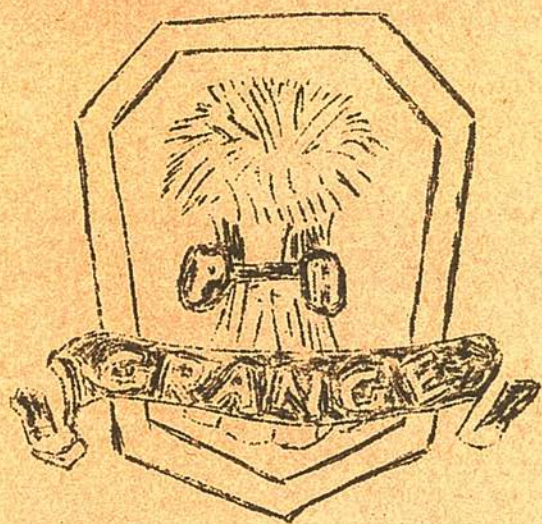


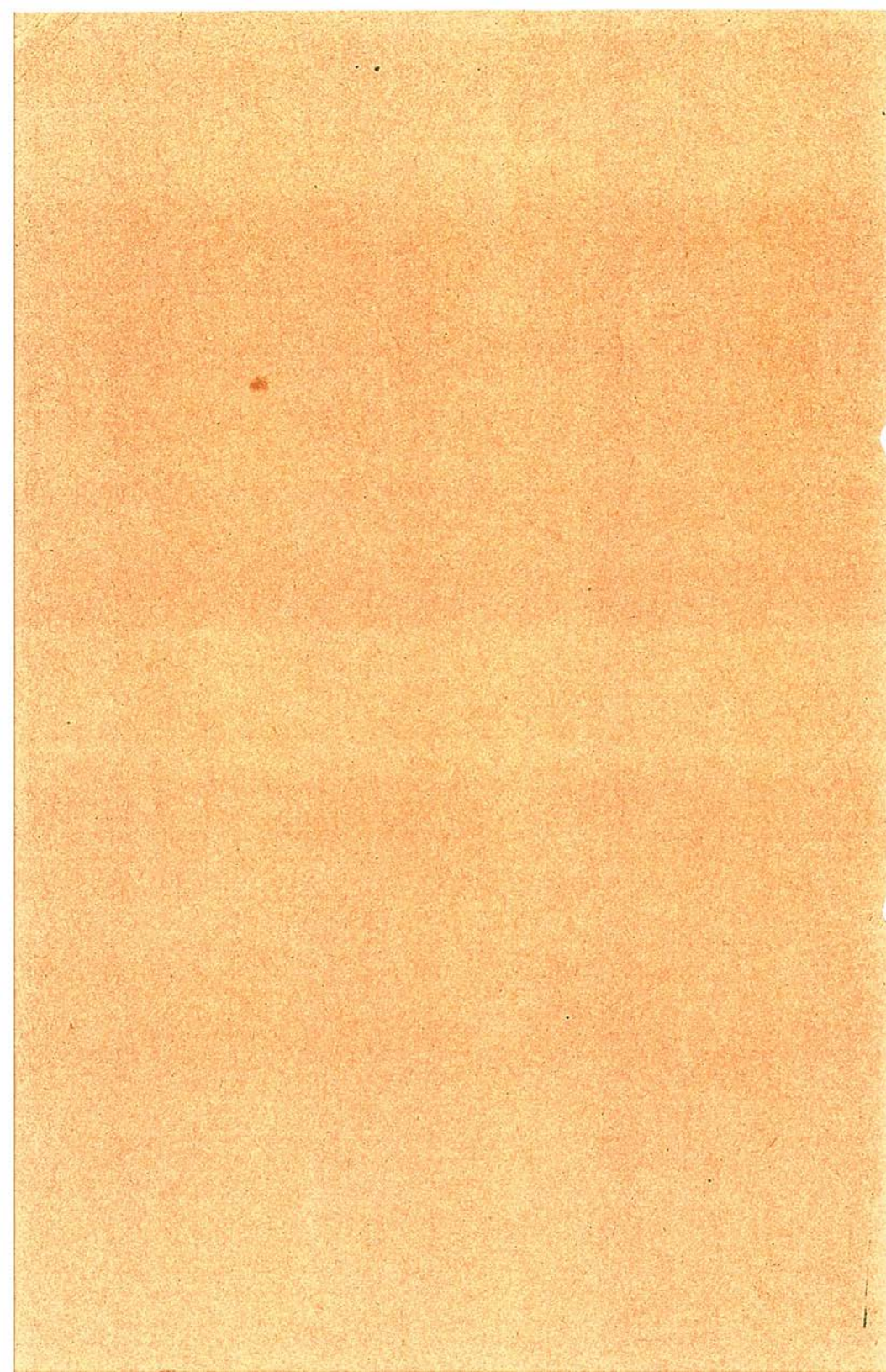
Sinking Valley

Grange

No. 484



100th Anniversary



100th ANNIVERSARY

1875 - 1975



SINKING VALLEY GRANGE NO. 484

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY

BLAIR COUNTY - PENNSYLVANIA



CHARTERED MARCH 4, 1875



100th ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE

MAY 3, 1975

EXHIBIT NO. 100

1941 - 1942

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

RECORDED AND INDEXED

1941 - 1942

PROGRAM

CALL TO ORDER

Marie Hileman

SONG

"Star Spangled Banner"
Pianist - Louise Pearson

INVOCATION

Grace Stephens, Chaplain

FLAG SALUTE

WELCOME

Preston Kephart, Master

RESPONSE

John Drake
Blair Co. Pomona Master

SINGING

St. John's Lutheran Choir

PLAY

"HOW WE STARTED" - written by -

A. Ray Flenner

Scene 1: The Planning

Scene 2: The First Meeting

The Cast

Ephriam Burket, Master

Joe McCutcheon

Thomas M. Fleck, Overseer

Cindy McCutcheon

J. C. Stryker, Lecturer

Harriett Rappold

W. W. Stryker, Steward

Jane Shindel

G. W. Bridenbaugh, Assistant Steward

Miller Waite

J. Thompson Stryker, Chaplain

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Mary Soriano

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Donna Christofic

Ella Bridenbaugh, Ceres

Evelyn McCutcheon

Mrs. Eli F. Fleck, Pomona

Ellen Waite

Mrs. J. C. Stryker, Flora

