluminum Docks Fund at State Grange Camp Berger.
Charter draped in memory of George Sterry and Lillian Johnson.
16 proposals for membership.

May 1986 $100.00 donated to new pavilion fund at Emanuel Williamson Park.
Donation of new nylon flag for the Memorial green. Cost $41.30.

June 1986 Honored Chris and Marie Kelly's 50th Wedding Anniversary.
Collecting used eyeglasses used hearing aids and batteries for recycling.

Sept 1986 Open meeting with Installation of new officers proceeded by a potluck Supper.
Grange Community Citizen awards given to Mark and Gail Estabrooks for raising the American flag daily on the green for over a year. Sadly,Gail Estabrooks passed away on October 14,1986

Oct 1986 "Ridiculous Night" Members came dressed in all sorts of outfits. John and Florence Forbes came in matching baby blue Doctor Dentons and carried a stuffed toy. Lester Auchmoody was declared most ridiculous. He wore an orchid ruffled shirt, black bow tie, red velvet jackets, kaiki shorts with suspenders and work boots.
Meeting was held in a side room due to the hall being set up for the Grange rummage sale the next day. This netted $250.00.
Esther Auchmoody introduced "Life ID Tags". These were purchased and given to parents who filled in information and tied them into shoelaces of their child.

Nov 1986 Grange opposed to Iroquois Gas Line plans to run down route 55,across Colonial Ridge, across Brother's property, a junction on Gaylord Road, one section to go south and the other to cross over to route 7 and go easterly. Many meetings held with concerned citizens. Final plan to just head south.
Feb 1987 New Sunshine Committee headed by Marion Jones and Irene Roppelt. Purpose to send cards as needed to Honorary and 50 year and over members. This was much appreciated.

Mar 1987 Go To Church and potluck Lunch. Subordinate Pomona and State Grange officer's special guests. Open meeting with 76 attending.

June 1987 $25.00 donated to Frank Piliero Memorial Fund. Balcony added to rear of Merwinsville Hotel. $50.00 Savings Bond presented to John Burkhardt. John received the honor of "Eagle Scout" He was instrumental in the construction of the new pavilion at the Emanuel William Memorial Park.
The Gaylordsville sign broken off at base causing damage. Pineman Sign Co. contacted to reconstruct the sign. Cost $349.38. Civic Association kindly shared the cost.

August 1987 Rosemarie (Mimi) Burkhardt presented with Grange Community Citizen Award. Mimi has been Gaylordsville Post Master since August 4,1984. $50.00 US Savings Bond given to new daughter of Rev. Jim and Lucy Smith.

Nov 1987 Rummage sale netted $201.35.

Dec 1987 Christmas Party with 53 members and guests attending.

Jan 1988 Discussion was concerning plans for the new Gaylordsville Bridge Route 7, over the Housatonic River. Have concern about placement of Memorial Park since park area is being deleted at the junction of Rte 7 and Rte 55.

Feb 1988 Charter draped in memory of Charles (Charlie) Jones. We were pleased to have Charlie and Marion join Wemanesa. Marion is our Pianist. Music always a vital activity.
$25.00 donated to a Grange fund for a farmer who lost 25 cows in a fire.
Were informed that at a New Milford school children were showing up to school not wearing socks in mid winter.
Donated a quantity of socks directly to the Teachers to give out as needed.

March 1988 80th Anniversary. Again "Go To Church" followed by potluck Lunch. Special invited guests included Chief of Gaylordsville Volunteer Fire Department - Lee Hendrix, President Gaylordsville Historical Society - Peter Flynn, President Gaylordsville Civic Association, President

Merwinsville Hotel Restoration - Rose Mary Nahley, CSG Master Ellsworth (Bud) Beecher, and his wife Marion - Secretary Connecticut State Grange.
A necklace with the Grange emblem presented to Virginia Smith for 20 years as Wemanesa Secretary.
Longevity members included Alta Jacot 62 years, Alan Dodd – 55 years, Anna Newton 60 years, and Florence Fuchs presented with Golden Sheaf 50-year pin.

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April 1988 Gaylordsville sign restored by Pineman sign Co. Wood was deteriorating. Cost $537.50. Since cost was higher donations were requested. A progress thermometer was placed at the local store and $240.00 was collected leaving a balance of $297.50. Balance again shared by the Grange and the Civic Association.

Sept 1988 Ray and Barbara Thorland presented Community Citizen Award. Ray frequently donating time and expertise in providing audio equipment. Barbara writing Gaylordsville news in the local newspaper and also serving as Secretary for the Historical Society, Civic Association and the Merwinsville Hotel Restoration Society.

