

**Highlights of 100 Years of  
Totoket Grange #83**

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"On April 18, 1906, a meeting was held in Beer's Hall for the purpose of reorganizing Totoket Grange No. 83" is the opening line in the secretary's book. Thirty three charter members were present but not listed by name. Officers were elected but because it was late, installation was postponed to May. It was also voted that former members could join within four months. It was 11:30 when they adjourned. Officers were Master, George Ford; Overseer, Elon H. Rose; Lecturer, Mrs. Jesse Harrison; Steward, Charles Todd; Asst. Steward, Peter Oppel; Chaplain, Edson Beardsley; Treasurer, Jesse Harrison; Secretary, Frank Snow; Gatekeeper, Andrew J. Russell; Pomona, Mrs. Charles Linsley; Flora, Mrs. George Foot; and Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Charles Todd.

On May 1st, 1906, the officers were installed by State Chaplain, Rev. Franklyn Countryman assisted by George F. Fowler of Foxon Grange. Eighteen new members were enrolled. In October, the Grange entered a "trimmed cart" in the Branford Fair and won a silver trophy.

On January 15, 1907, the first resolution dealing with the death of a member was read and a copy was given to the family. In the early years, the resolutions were written specifically for the deceased member. Much later a form type was offered and for several years there have been none.

January 21, 1908, 70 members were present for installation of officers. In March 1908, Professor Jarvice of the Connecticut Agricultural College (now UConn) was the speaker. It was voted that night that non-members could attend the Lecturer's program for ten cents. By March of that year there were 132 members with 76 members and 54 visitors at the April meeting along with several applications for membership.

May of 1908 was the first Children's Night with 65 members and 25 children and 10 "others" for 100 people. The following year there were 125 people present. January saw 154 members. They had a program in March that dealt with ways to have running water in their homes. Membership kept increasing and they were indeed a sturdy group. For example on February 15th, 1910, they had a program with 14 numbers on it. The meeting closed at 10:15. The Valentine Post Office was opened and a box lunch was served. There were 197 members by the end of 1911.

The secretary's books for 1912 to April 1917 have disappeared. There must have been some changes because the membership showed a 91 members, a drop of 106 members from 1911 and it continued to erode. 'My favorite Grange protest of the whole 100 years was on April 8th, 1919 when they sent a message to the State Legislature, opposing the bill to license cats. They got a reply but the minutes didn't reveal what it said. In June of 1921, they then voted unanimously against any bill that might create daylight savings time. In fact, once Daylight-Savings Time was in effect, they regularly voted to schedule meetings by standard time.

In 1923, the annual grange lawn party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harrison in July. The grounds were lighted with Japanese Lanterns. According to the

minutes, there were a large number of members and guests there and at the close of the evening, cake and ice cream were served. August saw a demonstration of pressure cooking. In February 1925 they voted to move to the town hall for meetings. In June, they adjourned early so they might have a bridal shower for Mr. and Mrs. Newton Brockett who in turn invited them to have their July meeting at their North Haven home. In October, a committee was formed to arrange for an "entertainment" which cost \$40.30.

Showers were common. There was one for Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Rose. She was a Harrison and they met and courted at Grange. She once told me about their courtship and she still had fond memories of it. There was another shower that year for Florence Linsley who as Florence Juniver was one of the most influential members of Totoket grange over the years

There was a positive gain in membership in 1928 . There were a couple of meetings, Children's Night and Neighbor's Night with 84 present at the first and 135 at the second, In 1929, dues were raised to \$1.50 a year. The same night, members voted for the first of three times over the years to oppose any change in current oleomargarine laws. For many years, margarine could not be sold colored yellow to look like butter. Brother and Sister Nights were popular with a meeting where all chairs were filled by men and vice versa the next meeting. The men were named losers in the programs so served an oyster supper before the next meeting in which the celebrated the "anniversary" of the Grange. It was referring back to the original Totoket Grange and used excerpts from the May 15, 1889 program. In June of 1929, an electric toaster, an electric iron and other useful items were given to Evelyn Read, who was to marry Charles Bauer.