Edith Magill

Mrs. Thomas M. Fleck

Helen Haven

Gabriel Fleck, Trustee

Ethel Kerlin

Philip Bridenbaugh, Trustee

Florence Shaffer

William Sprankle, Trustee

Henry Kephart

Thomas Bell, Huntingdon County Deputy

Rev. Wm. Rappold

W. W. Stryker, Master of Petersburg Grange

Sue Albright

Between scene 1 and 2
Group Singing

SINGING St. John's Lutheran Choir

PRESENTATION OF 60 YEAR CERTIFICATE AND HONORING
MEMBERS - by -

Marie Hileman
Ruby Hileman
Past Masters

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Evelyn Kephart
Lecturer

SPEAKER Eugene G. Hamill
Former Blair Co. Agent
and Blair Co. Commissioner

REMARKS

"AULD LANG SYNE"

BENEDICTION Rev. Wm. Rappold

REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIAL HOUR

HONORED MEMBERS

Mr. John Lotz	60 year member
Mrs. Margaret Roseberry	60 year member
Mrs. Pearl Musselman	60 year member
Mrs. Grace Stephens	58 year member
Miss Alma Hileman	53 year member
Mr. Henry Kephart	52 year member
Mr. Miller J. Waite	49 year member
Mrs. Ellen Waite	49 year member
Mr. Earl Chrismore	48 year member
Mrs. Mabel Chrismore	48 year member

HISTORICAL DATA
SINKING VALLEY GRANGE

Sinking Valley Grange No. 484, Patrons of Husbandry, the oldest subordinate Grange in Blair County, was organized February 24, 1875, and for 100 years has been a great influence in the social, agriculture and community activities in Tyrone Township.