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Nov 1988 Civic Assoc. has organized a committee to oversee the placement of the Memorial Park. Virginia Smith to represent the Grange. Decision to take down the Gaylordsville sign and store it at the firehouse. Since the bridge will take at least a year to complete, the Memorial stone and the flagpole will be move to the north end of the Firemen's Field.

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Dec 1988 Christmas program presented by Dorothy Curtis. Members brought homemade cookies. Plates prepared for shut-ins. Extra cookies taken to Gaylordsville Rest Home. Agreed to buy a gift for the ten residents at the home. A wish list was obtained and gifts delivered on Christmas Eve. Lollipops donated for Santa to give out at the GUMC Fair.
Rev Lori Miller introduced as new Pastor of GUMC.
Roger Curtis elected new Chaplain. Of Wemanesa.

Jan 1989 December Pomona meeting scheduled at Wemanesa canceled due to bad weather. Four boxes of ice cream with Christmas design then donated for refreshments after the Church children's pageant.
Sherrie McAuliffe, one of the founders of the New Milford Loaves and Fishes program, a special guest at Wemanesa meeting.. Said this program is more than feeding the hungry. The program has a clothing bank, a literacy program and an area for guests to talk with a Social Worker. Plan to move into ground floor of Richmond Center, Main St., New Milford. Our Grange pledges to help with serving a meal.

March 1989 Foodless Food Sale netted $235.00.
Large push broom and broom hanger were purchased for Gaylordsville United Methodist Church ($25.98)
Case of coffee donated to Loaves and Fishes.
GUMC allowing us space on their bulletin board for Grange information.
New community flag donated $41.80.

Sept 1989 Grange Community Citizen award was given to Lee Hendrix.

Nov 1989 New American flag donated to GUMC with standard. $51.00
New Methodist flag donated to GUMC by Filomina Genna, a Church and Grange member.
Rummage sale netted $214.00. Left over clothing donated to New Milford Thrift Shop & Danbury Clothing Bank

1990 Jan, Feb, March. Meetings held at 1pm. Sign of the times. Losing many of our older members. Some have moved away. Others in Nursing homes or just physically unable to attend meeting. Cards and phone calls made to keep in touch.

April 1990 Petition circulated to keep the Memorial Stone and Flag Pole at the Firemen's field. Later after much discussion decided to move these items to a new park area north of the new bridge. The park named in honor of Charles Jones.
Wemanesa Deaf Program donated posters for the Signing of the Alphabet and Pledge of Allegiance to all Classrooms at Pettibone School, New Milford.
Camperships at Camp Berger now $100.00 a week. Two donated by Wemanesa. Money sent directly to Camp Berger

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Aug 1990 Picnic at Smith's catered by Morey's at $6.00 per person. Dessert of "Cream Puffs" made by "Mimi" at Alfredo's. Carrie Mettey paid for these.
Donated $100.00 towards construction of GUMC new stone front steps.

Sept 1990 42 attended joint installation of Officers of Kent and Wemanesa by the Winchester Grange Degree team.
Community Citizens award gave to Dolores Teleski in recognition of volunteer services to Loaves and Fishes. Also hours spent driving people to Doctor appointments, visiting relative in hospital or Nursing Home. She also organized weekly Bingo games at the local Rest Home.

Oct 1990 $100.00 donated to William Kurze Fund to help in his rehabilitation following an accident.

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WEMANESA GRANGE #170, GAYLORDSVILLE, CT.

Dec 1990 $100.00 spent on purchase of Christmas gifts for Gaylordsville Rest Home residents.

Jan 1991 Letter sent to Jack Bouclier, Dean of Students, commending him for reinitiating the "Pledge of Allegiance" daily at New Milford High School starting Jan. 6, 1991. Copy of this letter also sent to local newspapers.
Wemanesa saddened by the death of Gertrude Wyble, 46 year member of the Grange, a Past Master of Wemanesa, Past Lecturer of Wemanesa and Housatonic Valley Pomona, Past Junior Deputy and Past Junior Superintendent of CT St. Grange.

March 1991 $200.00 donated towards painting of Church.
Letters sent to Connecticut State Legislators voicing opposition to proposed cut in budget for 1991-1992 which would eliminate funding for Regional Vocational Agricultural Centers

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May 1991 $220.00 paid for two Camperships.

