

History of Deer Lagoon Grange #846

In the fall of 1926, the former Grange members feeling the need of Grange influence and co-operation (there having been a former Deer Lagoon Grange at Bay View before the World War) they called a meeting on Dec. 29 in the old log hall at Bay View.

State Master A. S. Goss and Deputy Shrader were present and Master Goss gave a very interesting talk on the reason for the Grange and gave an outline of its past and future plans.

The Grange was organized with 19 charter members; P. H. Mackie was elected temporary Master.

On March 9, 1927 the permanent officers were elected and installed by Deputy Shrader; list of officers follow.

Master,	J. H. Guffey	Overseer,	P. H. Mackie
Lecturer,	L. S. Cunningham	Steward,	Robt. Pickens
Ass't, Steward,	M. J. Brixner	Chaplain,	Ada Mackie
Treas.,	C. G. Melendy	Secretary,	Julia Brixner
Gate Keeper,	J. D. Patton	Ceres,	Annie Quade
Pomona,	Pearl Guffey	Flora,	Martha Patton
Lady Ass't. Steward,	Gertrude Cunningham.		

The Grange had a good growth the first year, there being 35 Members at the close of the first year.

The Grange moved to the new Bay View hall, Jan. 26, 1928 where the new officers were installed.

Through the efforts of Deer Lagoon Grange, the Island County Pomona #50 was organized in the summer of 1929.

The first Grange booth at Island County Fair was put up the fall of 1929, by Brother and Sister Peter Anderson. The booth was a fine one and the Grange received \$22.50, after expenses were paid the money was used to buy the paraphernalia for the Grange.

In 1930 the Grange took action which resulted in Island County having a County agent.

The first Fire Insurance Agent was appointed in June 1931; Brother J. H. Guffey received the appointment.

The next three or four years the Grange had a hard struggle to keep going as quite a few members dropped out because of hard times.

In May, 1935 steps were taken to buy the Church at Lone Lake for a Grange Hall and on July 21, 1935, the hall was dedicated by State Master Erving E. King.

In 1936, the Ladies' Auxiliary was organized.

Since buying the hall the Grange had added a basement and doubled the size of the building; besides many other improvements.

The Grange has grown very well having a membership of 82.

Following is a list of the Masters and years served;

J. H. Guffey	1927
H. G. Knowles	1928
N. T. Johnson	1929
F. H. Henning	1930, 31, 32
Lon Chase	1933
Albert Melsen	1934
Eva Steen	1935
P. M. Anderson	1936
Pearl Guffey	1937
M. S. Mortenson	1938
Wallace Frick	1939

Committee
Pearl S. Guffey
L. S. Cunningham