After the group of farmers in Sinking Valley discussed the idea of organizing a Grange at the election in February of 1875, little time was lost in securing 20 charter members. On February 24, 1875, sixteen of the twenty persons who had signed the application for the charter met in the second floor of the large spring house on the Ephriam Burket farm, now operated by his great grandson, John W. Burket. At this time the first officers were elected as follows:

Ephriam Burket, master; Thomas M. Fleck, overseer; J. C. Stryker, lecturer; W. W. Stryker, steward; George W. Bridenbaugh, assistant steward; J. T. Stryker, chaplain; H. H. Bridenbaugh, treasurer; Eli F. Fleck, secretary; James Roseberry, gate-keeper; Miss Ella A. Bridenbaugh, Ceres; Mrs. Eli F. Fleck, Pomona; Mrs. J. C. Stryker, Flora; Mrs. Ephriam Burket, lady assistant steward; Gebriel Fleck, F. W. Bridenbaugh and William Sprankle, trustees. The other charter members were Mrs. Thomas M. Fleck, Miss Clara J. Fleck, A. L. Fleck, and Mrs. R. W. Bridenbaugh. The election was conducted by Thomas Bell, deputy master for Huntingdon County, who also installed the officers, being assisted by W. W. Stryker, master of the Petersburg Grange.

The Grange continued to meet for thirteen years at the Burket farm when the increasing membership made it necessary to secure larger quarters. The Grange then moved to the building in Skelp owned by Thomas M. Fleck, known as the Ellenberger home and now as the Howard Hoover home. Here the Grange held its meetings for 42 years. In 1928 the Grange decided to build its

own hall which was to be used as a grange meeting place and community center. John R. Crawford was then the master. The building was finally completed during the winter of 1929, and the first meeting was held in the new hall on January 2, 1930 with 50 members present. The building was officially dedicated at a public "house warming" March 4, 1930, with 260 present. The lot upon which the grange hall is located was donated to the Grange by Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Lotz, and measured 70 feet by 120 feet. The original building was 28 feet wide and 60 feet long. Since that time a large kitchen, fully equiped has been added to the structure. The evergreen trees that stands beside and to the rear of the hall were purchased and planted by Howard C. Lotz and Henry T. Kephart shortly after the hall was built. The committee charged with the building of the Grange hall in 1928 was composed of Verner T. Waite, Sr., David G. Roseberry and M. C. Lotz while the funds were solicited by Miss Verna Miller, Miss Maude Williams and Earl Chrismore.

All of the records of the Grange since its organization in 1875 are intact and available, and these records indicate that the Grange, like many other organizations, had its periods of difficulty, but yet was sufficiently substantial to continue its activities and to carry on the program of the Grange. One of the outstanding events in the early days of the grange was in February 1890 when fourteen candidates were given the third and fourth degrees of the Order and a live goat was furnished for the occasion by Thomas C. Coleman, then master. This is the only known time in the history of the Sinking Valley Grange that a live goat was actually used in an initiation ceremony. The three most important offices in the Grange are Master, Lecturer and Secretary.

Sinking Valley Grange in its 100 years has had 28 masters, 37 lecturers and 26 secretaries.