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June 1991 Charter draped in memory of Filomena Genna.
Congratulations sent to Rev Lori Miller and John Halbrook upon their marriage.

August 1991 Loss of Edythe Lane and Thomas J. Dodd

Oct 1991 Decision to eliminate sending Granger into each home. It is now to be sent to Officers only. Current membership at 69. 15 are Golden Sheaf (50 year member of the Grange and 7 are Honorary.(Over eighty) Attendance is down and finding difficulty filling officer stations.

Nov 1, 1991 Letter sent to every member-explaining situation. Self addressed return envelope enclosed. Asked to indicate if they would plan to attend meetings and would be willing to take an office.

Jan 1992 66 members were sent a letter. 40 responded as follows: 3 go along with majority, 22 give up the Charter and 15 want the Grange to continue.

March 1992 Go to Church Sunday and Lunch attended by 28
April 1992 Loss of Hattie Hebert, Jennie Parker and Chris Kelley

July 1992 Extensive discussion concerning future of Wemanesa. Motion carried to leave final decision up to Executive Committee, Master, Secretary and Treasurer.
Special Committee meeting held to turn in the Charter.
Donations made as follows:

$3000.00 GUMC New Ceiling Fund
$2000.00 GVFD
$1000.00 Camp Berger Re-paving Project.
63 Shares of Northeast Utilities to the Gaylordsville Volunteer Fire Department.
88 Shares of Southern New England Telephone Company to the Gaylordsville United Methodist Church.

Aug 1992 Members in accord with above decisions

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Sept 1992 Final meeting of Wemanesa Grange. Connecticut State Grange Secretary, Marion Beecher and husband Ellsworth Beecher, Past State Grange. Master, were present to take Charter. Pomona Deputy Amy Whitcomb also present.
The secretary records are currently stored at the home of Elwin & Virginia Smith.
A historical room is set up at the Merwinsville Hotel, with Aaron Seltzer as Curator. Old Bible and other Grange memories placed in a glass case there.
Current new Bible given to Doris Munson, daughter of Hazel Dwy. Bible formerly given in memory of Mrs. Dwy.
Bible Marker given in memory of Nora Hastings was returned to her daughter Virginia Smith.
Officer stations given to Taghhannuck Grange
Officer sashes and songbooks given to Kent Grange.
Demits given to members whose dues were paid allowing them to join another Grange

Feb 9, 1993 Bank checking account at New Milford Bank & Trust closed. $1,896.04 transferred via check to the Connecticut State Grange. Fund to be held in trust for seven years. If Wemanesa does not re-organize, moneys will be transferred to the State Grange General Fund.

The history of Wemanesa Grange#170 demonstrates the strength and commitment of each and every member.
Their contributions to the community of Gaylordsville and beyond are a lasting legacy.

MENAMESA GRANGE #170
MEMBERSHIP 1992

6 Bellemare, Celeste
7 Burkhardt, Adolph Hon.
7 Burkhardt, Vera
Dahl, Suzan
Dahl, William
7 Deeds, Jerome PM
5 Dodd, Alan GS
Dodd, Helen GS
Dolan, James GS
Downs, Edgar
5 Edmonds, Alma
Edmonds, Nelson, Jr.
Feret, Blanche
Feret, Robin
5 Forbes, Florence
5 Forbes, John
Fuchs, Charles
Fuchs, Florence GS
Garren, Dorothy
Garren, Robert
Goodsell, Frank
Goodsell, Virginia
Henkel, John
Henkel, Suzanne
6 Hills, Pamiley PS PJU GS
Hills, Eleanor
Johnson, Gretchen
Jones, Marion
7 Kelly, Marie Hon.
5 Kurze, Wayne
Kurze, William
McDeed, Joanne
7 Kettey, Carrie Hon.
Norren, Andrew PM
Newton, Anna GS
Newton, Katherine
Parker, Allen
Parker, Emilie
7 Pomeroy, Wesley PM GS
Ridolfi, Frederick
Ridolfi, Nancy Hon.
6 Roppelt, Irene Hon.
Schwaid, Dr. David Hon.
Seltzer, Aaron
Seltzer, Jean
6 Smith, Elwin PM PPM PPD
6 Smith, Virginia PL PJU PPD
5 Smith, Carol
Smith, Narcia
Sterry, Eleanor
Strid, Josephine GS
Seleski, Eleanor
7 Terhune, Doris
5 Trenka, Mary
Wildman, Gladys
Wildman, Norris
Williamson, David
Wolff, Mildred

IN MEMORIAM

Dodd, Thomas J. 7/91
Hebert, Pattie 4/92
Jacob, Alta 1/92
Kelly, Chris 6/92
Lane, Blythe 7/91
Parker, Jennie 5/92

CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBENCY

The undersigned, Florence Forbes (secretary name) does hereby certify that

Mary Trenka (individual's name) is a ~~member~~/officer of Wemanesa Grange #170 (organization name)

and has the power and authority to act in behalf of the organization as provided by the bylaws filed with the Secretary of State in the

state of Connecticut.