The next year saw two more bridal showers, one for Clifford Harrison and his bride and the other for Annabelle Linsley and her future husband. A wedding gift was given to Elsie Loeber Frawley in These showers were routine for active members for many years. Membership rose. Starting in 193,1 and for many years afterwards, a donation was given to the local Relief Committee. It started at \$10 and later dropped to \$5.00. Members started to have home card parties with 25 cent admissions to raise money for the Grange. As a form of community service in 1932, money was donated toward costs for Memorial Day, the North Branford relief fund and the planting of an evergreen on the town green. Talk started to arise about getting the state to pave some local roads.

The Hylands were given a wedding gift in in January of 1933. New members brought musical talents and there was dancing after some of the meetings to the music of the Totoket Mountaineers, Sister Hall and. her three sons. A severe storm and intense cold in 1933 canceled that meeting. In 1935, Vera Barker joined the grange which lead to her marriage.

Sister Lounsbury was giving her whistling numbers with a demand for at least one encore, Skits abounded on programs as did neighbors' nights. In 1935, the Grange had a float in the Tercentenary Parade. Members were dropped for non payment of dues. The grange gave fewer cash donations. It was the depression after all.

Totoket Grange and North Haven Grange had a joint installation of officers, something that eventually became a habit over the years. May 24, 1938 saw a joint Anniversary celebration with a big birthday cake in honor of the 31st anniversary of the current anniversary and the 50th of the original grange. On January 24, 1939, it was voted that the secretary could purchase a bottle of ink and a pen to be kept on the desk. Participation in the Memorial Day Parade continued as did an annual Grange Sunday at one of the local churches.

In the summer of 1939, the grange arranged for a bus trip to the New York World's Fair. My father, my sister and I among others, went. It was a very special experience. In 1940, the grange started selling candy bars, passed a resolution that the state erect traffic signals at the center of highway intersections. Also in 1940, Carrie Doody donated the first treasurer's book and any other papers and/or books that belonged to her aunt; Carrie T. Hall. Wish we had a copy of the 35th Anniversary celebration which had numbers going back to the beginnings of the first Totoket Grange. In November 1941, Burton Colter Sr. was elected as Master; his wife Alice as Lecturer, and their daughter Eunice as Pomona. Alice and Burton were strong officers and did a great deal for the grange during their terms.

In 1942, the grange bought two government defense bonds, the first of many. The Home Economic Committee had a program named "Meal Planning in War Time>". On April 14, 1942, the grange took over responsibility of the Aircraft Warning Post on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Eunice Colter and I manned a shift every week. A letter was received from the National Board of Salvage (WAR Production Board) asking if any members had scrap metal or rubber to sell to call Harry Juniver. The government would pay 35 cents per 100 pounds for metal and half a cent a pound for rubber. There was a short talk on air raid signals at the September 1942 meeting. That evening Reverend Foster, Pastor of the Zion AME Church in New Haven gave a fine talk on Race Tolerance. 53 people were there to hear him. A motion was made in December of 1942, to send to the state favoring the manufacture of synthetic rubber by any means possible. In January of 1943 a letter was received from the State Defense Council asking the grange to take up wood cutting and to appoint a defense speaker. Eunice Colter was appointed and every meeting spoke briefly on some aspect of situations caused by the World War II. One topic was entitled " Don't Shoot the Rationing Board"

By March 1943, we voted to buy another War Bond and appointed a war committee and a transportation committee. The last part of our April 27 was omitted because of a black out. Reverend Karl Phillippi who was approved for membership was given third and fourth degrees in May. In August, we learned that Joseph Buccelli was in a government hospital recovering from injuries he had received in The North Africa Campaign.

In September, it was voted that every grange member in service be sent a christmas box. It was voted to replace Clifford Hall on the Executive Committee because he was in the army. It was voted that all members on duty would not have to pay dues. Among other

things Mary Oliver candy and cigarettes were sent to all in the military. Members were encouraged to write to people in military service. In 1944, it was voted that all back dues collected would be used to buy saving bonds. Grange members bought over \$5,000 in savings bonds in the 4th War Bond Drive. Shirley Harrison enlisted in the WAC.

Totoket Grange was trying to get to the town to build a war memorial town hall. This never materialized.

Another result of World War II was the volunteering on the part of male grange members to help Brother Hyland to take in his hay and the women volunteered to supply food. In 1946, Brothers Linsley and Aronson were welcomed back from the Service. An Achievement Night was adopted to honor local 4H Clubs. Meeting attendance was good with as many as 211 people present at Neighbors' Night in March 1947.