MASTERS

Ephriam Burket - 1875

Thomas M. Fleck - 1876 - 1877 - 1878

Wallace W. Stryker - 1879 - 1883 - 1893 - 1900 -
1901 - 1904 - 1905

Abraham L. Fleck - 1880

Eli F. Fleck - 1884 - 1885 - 1886 - 1887 - 1888

J. Woods Smith - 1889 - 1890 - 1891 - 1895 - 1896 -
1897

Thomas L. Coleman - 1892 - 1902 - 1906

A. Lee Fleck - 1894

Mary Bailey - 1898 - 1899

C. C. Fleck - 1907 - 1908 - 1909 - 1910 - 1911 -
1912 - 1913

Alex Miller - 1914

W. O. Kirk - 1915 - 1916 - 1917 - 1918 - 1919

David M. Tennis - 1920

John S. Lotz - 1921 - 1922 - 1930 - 1931 - 1932 -
1934 - 1935 - 1936

Walter H. Roseberry - 1923 - 1924

John R. Crawford - 1925 - 1926 - 1927 - 1928 -
1929

Clarence Hastings - 1929

Chalmer H. Hileman - 1937 - 1938 - 1939 - 1940 -
1944 - 1945

Samuel S. Black - 1941 - 1942 - 1943 - 1950 -
1951 - 1962 - 1963

MASTERS - Continued

Wm. C. Dahl - 1946 - 1947 - 1948

Eldred D. Hileman - 1949 - 1953 - 1964 - 1965

Paul Garner - 1952

Alton Fisher - 1954 - 1955

A. Ray Flenner - 1956 - 1957

A. Marie Hileman - 1958 - 1959 - 1968 - 1969

Joseph McCutcheon - 1960 - 1961

Ruby Hileman - 1966

Preston Kephart - 1970 - 1971 - 1972 - 1973 -
1974 - 1975

LECTURERS

J. C. Stryker - 1875

W. W. Stryker - 1876

Wm. Sprankle - 1877

A. L. Fleck - 1878

Thomas M. Fleck - 1879 - 1883 - 1884 - 1886 - 1887 -
1888 - 1889 - 1890 - 1899 - 1903 - 1904 - 1905 -
1906 - 1909 - 1910 - 15 years

Eli F. Fleck - 1880 - 1885

J. R. Crawford - 1891

J. Woods Smith - 1892 - 1893 - 1902

Mary Bailey - 1894 - 1895 - 1896 - 1897 - 1898 -
1900 - 1901 - 1914 - 8 years

Abraham L. Fleck - 1907 - 1908

Alex Miller - 1911 - 1912 - 1913 - 1915 - 1916 -
1921

John S. Lotz - 1917 - 1918

Mrs. J. B. White - 1919

Mrs. Jennie Yenter - 1920

Verna Miller - 1921 - 1922 - 1927 - 1928 - 1956

Wm. Wertz - 1923 - 1924

Francis Templeton - 1925

Mae Ellenberger - 1926

Thelma Wertz - 1929

L. A. Chrismore - 1930

LECTURERS Continued

Maude Williams - 1931

Pauline Lotz (Hastings) - 1932

Hazel Eyer - 1933 - 1944 - 1945 - 1949 - 1951

Mabel Williams - 1934 - 1935

Wm. Dahl - 1936

Ruth Waite - 1937 - 1938

Marie (Williams) Hileman - 1939 - 1940 - 1943 - 1954

Alice Parks - 1941 - 1942 - 1950

Corinda Macready - 1946

Miller Waite - 1947 - 1948

Alice Flenner - 1952

Ruby Hileman - 1953 - 1957 - 1958 - 1964 - 1965

Pearl Hileman - 1955

Sara Long - 1959 - 1960 - 1961 - 1962

Kathryn Hambright - 1963

Evelyn McCutcheon - 1966 - 1967

Evelyn Kephart - 1968 - 1969 - 1970 - 1971 - 1972 - 1973 - 1974 - 1975

SECRETARIES

Eli F. Fleck - 1875 - 1876

Ephriam Burket - 1877 - 1878 - 1879 - 1880 - 1883 -
1884 - 1885 - 1886 - 1887 - 1888 - 1889 - 1890 -
12 years

Alex Templeton - 1891 - 1892 - 1893 - 1894 - 1895 -
1896 - 1897 - 1898 - 1899 - 1900 - 1901 - 1902 -
1903 - 1904 - 1905 - 1906 - 1907 - 1908 - 1909 -
19 years