Date July 29, 1992

Florence Forbes
(signature of secretary)

SIGNATURE GUARANTEED
MEDALLION GUARANTEED
THE NEW MILFORD BANK & TRUST COMPANY
Margaret S Bouton
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE
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Margaret S Bouton
MARGARET S. BOUTON
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 31, 1993

OFFICERS

Master - Elwin Smith
Overseer - Al Burkhardt
Lecturer - Joan Teleski
Steward - Wayne Kurze
Asst. Steward - Andrew Morren
Lady Asst Stew.- Eleanor Sterry
Chaplain - Virginia Smith
Treasurer - Mary Trenka
Secretary - Florence Forbes
Gatekeeper - Carrie Mettey
Ceres - Marie Kelly
Pomona - Vera Burkhardt
Flora - Alma Edmonds
Executive Committee - Al Burkhardt, Andrew Morren, Virginia Smith

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WEMANESA GRANGE 170
ROUTE 7
GAYLORDSVILLE, CT 06755

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Feb. 9 19 93

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Gaylordsville United Methodist Church

Route 7, Gaylordsville, Connecticut 06755
(203) 355-0553

REV. LORI R. MILLER, Pastor

21 September 1992

Mrs. Florence Forbes
37 Taber Road
Sherman, CT 06784

Dear Florence and the members of Wemanesa Grange,

On behalf of the Gaylordsville United Methodist Church, I want to thank you for the $3,000 given by the Grange to our church's Ceiling Fund. This most generous gift will certainly be a help to us as we restore our sanctuary.

I know that it was a difficult decision on the part of Wemanesa Grange to disband. I am confident, though, that the members will continue to make a significant contribution to their communities through the organizations they now serve or choose to join in the future.

Please know how much this gift is appreciated by the whole church--as is all the good work the Grange has done over the past decades.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

Lori R. Miller
Pastor

Gaylordsville Volunteer Fire Department

INCORPORATED

4.8.92

To the Officers and Members of the
Wemanesa Grange # 170 -

The Gaylordsville Vol. Fire Dept would like to thank you for the Donation of $2000.00 and the Northeast Utilities Shares. Our intentions are to continue with the Shares and come up with a Special Project for the Monies.
We do appreciate what you have done as so does the Community over so many years -

Sincerely
Susan Hendry
Secy. GVFD.

Gaylordsville, Connecticut 06755

WEMANESA GRANGE DONATIONS

REACHING OUT TOUCHING OTHERS OVER THE YEARS

Visiting Nurse Association of New Milford American Cancer Society

TB Christmas Seals March of Dimes USO Ct Council of Churches

Walter Schutte Christmas Tree Fund Future Farmers of America

Muscular Dystrophy Litchfield County Extension Service

John Pettibone Memorial Scholarship Fund American Red Cross

Wildlife Federation Easter Seals Care Salvation Army

Ct.Heart Association New Milford Annual Children's Fund

New Milford Sing Out Group New Milford Hospital Generator Fund

New Milford Hospital Intensive Care Unit Newington Home for Children

International Farm Youth Exchange Gaylordsville Vol.Fire Dept.Aux.Scholarship Fund

Ct Arthritis Foundation Salk Institute Cystic Fibrosis

New Milford Oratorio Choir John Pettibone Band Uniform Fund

Girl and Boy Scouts of America Mental Health of New Milford

New Milford Area United Way Fund Ronald McDonald House

Gaylordsville United Methodist Church Roof Fund,Organ Fund,Ceiling Fund

Father Flannagan's Boys Town New Milford Bloodmobile

New Milford Loaves and Fishes

Camperships to Ct St Grange Camp Berger

Camp Berger Maintainance Fund

APPENDIX

6/17/10 Original deed of land for new Grange Hall site,Purchased from New York,New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company

3/15/10 Original Secretary record concerning special meeting to allow members to join Housatonic Valley Pomona Grange #10

