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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

THE TEMPLE EAST 105 & ANSEL RD CLEVE

LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR RETURN TO OHIO. PLEASE SEND IMMEDIATELY
TWO OR THREE PICTURES OF YOURSELF, PORTRAIT AND IN ACTION IF
POSSIBLE, FOR PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION.

CURTIS LEE SMITH PRESIDENT CLEVELAND CHAMBER

OF COMMERCE CO-CHAIRMAN CLEVELAND COMMITTEE FOR

FAMOUS OHIOANS DAY.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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Assembly of Famous Ohio Personalities
October 19th and 20th, 1953

September 18, 1953

FRANK J. LAUSCHE, Governor
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LOUIS BROMFIELD
Co-Chairman
Malabar Farm Mansfield

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Co-Chairman
Carter Hotel Cleveland

Dear Ohioan:

You will be happy to learn by enclosed copies of news clippings that enthusiastic interest is mounting for our Sesquicentennial Assembly of Famous Ohio Personalities.

Governor Lausche and our co-chairmen, Allen Lowe and Louis Bromfield, appreciate the fine response to our letters of invitation in consideration of the very busy schedules that Ohio's famous native sons and daughters altered in order to participate in this outstanding "homecoming" celebration October 19th and 20th.

Following the local observance in the hometowns of our native Ohioans, plans for a day-long program of the Assembly of Famous Ohio Personalities in Cleveland on October 20th include a parade moving down Euclid Avenue at 11:30 AM to be followed by the Governor's Luncheon highlighting special tribute to our State's sons and daughters who are widely known throughout the Nation and World, participation in Bob Hope's television network show and an evening party. Nationwide coverage by the press and broadcasting networks will feature this significant event during Ohio's celebration of its 150th Birthday.

It is urgent for our Cleveland hotel men who are arranging housing and reception plans to know, as soon as your schedule will permit, time and place of your arrival in Cleveland also definite hotel reservations you desire. Please advise Mr. Allen James Lowe, Managing Director of the Carter Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, at your earliest opportunity.

Remember, your fellow Ohioans are proud of your achievements and wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Rhea McCarty
Rhea McCarty
Executive Secretary

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CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 1953

Clevelanders to Help Plan Famous Ohioans Assembly

To help form plans for the "Assembly of Famous Ohio Personalities," which will be held here Oct. 20 in conjunction with the Ohio Sesquicentennial Celebration, a Cleveland committee was named yesterday.

In October, 50 of the state's sons and daughters, who are widely known, will assemble in Cleveland for a day-long program, including a governor's luncheon, a parade downtown, participation in Bob Hope's television show and an evening party.

Allen J. Lowe, manager of Hotel Carter, and Louis Bromfield, author and columnist, will be cochairmen of the committee for the event. These two with Curtis Lee Smith, cochairman of the Cuyahoga County Sesquicentennial committee and president of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, announced the members of the "Famous Ohioans" committee as follows:

Mayor Thomas A. Burke, honorary chairman; Sterling E. Graham, president, Forest City Publishing Co.; N. R. Howard, editor, Cleveland News; Louis B. Seltzer, editor, Cleveland Press; Lloyd E. Yoder, general manager, WTAM and WNBK; William Ong, assistant to the president, American Steel & Wire; Louis S. Bing, president, Bing Co.

Willard W. Brown, Clevite Corp.; Harry F. Burmester, Union Bank of Commerce; Walter M. Halle, president, Halle Bros. Co.; Edward J. Gleason, Fisher Body Division of General Motors Corp.; Baird Johnson, attorney; Hayden B. Kline, president, Industrial Rayon Corp.; Frank Kohnstamm, president, Jack & Heintz, Inc.; Samuel Littlejohn, General Electric Co.

R. J. McSoley, manager, Hotel Statler; Thomas S. Patton, Republic Steel Corp.; John Sherwin,

Pickands, Mather & Co.; C. H. Smith, jr., president, Steel Improvement & Forge Co.; A. A. Stambaugh, chairman of the board, Standard Oil Co. of Ohio; Vernon Stouffer, president, Stouffer Corp.; John D. Wright, president, Thompson Products, Inc.; Lee C. Howley, Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.; Horton H. Hampton, member of the

City Planning Commission.

Stanley C. Patno, president, Cleveland Advertising Club; H. Walter Stewart, president, Cleveland Bar Association; Ralph H. West, president, Cleveland Engineering Society; William C. Mauser, president, Cleveland Junior Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Homer H. Geiger, president, Federation of Women's Clubs of Greater Cleveland; Miss Virginia Hood, president, Women's Advertising Club.

The event is expected to draw nationwide attention to Cleveland and the state as it celebrates its 150th birthday.