Roland O. Lytle - 1910 - 1911 - 1912

W. W. Steward - 1913 - 1914

C. C. Fleck - 1915 - 1916 - 1917

J. Howard Lotz - 1918

Mr. J. B. White - 1919 - 1920

Walter H. Roseberry - 1921 - 1922

John S. Lotz - 1923 - 1924 - 1926 - 1927 - 1928 -
1929 - 1940 - 7 years

Rev. E. N. Fry - 1925

V. T. Waite - 1930 - 1937 - 1938 - 1939

Ross C. Burket - 1931

Wm. C. Dahl - 1932

Kenneth M. Crawford - 1933

Maude C. Williams - 1934

Ethel Kerlin - 1935 - 1936

Pearl Hileman - 1941 - 1942 - 1943

A. Marie Hileman - 1944

SECRETARIES Continued

Samuel C. Black - 1945 - 1946 - 1947

John R. Dickson - 1948 - 1949

Marjorie Sarnier - 1950 - 1951 - 1952

Alfretti Westbrook - 1953 - 1954

Alice Flenner - 1955 - 1956 - 1957 - 1958 - 1959 -

1960 - 1961 - 1962 - 1963 - 1965 - 1966 - 1967 -
1968 - 1969 - 14 years

Kathryn Hambright - 1964

A. Marie Hileman - 1970 - 1971 - 1972 - 1973 -
1974 - 1975 - 6 years

The Grange has 6 living Gold Sheaf members belonging 50 years or more:

Mr. John Lotz - 60 years
Mrs. Margaret Roseberry - 60 years
Mrs. Pearl Musselman - 60 years
Mrs. Grace Stephens - 58 years
Miss Alma Hileman - 53 years
Mrs. Henry Kephart - 52 years

There are 50 members who have been Patrons for 25 years or more. The present membership of Sinking Valley Grange is 109.

The main purpose of the founders of the Patrons of Husbandry was to promote the social, moral, intellectual, financial and agricultural welfare of the rural people without interfering with or overlapping the activities of any other group. And in this the Sinking Valley Grange has been successful. And during the years the Grange has gladly responded to appeals for aid from members of other Granges. It has contributed, throughout the years, to all worthy causes including the American Red Cross, Far East Relief, the Blair County Tuberculosis and Health Society, the girls' dormitory at Pennsylvania State College, the cancer society, heart fund, community chest, the new National Grange home in Washington, D. C., the European Milk Funds, National Grange Youth Leadership Fund, the Altoona Hospital & \$100.00 to the Tyrone Hospital building, and many other projects.

The various Sinking Valley 4-H clubs have held their meetings in the Grange hall and the first Sinking Valley Community Farm Show was sponsored by and held in the Grange hall in 1931. These shows have been held each year since that time in the Grange hall, although the shows are now conducted by the Sinking Valley Farm Show Association, an incorporated organization. The Grange hall is used as a community center and as a meeting place by various organizations for various farm and dairy conferences.

In 1949 the Grange sponsored a recreation ground and a baseball team which won the Tri-County League championship.

The Sinking Valley Grange has, over a period of years, established an enviable record of attainment in Grange ritual work, membership increase, sponsoring choral groups which have won county and regional prizes, and per capita contributions to various granges and community projects.

The Grange celebrated its 75th anniversary March 16, 1950. Miller J. Waite, Chairman. A. Ray Flenner wrote a play "How We Started". It was presented with the following people taking part,