A letter from the National Master was received on draft classifications for farm workers. Captain George Lessley thanked the grange for its contribution to the Chaplain's Fund. Soon after, there was a note from Mrs. Lessley saying that her husband was being shipped abroad. On february 18, the Honor Roll of names of grange members in the military was dedicated. It was beautifully done by member Lesley Brindley. It has "disappeared."

In 1948, as community service, Totoket Grange bought paint which it used to paint the Town Hall, (now the senior center) as well as ceiling lighting fixtures which it installed s well. They also refinished the floor and proceeded to go to the Board of Finance to get a new furnace for the hall. A minstrel was put on and Totoket's share of the proceeds was \$407.72 which helped defray the cost of the hall's rejuvenation. The grange also supported a program on the United Nations. Totoket came in second in Community Service on a state level and won two \$100. Savings bonds

At the January 1949 meeting, there were favorable votes on three issues: 1. proper labeling of out of state eggs, could not be labeled Connecticut. 2. tighten up laws regarding training of dentists, 3. O.K. to remove the taxes on margarine but continue to ban coloring it. Four possible community service projects were selected. There the sidewalk suggested in the center of town was not constructed. There was work on the cemetery and maybe on the athletic field and better equipment was obtained for the Town Hall kitchen. The grange participated in another minstrel show. That year we entered the North Haven Fair. Totoket came in third for Community Service and received \$50.

Started off 1950 by voting to enter Community Service. The four possible goals were the athletic field, purchase a juke box for young people, install a hot water system in the town hall and raise \$75. for 4-H transportation to and from meetings. The hot water heater and juke box werè purchased and installed within a month. A chicken pie supper and the raffling of a hope chest helped raise funds for community service.

Voted to run the cancer drive again. In all, the grange ran the local cancer drive for approximately 20 years, surpassing its goal all of them. Totoket Grange won an attendance plaque for attendance at Pomona Grange and voted to march in the Memorial Day Parade.

A first aid kit for the town hall was also purchased as part of community service. Work was underway at the athletic fields. Two area lumber yards donated the wood for the bleacher seat. The bleachers were finished and on September 12th members with paint brushes showed up to paint them. Totoket Grange came in second for Community Service and received a \$100. saving bond.

In January of 1951, Totoket Grange became incorporated. Since its inception, it had had outside speakers on a variety of topics and invited 4-H clubs more often than other youth groups but still involved boy or girls scouts from time to time. From to start, Blue Cross Insurance could be purchased from the game. It's contributions to the community through the community service program were varied and important. In August of 1951, the grange got the phone company to install only public pay phone in town which was in front of Dwyer's Store.

September 1951 saw the start of a new challenge in the town hall. A spurt in population caused a shortage of class rooms and classes were taught in the town hall. It took a bit of mediating to arrange that the desks be moved one side for grange meetings. State Representatives and Ellsworth B. Foote when he was in the House of Representatives, frequently appeared at grange meetings to keep members up to date.

Totoket won \$50. for community service in 1951 and continued to run the cancer drive. Barbara Juniver gave a slide program on Ireland where she spent several months under the International Farm Youth Exchange. It was voted to enter in community service contest again and a card party was scheduled for May to raise money to underwrite different things that were done to help the town. Over the next couple of years, card parties were held for the same purpose. At that time, \$250 .. or more could be raised.

Totoket Grange's 50th Anniversary was celebrated on May 8th. The core of it was a multi scene program with events in the past being reenacted. Carrie Doody wrote and directed it. For real new comers, the hall had a good sized stage and dressing rooms so this type of program could be properly staged. The grange began to be vocal about farm land being assessed as so. A wedding reception was catered by the grange and turned out to be one of several successful receptions and meals were catered over the next few years. This was still a period when many women were full time home makers and could pitch in and help at this kind of fund raiser.

In 1958, the grange sponsored a hooked rug show and notices were sent to all the granges in the state and to the local papers. The attendance was great and though not a money making project actually \$80.00 was realized and something different. Several current and past members of the grange including Bertha Page, Marie Calvo, Mary Sperry and Addie Swajchuk were expert rug hookers. A rug hooking teacher in the area contacted other rug hookers and it was a big success. Dues were raised to \$2.40 a year. Won another \$50.00 bond and plaque for community service. Gifts to patients in the state hospital were collected and sent.

In 1961, Louise Bergen was sent to National Grange session as Connecticut's

Youth Representative. Won prizes at North Haven and Cheshire Fairs. 1962 was important in another way that continues to this day. North Branford was going to open its own high school and several people felt that there should be a local scholarship fund. A committee was formed with a representative from both of the local women's clubs and Carlton Platt Jr. and me (Marion Bradley) to set one up. Carlton saw to it that the group went through all the necessary papers to become an official non-profit group. We both were inclined to be very focused and got the project off the ground. We pushed that the scholarships should be available to seniors who were residents even so some of them might be attending a trade school, an agricultural school, a private school or religious high school. All the by-laws were done by the spring before the North Branford High School was to open. A fashion show was put on with the dual purpose of raising some money to give two or three scholarships that year but getting individuals, clubs and other groups to start thinking about donating money to the North Branford Scholarship Association. It has been successful since day one and the grange has donated a scholarship every year. As a matter of fact, the grange scholarship is usually the first one awarded.

In 1962, Totoket received the Honor Lecturer's Award and the National Grange's Performance Award. The Totoket Juvenile Grange observed its 5th anniversary in March 1963. Four members joined subordinate grange that year. Dorothy Platt thanked the grange for the scholarship she got. Three hundred paperback books were delivered to the VA Hospital. Two bonds were cashed to give the Scholarship Association \$100. Totoket Grange donated a three compartment stainless steel sink to the town hall. It is still there and still in use.

In 1965, the junior grange disbanded because no one was available to be matron or patron. In the 60's people like Ruby Bailey, Marion Rose and Harry Juniver got 50 year certificates. In 1971, a major Community Service project was doing things to improve the town park behind the town garage. We cleaned up brush, set out picnic tables and others followed our suit as to tables. There was a small bridge across Farm River which would get washed out regularly. There was an area for tent camping. The land for the town garage was laid out so there was easy access to the park. If it were still usable, the expansion of the town garage area is such there would not be easy access. Town Recycling got underway and John Dufourny and two sons and George Bradley and two of his sons, and Carlton Platt were there at four different dates throughout the year.

In 1979, we named Wilhemina Schuessler our first "Citizen of the Year." Totoket has continued this annually. A complete list appears elsewhere in this booklet. Through most of the 70's and 80's eye glasses were collected and donated to various groups.

The 80's saw a decrease in card parties but an increase of sales of candy, bake sales and tag sales as money raisers. On May 10th, 20 visiting grange dignitaries were present with a total attendance of 85. The program was "Mother, Music, and Memorial" The attraction was the awarding of seals. Arthur Sperry got a 60 year seal. Dorothy and Carlton Platt, Jr. were presented their 50 year seals by their children Dorothy Shippee and

Carleton Platt, the third. Helen and Thomas Fowler received 25 year certificates. Carlton Platt had served as State Grange Chaplain among other posts he held on subordinate, pomona and state grange levels. In October Rev. Karl Phillippi gave a talk and slide program entitled "Just Plain Weather Vanes." Totoket Grange received Honor Grange, Community Service and Honor Lecturer Awards from State Grange.

In 1984 and in some subsequent years, Totoket gave two scholarships to the local fund. The members really went to work on the old historic cemetery in North Branford. They had put in 50 hours by March and it still needed more work. It was finished by June 11, The town promised that it would be mowed 10 times a season. One of the programs that year featured the Bell Choir from the North Guilford Congregational Church.

Money was earned at the Branford Festival along with other fund raisers. Camperships were given to grange members children. It was voted to use \$400. to help with some renovation in the town hall. The grange then held meetings at the Historical Society Building i.e. the old Center School. The grange was told it would not be able to return to the hall when renovations were completed. The Town Council instructed the Recreation Director of the period that we were going to return. The Grange also started making oral history tapes dealing with the town which were eventually donated to the historical society. Our annual picnics were held at a members home and this continues to the present.

In January 1988, we made a donation to the Medlyn Fund. Jay Medlyn lost his whole herd of cows to pneumonia. The Farm Bureau and the State Grange sponsored a fund drive for him and he was able to replace his herd. In November 1988, we gave Velma Haley her 75 year certificate. Sister Marion Rose was given her 70 year seal in 1989.

Camperships to Camp Berger were given annually as were donations to cover at least one scholarship to the North Branford Scholarship Association. In 1990, we started bringing in food for the food pantries which we continue to do. We sponsored the first AARP 55 Drive Alive classes in town and continued to do so until Park and Rec took it over. Bertha Page won a prize at the Guilford Fair for Showmanship. Mary Hyland received her 60 year seal.

In 1991, Velma Haley received her 80 year certificate and Jeanette Linsley, her 60 year seal. In July 1992, the state master attended a meeting and spoke of the process of consolidation. In the past, if a grange felt it no longer could survive, it was apt to turn in its charter which meant unless their members were able to find a near by grange to go to, they no longer were in the grange. Consolidation was a method where if a grange felt it must turn its charter, it could talk to a neighboring grange about joining en masse. Members who wanted to go to a different grange could still go. Guilford Grange was having attendance problems and Totoket Grange was glad to have them consolidate with us. After all of the procedures and votes were taken, Guilford consolidated with us in November 1992. It has been a good union for both of us. They had just one request from us. They had always



entered a booth in the Guilford Grange and would still like to as members of Totoket. We haven't missed a Guilford Fair since then!

In 1994, Marion Rose got her 75 year award and Edith Hill got 60 years and Dorothy and Warren Howarth got 55 year seals and Bertha Page got a 50 year award. Edith Hill and the Howarths were former Guilford members and if it had not been possible for them to join Totoket or another grange, they would have gotten nothing. We won again at the Guilford Fair and have done that every year as well. Shirley Cole who is not a grange member but was able to enter certain contests won second prize on her quilt on the national level.

Robert and Stephanie Page were named Farmer of the year and Bishop Orchards as Professional Agri-business at State Grange. They were entered through Totoket. We adopted a Christmas Family through the Family Services Department. This we continue to do annually.

Marcia Richardson and Christine Delfino joined Totoket in 1997. Membership seals were awarded to Elsie Jones, Margaret Augur , Marion Bradley and Natalie Daly for 55 years, Vivian Oppel for 65 years and Clarice Kneur for 70 years. In 1998, Carleton Platt, Jr. and Stella Pekarz were awarded 65 year seals, Mary Sperry 70 and Elmer Russell, 50 years.

In July 1998, Totoket Historical Society was named Citizen of the year and Totoket Grange promised them to match every dollar that they could raise from other groups before the end of the year up to a total of \$500.

Defrancesco Farm was named a Farm of the Year. It was nominated by Totoket Grange who also won second prize for both community service and publicity at the State Grange Session. The October program was interesting. Maggie Augur was in charge. Chris Mongillo spoke on American in Italy. Food including all types of pasta was described and even a recipe was given out. The closing thought expressed by Maggie was, "We hope you have had fun and learned something especially an appreciation of how our lives are enriched by contributions of other nations such as Italy."

Starting in 1999, the grange started collecting books for the children at Clinton Avenue School. Annamay Doody has worked closely with Jerome Harrison School in collecting books there for the school and Marion Bradley has worked with the Guilford Library and the Friends of the Guilford Library. Initially, the first collection was under 1,000 books but this has steadily increased over the years to about 2,000. The bulk of the books go to students to keep. The others are given to the school library. A group of retired teachers sort the books by grade level.

The Year 2000 also saw membership awards handed out to Mary Hyland, Herman Kintz and Winifred Tripp for 70 years; Burt Gesner, 65 years; Mary Hawkins, Eloise Terrell, Clifford Terrell and Arthur Cohen, 60 years; Alva and Vivian Woodruff, 55 years and Florence Hunter, 50 years. 2000 was a good year at State Session as far as awards went. They included Colleen Augur, Youth Committee; Marcia Richardson. Honor

Lecturer, 3rd prize for book report; Annamay Doody, certificate of merit for CWA, and Maggie Augur for getting new youth members.

In 2001, Marcia Richardson was able to arrange with her niece Julia Noonan a published children's book author and illustrator to come and visit with the children at both Clinton Avenue School and Jerome Harrison School. Each school was given a framed original illustration of one of her books, and a signed copy of the book for the school library. She worked with two groups of children at Clinton Avenue School about writing and illustrating books and the same at Jerome Harrison. It was a good experience for both schools but especially appreciated by the faculty and children at Clinton Avenue because most of the students come from homes lacking books.

In 2001, Totoket Grange was recognized by National Grange as one of the top five granges in the nation for community service. Totoket had won first at the state level. In February 2002, State Master Perrelli came to Totoket Grange and gave them a plaque and ribbon from National Grange in recognition of the community service and Maureen Perrelli presented a ribbon and a check for \$100 for the blankets donated to Junior Republic.

Membership seals were given to Vivian Oppel for 70 years of membership, Margaret Augur, 65 years; Natalie Daly and Marion Bradley, 60 years and Elsie Jones, 55. We won at Guilford Fair again.

2003 saw closer relationships with the Farm Bureau. Carleton Platt, Jr. received his 70 year seal presented to him by his daughter Dorothy Shippee. Elmer Russell received a 55 year seal. We continued with joint installation of officers with North Haven Grange. Huena Wetmore presented Totoket with a State Grange Flag from Hamden. Approximately 1750 books were given to Clinton Avenue School.

For the first time, there was a walk for cancer in North Branford. The Grange donated \$50.00 to the "miracle" team because several of our members are involved in that one. Marion Bradley and Carleton Platt, Jr. were recognized at North Branford School at scholarship awards night. It was the 40th Anniversary of the group and the two grangers were two of the four on the committee that organized it. In the 40 years, Totoket Grange has given 95 scholarships totaling \$30,000, Colleen Augur was named outstanding Young Farmer of the Year by State Grange. Marcia Richardson got two lecturer's certificates at State Session and the Grange got 2nd prize for the publicity scrap book and community service. Dr Rothenberg was considered outstanding Production Farmer at State Session and got his award at the grange meeting as he was unable to go to Hartford.

On July 12, 2005, Mary Hyland's 75 year certificate was given to her son Clarence who will take it to her in Florida. Winifred Tripp, 75 year certificate was sent to her in New York where she lives with her daughter. Burt Gesner received his 70 year seal. Clifford Terrell accepted his 65 year seal and his wife's as well as she could not attend. Vivian Woodruff's 60 year seal was mailed to her. Christine Harrison received her Golden Sheaf.

October 11 was our "decade" program and we chose the 40's with the emphasis on World War II. It was a public meeting but it was pouring cats and dogs so attendance

was lower than expected. It was a very worthwhile night.

Our regular Grange meeting started at 6:15 and adjourned at 6:45. We had a well advertised public meeting about the changes in Medicare. There were 48 people there. The speaker was Leslie Pruitt, Choices Coordinator for the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut. She was an excellent speaker, stopped to answer questions as they were raised. She also brought a wide array of booklets which she distributed to attendees on the basis of what ones would help them after she asked a couple of questions.

The December meeting saw Jane Miller of the State CWA give Susan Breese her first prize awards at the local, Pomona, state and Eastern State levels in needlework. Betty Moore was first in subordinate, Pomona and state and third at Eastern States. Marge Bernhardt gave Marion Bradley the 2nd place ribbon for the poster contest and the honor lecturer's award.

At our January meeting in 2006, John and Nancy Lappie and his wife were obligated as new members. The program was based on agriculture. Jay Medlyn pointed out that 2% of Connecticut's population farm 12% of the land. Plans for the 100th Anniversary were discussed at both January and February meetings.

Elsewhere in the pamphlet are lists of Charter members, Masters, Citizens of the year and similar information. This is not meant to be a real technical history. Many good programs weren't mentioned. There was not a breakdown of donations and other things we do. However, we welcome you all here. Thanks for coming.

# Totoket Grange #83 inc

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### Past Masters

1891 ~ 1893 Carles E. Linsley  
1893~ 1895 George C. Linsley  
1895~1898 Rev. F. Countryman  
1906~ 1909 George C. Todd  
1909~ 191 0 Elon Rose  
1911 Charles F. Holabird  
1912~1916 Scott W. Gilbert  
1917~1918 Charles Todd  
1919~ 1920 Nathan A. Harrison  
1921 ~ 1923 Wilson Carey  
1924~1926 Charles Todd  
1927 Wilson Carey  
1928~ 1929 Charles Linsley  
1930 Ruth Beers  
1931 ~ 1933 Clifford Harrison  
1934~1935 Frank Mackey  
1936~1938 Ruby Linsley  
1939~1941 Clifford Hall  
1942~1945 Burton Colter  
1946~1947 Harry Juniver  
1948~ 1951 Arthur Maynard  
1952 Alfred Hawkins  
1953 John Wittmer  
1954 Clifford Hall  
1955~1957 Florence Juniver  
1958~1960 George Bradley  
1960= 1962 George Linsley  
1962~ 1963 Carlton Platt  
1963~ 1964 Harry Juniver  
1964~ 1965 Dorothy Platt  
1966~ 1973 Betty Carlson  
1973~1975 Dorothy Platt  
1975~1977 Winifred Cooke  
1977 ~ 1984 Muriel Caulford  
1984~ 1985 Carlton Platt

1986~ 1987 Muriel Caulford  
1987~2004 Marion Bradley  
2004~ James Medlyn

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A. D. Rose  
ElonH. Rose  
James Handy  
George Foote  
Jessie Harrison  
J. Peter Oappel  
F. H. Snow  
Charles Linsley  
William Carey  
Andrew J. Russell  
Robert N. Ford  
R. M. Harrison  
Mrs. Jesse Harrison  
Mrs. E. H. Rose Mrs.  
George Foote Mrs.  
Ralph Beers Mr.  
Walter Chidsey Mr.  
Hubert Linsley Mrs.  
George Munger Miss  
Lucinda Linsley

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Mrs. Charles Linsley  
Mrs. George Linsley  
Mrs. Charles Todd  
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Palmer Mr . Fred  
Miller  
Mr. Henry Miller  
Mr. Herbert O. Page  
Mrs. Fred Miller  
Miss Gertrude Page  
Mrs. Fred Stevens  
Miss Mary Aronson  
Mr. Ralph Beers  
Mr. Earl Beers  
Mr. Edward Cole  
Mr. Frank Larkim  
Mr. Clark Russell  
Walter S. Watrous

## TOTOKET GRANGE #83 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

- 1979 Wilhemina Schuessler      Using her nursing skill to teach classes during World War II, the bloodmobile other uses of her nursing skills.
- 1980 North Branford Volunteer Fire Department Co. # 1      for outstanding service in protecting the town
- 1981 Marion Musial      Blood mobile and donation of her time to help others
- 1982 Janet Gregan      Leading Historical Society to preserve local treasures
- 1983 Tim Ryan      Service to town through his role in local government
- 1984 Gerry Brophy      Bloodmobile
- 1985 Evelyn Hogan      27 years of leadership in the local girl scouts
- 1986 Stanley Konesky      His work in the Youth Department in the Branford Police Dept.
- 1987 Joanne Wentworth      Her service to the Town as Mayor
- 1988 Lars Selander      Outstanding leadership in the North Branford Scholarship Assn.
- 1989 Anthony Esposito      Working to organize North Branford Ambulance Corps
- 1990 Gordon Miller      Contribution and leadership in the Totoket Historical Society
- 1991 Lorain Black      Work in Conservation and recycling
- 1992 Ann Byrne      Food Bank and other civic projects
- 1993 North Branford Fife and Drum Corps      For all the music, accomplishments and joy brought to the Town
- 1994 Sherman Gomberg      For a record of service and help to the town
- 1995 Rotary Club      For major local projects in town parks
- 1996 Arlene Pawchyk      For opportunities given to her Spanish students at NBHS

1997 Jim Powers	For efforts in saving and identifying local Native American items
1998 Town Council	For saving the Reynold Beers house and getting land for Atwater Library expansion.
1999 The Dudley Farm Foundation	Preservation of old farm and opening it to all
2000 Robin Brown	For aid from Jerome Harrison School to the drive for books for Clinton Ave. School pupils
2001 Frank Connolly	For outstanding service as Town Manager
2002 Robert and Ginny Montelius	For service to the town by donating time and effort s to the food bank and other needs
2003 Angels Foundation crisis's	For extensive free help to families facing major medical
2004 Alton Eliason	For his many years of leadership in organic gardening
2005 Joan Wentworth	For her leadership in the Food Bank and to those people who were faithful helpers