6/28/11 Copy Secretary record concerning dedication of Wemanesa Grange Hall

1914 Information concerning the Gypsy Moth

2/10/15 Original notice of Farmers Institutes meeting at Wemanesa Grange Hall

7/2/24 Original of a paid bank note First National Bank of New Milford,CT

1927 Original Water Rights Agreement with Frank & Betsy Kennedy and Mrs Charles(Annie)Walden

1929 Original paid bills from Gaylordsville Electric Company

1930ies Wemanesa Grange Stationery

1929 Two paid insurance bills

1932 Two original Insurance Policies

1938 Original of Wemanesa Incorporation State of Connecticut

1940ies Typed history of Wemanesa Grange (Author unknown)

11/16/49 Ct State Police report concerning fire safety inspection of Wemanesa Grange Hall. No local Fire Marshall at this time

1950 Handwritten history of Wemanesa Grange by Hazel Dwy

1950 Copy of photo of Wemanesa Grange Hall showing south door entrance

1950 Photo of Wemanesa members marching along Route 7 to take part in Memorial Day ceremonies held on green, junction of Route 7 and Route 55

1954 Survey of Grange property by Robert E.Ladd

3/2/58 Letter to Edy Lane from Ed Haring

3/58 News article concerning Ed Haring,fifty year member of the Grange

1958 Photo of Installation of Officers

APPENDIX

3/58	Handwritten History of Wemanesa Grange for 50th Anniversary by Virginia Smith
3/60	Letter from Ed Haring
1960	Wemanesa Community Service Report concerning installation of Gaylordsville Road Signs.
10/61	News article concerning Norman and Gertrude Wyble bringing honors to Wemanesa
1961	News article of program about "BELLS" presented by Gertrude Wyble plus Gertrude winning First Place on the National Grange level for Women's Activities Report
1965	Photo of Dairy Supper Recipe Contest winner Pamiley Hills
1965	Photo of Wemanesa "Beetles"
1965	Photos of Lecturer program participants
11/65	BINGO permit issued Sample photo of prizes
1967	Paid safety deposit box rent Litchfield County National Bank
1968	New article photo showing presentation of American Flag to New Milford Court Room
1968	Photo of Bessie Cornwell receiving 60 year member recognition
1968	Copy of play written by Gertrude Wyble, presented at 60th Anniversary by members of Wemanesa Grange Pass Word ":Baked Beans"
10/71	Resolution to sell Grange Hall
12/8/71	Bill of Sale of Grange Hall
1974	Updated By-Laws
5/23/75	Update concerning the Gaylordsville Sign
1977	Phamplet Farm-City Day, Sunny Valley Farm,New Milford,Ct
1985	News article of 77th Anniversary of Wemanesa

APPENDIX

1987-1988 Information concerning replacement of 1926 Gaylordsville Bridge
Removal of Rt 7 and Rt 55 Triangle New placement of WW11 Memorial,
Flag Pole and Gaylordsville Sign

1988 Community Service Report concerning the above subjects.

1989 News article concerning Grange Week Proclamation

Copy of play written by Gertrude Wyble "The Incredible Egg"

1977-1990 Information concerning State Grange Deputies from Wemanesa

2003 Photo of Wesley Pomeroy Former member of Wemanesa
Transferred to Florida Received 75 year membership award

Favorite Grange Songs

2004 Grange Hall as it looks today courtesy of Mark Estabrooks

Sheet of Grange Emblem Stickers

2/20/04 Letters of acknowlegement from Connecticut Historical Society.
Concerning receipt of 9 volumes of Wemanesa Grange Secretary
Minute Books 1909-1993

2005 About the author

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

BORN AND RAISED IN THE NEW MILFORD,CONNECTICUT AREA.
ATTENDED THE WALLER DISTRICT SCHOOL GRADES 1-3,
GAYLORD DISTRICT SCHOOL GRADES 4-6,BOTH IN GAYLORDSVILLE.
ATTENDED JUNIOR HIGH 7th and 8th GRADES AND FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL,
GRADUATING FROM NEW MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL IN 1944
GRADUATED FROM BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING IN 1947
MARRIED ELWIN R. SMITH IN 1949
HAS FOUR DAUGHTERS AND AN ADOPTED SON
JOINED WEMANESA GRANGE IN 1944.. TRANSFERRED TO KENT GRANGE
BY DEMIT IN 1993
NOW A SIXTY YEAR MEMBER OF THE GRANGE.
MAIN PASSION IS TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF WEMANESA GRANGE #170
PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY,GAYLORDSVILLE,CONNECTICUT

Virginia Hastings Smith

2005