Ephriam Burket, Master	John Waite
Thomas M. Fleck, Overseer	Roy Parks
J. C. Stryker, Lecturer	William C. Dahl
W. W. Stryker, Steward	Sam Baker
G. W. Bridenbaugh, Assistant Steward	H. Paul Garner
J. Thompson Stryker, Chaplain	Chalmer H. Hileman
H. H. Bridenbaugh, Treasurer	A. Ray Flenner
Eli F. Fleck, Secretary	Clarence M. Eyer
James Roseberry, Gatekeeper	Ernest Albright
Mrs. Ephriam Burket, L.A.S.	Mary Soriano
Ella Bridenbaugh, Ceres	Ruby Hileman
Mrs. Eli F. Fleck, Pomona	Annie Dean
Mrs. J. C. Stryker, Flora	Marie Finnegan
Gabriel Fleck, Trustee	Ross Fleck
Philip Bridenbaugh, Trustee	Sheldon Fleck
William Sprankle, Trustee	David I. Schaeffer
Thomas Bell, Huntingdon County Deputy	John S. Lotz
W. W. Stryker, Master of Petersburg Grange	Eldred D. Hileman

Directed by Miller J. Waite and A. Ray Flenner.

In 1959 the Grange bought land from Thomas and Margaret Hall for our present parking lot. During the years the members of the Grange kept their hall in good repair by painting inside and outside. The kitchen was modernized by adding an electric stove, a gas stove, new sinks and working area. Also adding refrigerators and a freezer and having a well drilled. Re-roofing the hall and installing indoor restrooms and putting oil heat in the main hall.

The Grange help pay for their many projects by serving suppers, receptions, Bar-B-Ques, sale dinners, also having bake sales, selling paper products, candy & etc.

The Grange erected Fire Numbers; sponsored First Aid courses and aided many members and neighbors in time of need.

Our legislative committee through the able chairmanship of John S. Lotz, keeps in contact with our local, county, state and national officers about road conditions, farm programs, legislative programs for rural and urban people.

Sinking Valley Grange can be proud of its first 100 years of history. It has served its community and country well.

Let us continue to look forward to a brighter future and up hold our principles ever serving in our community, state and nation.

1875 Chartered members and First Officers

Ephriam Burket, - Master
Thomas M. Fleck - Overseer
J. C. Stryker - Lecturer
G. W. Bridenbaugh - Assistant Steward
J. Thomas Stryker - Chaplain
H. H. Bridenbaugh - Treasurer
Eli F. Fleck - Secretary
James Roseberry - Gatekeeper
Mrs. Ephriam Burket - Lady Assistant Steward
Ella Bridenbaugh = Ceres
Mrs. Eli Fleck - Pomona
Mrs. J. C. Stryker - Flora
Gabriel Fleck, Trustee
Philip Bridenbaugh, Trustee
William Sprankle, Trustee
Mrs. Thomas M. Fleck
Mrs. Philip Bridenbaugh
Miss Clara J. Fleck
A. L. Fleck

1975 Present Officers

Preston Kephart - Master
Henry Kephart - Overseer
Mrs. Evelyn Kephart - Lecturer
Mrs. Grace Stephens - Chaplain
Mrs. Marie Hileman - Secretary
Mrs. Edith Magill - Treasurer
Howard Hoover, Jr. - Steward
Steve Christofic - Assistant Steward
Ernst Hoover - Gate Keeper
Mrs. Evelyn McCutcheon - Lady Assistant Steward
Mrs. Donna Christofic - Ceres
Mrs. Janet Kephart - Pomona
Mrs. Florence Shaffer - Flora
John Lotz - Finance Committee
Chalmer Hileman - Finance Committee
Howard Hoover - Finance Committee
Henry Kephart - Executive Committee
Steve Christofic - Executive Committee
Sue Albright - Executive Committee

Committee 100th Anniversary

Marie Hileman
Evelyn Kephart
Howard Hoover, Jr.
Rev. Wm. Rappold

Refreshment Committee

Hazel Louden	Florence Shaffer
Donna Christofic	Janet Kephart
Sue Albright	Harriett Rappold

We get the sweetest comfort ...
when we wear the oldest shoes ...
We love the old friends better ...
then we'll ever love the new ...
Old songs are more appealing ...
to the wearied heart - and so ...
we find the sweetest music ...
in the tunes of long ago ...
There's kind of mellow sweetness ...
in a good thing growing old ...
each year that rolls around it ...
leaves an added touch of gold.

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