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, THE TEMPLE=

E. 105TH ST AT ANSEL RD=

=DUE TO THE FACT THAT SEVERAL PERSONS ARE INVOLVED
IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR RETURN TO OHIO ON OCTOBER
NINETEENTH AND TWENTIETH I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU
CONTACT ME ON ANY PART OF THE PROGRAM WHICH HAS NOT
BEEN MADE CLEAR TO YOU THUS FAR REGARDING THE PARADE,
LUNCHEON, TELECAST, RECEPTION, HOTEL ROOMS, ETC. THIS
IS A SIZEABLE PROGRAM AND WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT ALL
POINTS ARE PROPERLY CLARIFIED WIVES AND HUSBANDS ARE WELCOME:
=ALLEN JAMES LOWE MANAGING DIRECTOR HOTEL CARTER AND
GENERAL CHAIRMAN FAMOUS PERSONS DAY=

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October 19th and 20th, 1953

October 10, 1953

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Co-Chairman
Malabar Farm Mansfield

ALLEN JAMES LOWE
Co-Chairman
Carter Hotel Cleveland

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The enclosed program will give you full information regarding the FAMOUS PERSONS DAY in Cleveland, October 20, 1953.

We are anxious to assign someone to you to act as your Cleveland Host during your stay here. Therefore, would you please indicate when you will arrive and by what conveyance?

In case there is any hitch in your room reservations, Mrs. Lowe and I would like for you to come to our Suite, No. 950, at the Carter Hotel, where you will be welcome and we will immediately proceed to work out each individual problem.

The biggest convention of the year will be in progress at that time, and room reservations present quite a problem for hotels in Cleveland, and as far away as Akron.

Looking forward to seeing you and with every good wish, I am

*This letter also went
to out of town guests.*

AJL/rd
encl:

Cordially yours,

Allen James Lowe
ALLEN JAMES LOWE
General Chairman



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AT ANSEL RD CLEVE
REGARDING CLEVELAND ONLY. YOUR NAME IS IN OUR PRINTED
PROGRAM AND YOU WILL HAVE A PART IN THE GOVERNOR'S
LUNCHEON PROCEEDINGS ON OCTOBER TWENTIETH. BOB HOPES
TELEVISION SCRIPT AND SHOW INCLUDES YOU. IF THERE IS ANY
DOUBT AS TO WHETHER YOU WILL BE ON HAND IT WILL BE
HELPFUL FOR YOU TO ADVISE ME BY WESTERN UNION POST HASTE.
ANY FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU BY JAMES GARFIELD,
PARADE CHAIRMAN, WHO WILL GREET YOU AT ELEVEN IN THE
MORNING OF OCTOBER TWENTIETH ON SUPERIOR STREET ENTRANCE OF
HOTEL CLEVELAND WHERE PARADE ORIGINATES. KINDEST REGARDS
ALLEN JAMES LOWE GENERAL CHAIRMAN.

October 14, 1953

Mr. Allen James Lowe, Managing Director
Carter Hotel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Lowe:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Famous
Persons Day in Cleveland, October 20, 1953.

Mrs. Silver will be accompanying me to the
Governor's Civic Luncheon on October 20, and I
will appreciate receiving the luncheon tickets.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Know all Men by these Presents

That LOUIS BROMFIELD

*Sometimes referred to as the Laird of the Manor of Malabar Farm,
Pluvius of the Rains of India, Wizard of Wichita Falls, Texas, and
Bard of the Brazilian Badlands,*

the Grantor,

*who claims title by virtue of his nostalgia, and his labor of love, does
hereby for the consideration of the affection and devotion to the great
State of Ohio, and the fame, which the Grantee,*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

*has brought to the Buckeye State by reason of great accomplishments,
and in particular, for having achieved the recognized position as the
greatest Jewish leader in the world.*

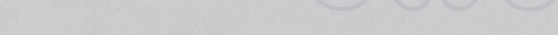
by these presents absolutely

*gives, grants, remises, releases and forever quit-claims unto the said grantee, heirs
and assigns forever, all such right and title as he the said grantor, has or ought to
have in and to the following described piece or parcel of land, situated near the
Township of Mansfield, County of Richland and State of Ohio:*


Being an undivided one-fifty-third interest in the following:
Beginning in the center of Hardscrabble Road near the brow of the
hill; thence Northerly to a notch in the stump of the old oak tree;
thence down the slope to the third ripple on the Mill Creek, near the
flat rock;
thence along the creek, with the meanderings thereof, to the bridge
on said road;
thence up the road to the place of beginning,
intending hereby to convey one acre of Ohio sod, of said Malabar
Farm in said County, be the same, more or less, but subject to all legal
highways.

It is further understood and agreed between the parties hereto that at
such time as the grantee and his or her coparceners return to their
native state, they shall have that which is the time honored reward
of all noble veterans of rustic labor, to wit: that when they are turned
out to pasture from their individual pursuits and achievements, they
shall have a favorite place to graze on the greens of Malabar Farm.

In Witness Whereof *I have hereunto set my hand, the twentieth day of October,*
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.



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LOUIS BROMFIELD

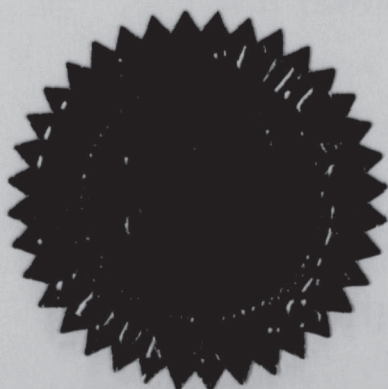
State of Ohio, }
Cuyahoga County, } ss. Before me, a Notary Public
the above named in and for said County and State, personally appeared

LOUIS BROMFIELD

who acknowledged that he did sign the foregoing instrument and that the same is his free act and deed.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at Cleveland, Ohio, this twentieth day of October, A.D. 1953.

U. R. Hilling



State of Ohio,

Cuyahoga County,

the above named

ss.

Before me, a Notary Public

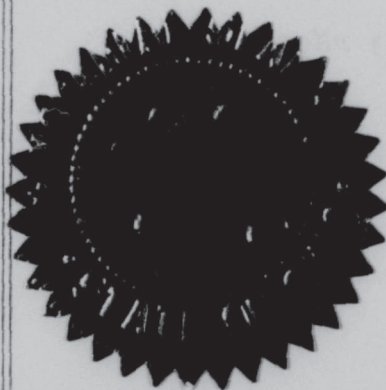
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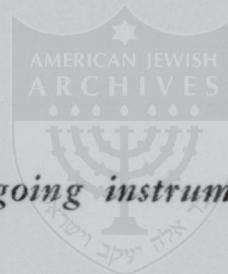
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Assembly of Famous Ohio Personalities
October 19th and 20th, 1953

CLEVELAND OHIO SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 20, 1953

FRANK J. LAUSCHE, Governor
Honorary Chairman

LOUIS BROMFIELD
Co-Chairman
Malabar Farm Mansfield

ALLEN JAMES LOWE
Co-Chairman
Carter Hotel Cleveland

11:00 AM

Assemble on Superior Street entrance of Hotel Cleveland where quite a number of convertible automobiles will be parked. Famous Persons name will be on automobile in which they are to ride. Spouses in attendance will ride with each respective honored guest.

On hand to greet you will be Parade Chairman, tall James A. Garfield III great grandson of the 23d President of the United States.

Leading the parade will be the Cleveland Mounted Police and a 70-piece prize-winning band from Shaw High School.

11:30 AM

Parade moves up Euclid Avenue to 14th Street, thence to Huron Road, thence to Prospect Avenue to the Carter Hotel.

12:15 PM

Governor's Civic Luncheon, Rainbow Room, Carter Hotel.
Toastmaster: Curtis Lee Smith, President of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, and co-Chairman of the Cuyahoga County Sesquicentennial Committee.

Famous Sons and Daughters will sit at the double speakers table. Spouses will sit at reserved tables immediately in front of speakers table.

Please advise if your spouse will accompany you, so proper arrangements can be made in advance for seating. Luncheon tickets will be provided by the Committee for all honored guests and their respective spouses.

Miss Blanche Thebom, beautiful Metropolitan Opera star from Canton, Ohio, will sing "Beautiful Ohio" at the luncheon.

Since there will be about thirty-five famous Ohio sons and daughters in attendance, the local committee picked seven names from a bowl and they have been invited to deliver two-minute extemporaneous messages to those assembled.



The names drawn were -- Branch Rickey, Earl Wilson, Eddie Rickenbacker, James J. Nance, Bob Hope, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale and Major Albert Warner. All other guests will be introduced by the Toastmaster.

Each of the famous sons and daughters will be presented with a quit-claim deed to 1/53 of an acre of land located on Louis Bromfield's Malabar Farm. Most persons, as years go by, are eventually "turned out to pasture" and when that time comes, you will find a place to "graze on the greens of famous Malabar Farm" near Mansfield, Ohio.

The television program from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM will be the first coast-to-coast show presented by Bob Hope in the 1953-54 series. He is originating this show from his hometown of Cleveland as a salute to Ohio's 150th birthday party.

After the luncheon, the entourage of famous sons and daughters will meet in the Embassy Room, which adjoins the Rainbow Room, where details will be given regarding the television show.

All of the famous sons and daughters in attendance will be presented on the show. However, there are several versions from different quarters as to how it will be handled. Bob Hope, who is now in Europe, will make the final decision with the urgent recommendations of our Committee. There will be sufficient time for preparation for all concerned.

Your general chairman arranged for the Bob Hope show to originate here, and Bob is anxious to have this event represent one of the stellar performances of his career.

9:30 PM

After the television show, famous sons and daughters of Ohio and other distinguished guests will again assemble in the Rainbow Room of the Carter Hotel, where a reception with elaborate buffet and refreshments has been arranged by top officials of the National Broadcasting Company. This should be an unforgettable event.

Any further questions regarding detail will be welcome and a response will be forthcoming by telegram.

Cordially yours,

ALLEN JAMES LOWE,
General Chairman

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October 20, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Hotel Carter
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Allen Lowe joins me in a genuine welcome.

We trust that you enjoy the program that has been
arranged in your honor.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis Bromfield".
LOUIS BROMFIELD



City of Cleveland

THOMAS A. BURKE
MAYOR

October 20, 1953

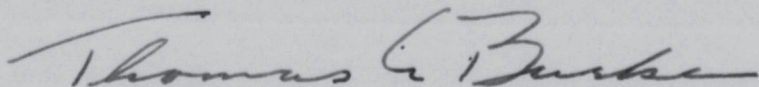
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o Hotel Carter,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You honor our City with your presence, and I am pleased to extend a most cordial welcome to you on this outstanding and historic occasion.

We feel confident that you will have an enjoyable visit and I am looking forward to greeting you personally.

Sincerely yours,



THOMAS A. BURKE,
Mayor

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FRANK J. LAUSCHE
GOVERNOR

THE STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE HOUSE, COLUMBUS

October 20, 1953

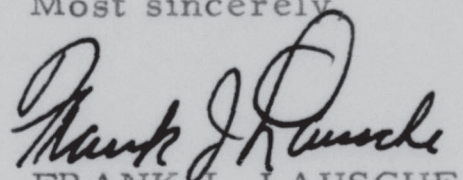
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Hotel Carter
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am pleased for this opportunity to welcome you to Ohio. The two-day program, which has been planned in your honor, is a sincere effort on the part of Ohioans to demonstrate their affection and respect for you and your many accomplishments.

The program for today in Cleveland should prove to be most interesting, and I am anticipating a nice visit with you.

Most sincerely,


FRANK J. LAUSCHE
Governor

FJL:je

City of Cleveland

THOMAS A. BURKE
MAYOR

Oct. 21, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd.
Cleveland,
Ohio

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mrs. Burke and I are most appreciative of your participation in the testimonial dinner the other evening.

It was grand of you to join with us, and to pronounce the Benediction. We were delighted to note that you enjoyed Bob Hope so much.

I should like also to express my thanks for your graciousness and kindness during my years as Mayor of Cleveland.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Burke
Mayor

THE CLEVELAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

400 UNION COMMERCE BLDG.

MAIN 1-3300

CLEVELAND 14, OHIO

CURTIS LEE SMITH
PRESIDENT

November 5, 1953

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

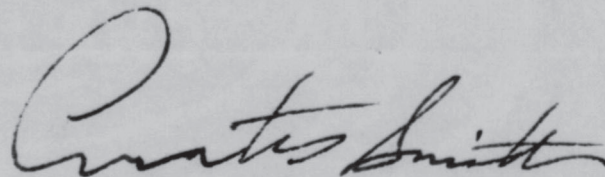
I enjoyed being with you so much at the "Famous Persons Day" recently, and I am writing you, not to fish for compliments, but to ask you if you have any criticisms or comments as you recall the occasion.

We were greatly disappointed that we could not provide speaking time for all of the thirty-one visitors. Some of the things we had planned were better than we expected, and, as is customary, some didn't turn out as well.

We hope to keep you in Cleveland where we can concentrate more on you as an individual.

Trusting that you will drop us a note with any comments or suggestions you may have, and with kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



President

Serving Cleveland since 1848

November 12, 1953

Mr. Curtis Lee Smith, President
The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce
400 Union Commerce Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Smith:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of November 5th.

I thought that the arrangements for Famous Persons Day which were made by you and your co-workers were excellent in every way, and I enjoyed the program very much. I thought that the luncheon at the Carter was delightful; I regret that I could not attend the program in the evening. There was perhaps a little over-emphasis on the Hollywood angle but that, of course, is a matter of taste.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER