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January 6, 1955

Mr. Edwin M. Steckel, Executive Director
Oglebay Institute
Wheeling, West Virginia

My dear Friend:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of December 30th. It was a pleasure to recall the meeting of the Oglebay Institute which I addressed back in 1930 - the first public meeting of the Oglebay Institute.

It was gracious of you to invite me to address the 25th anniversary dinner on Wednesday evening, June first. I should be very pleased to be with you on that occasion. It will afford me an opportunity to visit Oglebay Park, where I have not been in quite a number of years, and to renew contacts with many friends.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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OGLEBAY INSTITUTE
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

January 17, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are delighted to have your letter of January 6 accepting our invitation for Wednesday evening, June 1, upon the occasion of our 25th Anniversary Dinner.

Within a short time we will have a committee appointed by our president to work out the details of the program and to make public announcement of the event.

In the meantime, you will have a request from Robert Porter, who is in charge of publicity for Oglebay Institute, for a glossy photo and material which he can use in publicizing the occasion.

As I told you in my letter of December 30, we will make every effort to bring you up-to-date on the development of Oglebay Institute through publications, the 1954 Annual Report which will be ready soon, and, if you think it will be helpful, I will arrange to see you in Cleveland prior to the meeting at your convenience to answer any questions and bring you any additional material which you might desire. This is a suggestion on my part and is entirely a matter for you to decide.

In the meantime please consider Wednesday evening, June 1, as a definite date and plan accordingly. I am sure that a host of friends in Wheeling will welcome the announcement and you may look forward to a happy reunion with people with whom you were once associated.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin M. Steckel
Executive Director

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COURTNEY BURTON
1200 HANNA BUILDING
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January 20, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

As a member of the Oglebay Family, and as an Honorary member of Oglebay Institute, I am writing to say how pleased I am to hear from Ed Steckel that you are going to be the principal speaker at the Oglebay Institute Annual Dinner, early in June.

Ed tells me that you were the first principal speaker at at the dinner that inaugurated their annual meetings of the Institute, in 1930. I think it most fitting that you should come again and see the growth and progress in both the Institute program and in the development of the Park and its many facilities. I expect to be at this meeting myself and to meet with you at that time.

I have just returned from Oglebay Park, and hearing about your coming, I just wanted to say a word to tell you how very pleased I am, in behalf of myself as well as others, to know that you are coming.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Burton

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January 27, 1955

Mr. Courtney Burton
1200 Hanna Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Burton:

Thank you for your note of January twentieth. I was pleased to hear from you.

I am looking forward to addressing the Annual Dinner of the Oglebay Institute in June. I think the whole conception of the Park is magnificent, and I am delighted that it has developed so splendidly through the years. I shall look forward with pleasure to meeting you at Oglebay Park

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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OGLEBAY INSTITUTE
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

February 10, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

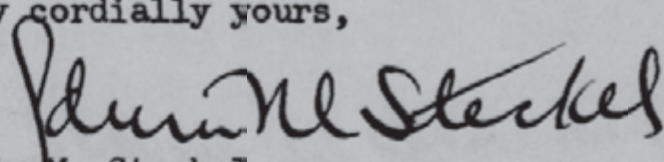
I plan to be in Cleveland March 7 and 8 attending a Music Educators Conference, with headquarters at the Cleveland Hotel.

I am writing to ask that you arrange to see me, at a time and place convenient to you, so that we may discuss some of the details of plans, now in the making, for the 25th Anniversary Dinner Meeting, June 1.

I suggest a time during the day on Monday, but will arrange to suit your convenience at another time.

We find great enthusiasm on the part of our people regarding the meeting and especially when they learn that you have accepted our invitation to speak on that occasion.

Very cordially yours,


Edwin M. Steckel
Executive Director

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OGLEBAY INSTITUTE
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

February 11, 1955

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Your coming to Oglebay Park for the Silver Anniversary of Oglebay Institute is particularly gratifying and might well be recorded as another in a long line of Institute events of outstanding merit.

As a member of the Publicity Department, it becomes my pleasant duty to request biographical data and at least one glossy print. Our initial coverage of the Annual Dinner began with the current issue of Oglebay Institute News, a four-page newspaper that is prepared for our Membership.

Issue Number 2 is scheduled for early April, and present plans call for the publication of your picture. I would like, too, if possible to include the subject of your address.

I trust that these materials will be forthcoming, and in the event you wish the glossy returned, I shall comply with your request.

Accept my sincere thanks for your kind assistance in this matter.

Most sincerely yours,

Robert H. Porter

Robert H. Porter
Publicity Department

*sent 19 glossy
by 3/3/55*

February 13, 1955

Mr. Edwin M. Steckel, Executive Director
Oglebay Institute
Wheeling, West Virginia

My dear Mr. Steckel:

Thank you for your letter of February tenth.
I shall be very happy to see you in my study
at The Temple at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March
seventh.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Twenty-fifth Anniversary - - 1930-1955

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Silver Anniversary Dinner Planned for June 1

Radio and TV Provide Additional Outlets

Radio and TV continue to provide significant outlets for Oglebay Institute's varied program of educational, cultural, and recreational endeavors.

In its eighth season, "Youth and Music" is heard each Saturday afternoon at 2:30 over WTRX. Eighteen high schools make up this year's schedule. Schools and their broadcast dates follow: Dillonvale, Feb. 16; Weirton, Feb. 23; Moundsville, March 2; Triadelphia, March 9; Warren Consoli-

dated March 16; Bellaire, March 23; Shadyside, March 30; Sistersville, April 6; Wheeling, April 13; Barnesville, April 20; St. Joseph's, April 27; Brigeport, May 4; Brilliant, May 11; Adena, May 18. Mt. Pleasant, Warwood, Martins Ferry, and Central Catholic have already been heard in this 30-minute program of vocal and instrumental music.

"The Right to Differ," a televised discussion made possible by WTRF-TV, is seen each Sunday

afternoon from 2 until 2:30. Pro-and-con discussions and a question-and-answer period make up the program. Schools yet to take part include Shadyside, Feb. 13; West Liberty, Feb. 20; Central Catholic, Feb. 27; Wheeling, March 6; Warren Consolidated, March 13; Steubenville, March 20; St. Joseph's, March 27; Warwood, April 3; St. Clairsville, April 17; Weirton, April 24; Linsly, May 1; Follansbee, May 8; Lincoln, May 15. Triadelphia, Cadiz, Martins Ferry, Union, and Bridgeport have

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Miss Martha Black's Illustrated Lecture Event of Feb. 16 at DTC

Following Miss Martha Black's lecture, "Art in Your Daily Life," to be presented in the auditorium of Oglebay Institute's Downtown Center on Wednesday evening, Feb. 16, at 8:15, only two other attractions remain in the 1954-1955 Winter Entertainment Series.

Miss Black, who has charge of the Institute's Art Department, will use colored slides, magazines, and commercial products of good design to illustrate her talk. A display of students' work will be an added feature of Miss Black's program. This exhibit will include paintings and graphic arts.

Show of Craft Hobbies April 16, 17 in Park

Previously announced for March 18, 19, and 20, the Sixth Annual Show of Craft Hobbies will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17, from 2 to 9 p.m., in the A. B. Brooks Nature Center, Oglebay Park.

The show is open to all craftsmen of the Greater Wheeling Area and provides opportunity for the display of creative crafts rather than collections.

A new feature will be a sales department where craft items may be purchased. Elizabeth S. Faris and Phil Maxwell, in charge of the Institute's Crafts Department, will be assisted by the Crafts Committee in the presentation of this annual event.

The Art Committee, Frasier Smith, chairman, is in charge of the evening.

The Show of Craft Hobbies, the sixth in as many years, will be staged in Oglebay Park. The facilities of the A. B. Brooks Nature Center will provide adequate display space for this two-day event, April 16 and 17. Visiting hours have been set for 2 to 9 p.m. each day. This show of creative crafts is a part of the Winter Entertainment Series. There is no admission charge.

On May 6, Edward Morris Brigham, Jr., naturalist, traveler, photographer, and curator of the Kingman Museum of Natural History, Battle Creek, Mich., brings the series to a close with his illustrated lecture, "Along Nature Trails in Michigan." The Brigham program will be presented in the Downtown Center.

Because of Miss Mary Ann Busch's resignation, effective March 1, the program of "Easter Customs," announced for April 11 at the Downtown Center, has been cancelled.

These programs have been free of charge to members of Oglebay Institute and to Summer Entertainment patrons who purchased season books in 1954. A guest fee was assessed for the Oct. 14, Nov. 17, and Jan. 14 entertainments. The remaining program, for which a guest fee will be charged, is the May 6 Brigham illustrated lecture.

Summer Series Might Change During 1955

Oglebay Institute's Summer Entertainment Series, in an attempt to make attendance more convenient for summer patrons, is adopting a new schedule for 1955, according to Edwin M. Steckel, executive director.

Oglebay Institute's Summer Entertainment Committee includes Don J. Byrum, chairman; James M. Hawley, Dr. Martin L. Cerhardt, D. Milton Gutman, President Henry S. Schrader, and Mr. Steckel.

Tentative plans call for Symphony concerts four Thursdays, starting late in June. Oglebay Institute, working in conjunction with the Wheeling Symphony Society, will then take over and will present a variety of summer attractions from the outdoor stage on the following six Thursday nights, culminating with Opera Night, Thursday evening, Sept. 1.

An exhaustive search for a variety of talent never before presented here is keeping the committee members busy. Consideration is also being given to some sort of covering for the outdoor stage. Such a device would provide protection for visiting artists and musical instruments and would result in the elimination or postponement of scheduled attractions.

"The committee is hard at work on plans for the six Thursday night events," said Mr. Steckel. "Because of the complex situation," he continued, "we are unable to make a definite announcement."

Commemorating the Silver Anniversary of Oglebay Institute, the annual dinner meeting will be held in the Pineroom of Oglebay Park on June 1, with Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland, Ohio, the principal speaker.

Trustees in charge of completing the details for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Dinner include Lee C. Paull Jr., chairman; Gordon T. Kinder, Albert C. Whitaker, and Arthur E. Junkins. This group will plan other observances during the year.

"Rabbi Silver's return as guest speaker is particularly significant," said Edwin M. Steckel, executive director, "since he served as speaker at the Institute's first public meeting, Dec. 9, 1930, held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral."

W. P. Wilson, chairman of the Wheeling Park Commission, introduced Rabbi Silver on that occasion. Mr. Wilson, who at that time was vice-chairman of the Wheeling Park Commission, recalled an evening in 1917 in which a number of Wheeling citizens met in that very room (Scottish Rite Cathedral) on a matter of great importance to Wheeling and the country at large—the first meeting for the discussion of the buying of Liberty bonds.

"It was at that meeting," Mr. Wilson continued, "that a young man, virtually unknown in Wheeling at the time, was asked to speak. This young man moved the meeting strongly," Mr. Wilson added. "This same young man left Wheeling shortly afterward and accomplished distinguished service for the French High Commission, for which he was decorated."

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Antiques Show Set For June 7, 8, 9

Announced for June 7, 8, and 9, a three-day Antiques Show will be held in the Pineroom of Oglebay Park. Gailey B. Wilson, from Hickory, Penna., will manage the event.

Members of Oglebay Institute's Mansion-Museum Committee, headed by Mrs. H. H. Meade, will assist Mr. Wilson. Additional details will soon be available, according to Charles J. Milton, curator of the historic Mansion House and the Frontier Travel Gallery.

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A Service Group

From July, 1954, through January, 1955, staff members of Oglebay Institute have made 75 guest appearances before local and area civic groups. Unfortunately, all requests cannot be answered due to limited Institute personnel.

Since its inception, Oglebay Institute has prided itself in the belief that nothing but the best is good enough for the people it serves. An all-out endeavor has been exerted to maintain the highest possible level of appeal.

Through staff visitations to groups, through varied lectures and special events at the Park and at the Downtown Center, through guest appearances via radio and television, Oglebay Institute truly serves the community.

Using these diversified media, the Institute staff has magnificently met the challenge meted out to a community-service organization.

*25th Anniversary of
Oglebay Institute
1930-1955*

Oglebay Institute has the cooperation of the Wheeling Park Commission and the Agriculture Extension Division of West Virginia University in making its program possible.

MEMORIALS—Oglebay Institute is prepared to receive contributions given by friends in memory of deceased persons, and to notify the deceased's family of such gift. The amount of the contribution will not be specified unless requested by the donor.

MEMBERSHIPS—Dues in Oglebay Institute are payable annually. The membership, which is essentially a contribution, also carries with it certain worthwhile privileges for the member. Junior (under 21 years)—\$2; Active: Individual—\$10 to \$25; Husband and Wife—\$15 to \$25; Contributing—\$25 to \$50; Sustaining—\$50 to \$100; Associate—\$100 to \$1,000; Life: Individual—\$1,000; Husband and wife—\$1,500.

BEQUESTS—In making a will, you may leave money to Oglebay Institute by incorporating the following phrase: "I hereby give and bequeath to Oglebay Institute, a charitable corporation of the City of Wheeling, West Virginia, Dollars."

CONTRIBUTIONS to Oglebay Institute, including the membership fee, are deductible in income tax returns. Bequests are exempt from inheritance and estate taxes.

Over Hill — Over Dale**Naturalist's Activities Varied**

When is a naturalist not a naturalist? When he is out in the fields or forests or 'trompin' in a swamp. It would seem that Oglebay Naturalist George Breiding would find it difficult to get much time to roam the wide open spaces.

Much of Mr. Breiding's time is devoted to educational projects and to the interpretation of natural history and conservation through the media of newspapers, other publications, radio, TV, and public speaking.

Mr. Breiding is winding up four years as nature editor of the Wheeling News-Register. In addition to his weekly column, Oglebay Institute's naturalist has authored a number of other articles for outdoor and scientific publications. All in all, he has published about



Naturalist George Breiding winds up four years as nature editor of the Wheeling News-Register.

225 treatises, totaling an estimated 150,000 words. Most of his writings have been illustrated with his own photographs.

During this four-year period, Breiding has "run the gauntlet" of three dozen radio and TV shows; has made over 200 public addresses, totaling audiences of over 7,000; and has led more than 500 nature walks and tours in Oglebay Park, with more than 14,000 persons participating.

These activities are only a part of the naturalist's broad program. In addition, he conducts other projects and programs and supervises summer and occasional part-time personnel.

48 Bird Species Tallied Dec. 26

Totaling approximately 1,243 individual birds, 48 species were recorded during the winter bird count, an event of Dec. 26, 1954.

Centering Oglebay Park, the territory included Ohio, Brooke, and Marshall Counties. Some 45 nature enthusiasts traveled by car and on foot to record the annual winter-bird census. A covered dish dinner culminated the day's activities and was served in the A. B. Brooks Nature Center.

Among the noteworthy finds were three phoebes, 13 chipping sparrows, a pied-billed grebe, a ruddy duck, and a woodcock. The abundance of red-breasted nuthatches was indicated by six individuals. This species is rarely found in the Wheeling area during the winter.

Requests Coming In for '55 Opera Workshop Folder

Numerous requests are being received for the recently published 1955 Opera Workshop brochure.

Now in its fourth season, Oglebay Institute's Opera Workshop will be held for a period of two-weeks, beginning Aug. 22 and continuing through Sept. 5. Boris Goldovsky, founder and director of Oglebay Institute's Opera Workshop, will again serve as artistic director.

Leonard W. Treash, head of the Opera Department of the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y., will return for his third year as Mr. Goldovsky's assistant. In addition, Arthur Schoep, who has been with Mr. Goldovsky for the past nine years, returns to Oglebay for his second season as assistant production manager.

Last year's workshop attracted 41 professional singers from 15 states.

Miss Martha Black To Deliver Series Of Lectures on Art

Miss Martha Black, in charge of the Institute's Art Department, announces a series of art lectures at the Fort Henry Club under the auspices of the Junior League of Wheeling.

Miss Black will discuss "Art in Fashion," "Art in Interior Decorations," and "Famous Paintings in Museums Here and Abroad," and other topics of wide variety and interest. The series began Jan. 26 and is for League members.

EARLY BIRD*Nature Notes*

By George Breiding

Many moons have passed; many meteorites have fallen; many birds have passed through; and many plants have gone to join their ancestors since the Early Bird has made a flight. Much has happened. Here's the word from the bird.

BILL YENKE is flying jets. He was in Wheeling to take part in the annual winter bird count, and then he zoomed off for Missouri in his "new green hornet." More recently, Bill has been transferred to Laredo, Tex.

FRED (Rock Hound) AMOS left Batelle Institute, Columbus, Ohio, to accept a position as paleontologist (a guy who deals with old fossils) for Ward's Natural Science Establishment, Rochester, N. Y.

HAL HARRISON has completed and now has ready for showing his new color film, "Destination Desert." We're looking forward to seeing it, Hal.

JACK LASH, JOHN BONAR, BILL YENKE, and DELBERT BLATTNER helped to make bird history. They made observations of a brown-capped chickadee which is believed to be the first record of the bird's occurrence in Pennsylvania. It was seen about 20 miles east of Oglebay Park.

The HAMMELS, all five of them, were at Oglebay to take part in the winter bird count. Other Keystoneers were FRANK KRIEGER and RON KEITZER.

Other visitors or out-of-towners at Oglebay for the winter bird count were JERRY AMOS, JACK LASH, TOM SHIELDS JR., and BILL WAGENER. TOM and JERRY and JACK are students at West Virginia University, and Bill is at Muskingum College.

They're engaged—RON KEITZER and HELEN NORTEMANN. Wedding bells this summer!

To Bureau of Missing Persons—Locate: PIERRE (Jungle Jim) ROBERTS. Have him report to Early Bird.

Guess who went back to Florida for the winter? EDNA BOWLES! She wrote saying that she hopes to see BILL WYLIE at Okaloosa. BILL is a tour leader for the Audubon Society, running trips throughout southern Florida.

The Brooks Bird Club will hold its mid-winter meeting the week end of Feb. 26. CHUCK CONRAD, executive secretary, announced meetings and programs will be held at the club headquarters at Warwood, cabins at Oglebay Park, and the Nature Center. All Early Birders are invited to attend the open house program at the Nature Center, Saturday evening, Feb. 26.

Eight Local Citizens Elected To Three-Year Terms on Board

As a result of the annual balloting by the Membership of Oglebay Institute, eight local citizens have been elected to the Board of Trustees for three-year terms, effective Jan. 1, 1955.

Re-elected to the board were Robert Lee Boyd, Mark H. Kennedy, and Henry S. Schrader. New trustees elected include Mrs. F. L. Barrett, Mrs. Lewis McC. Steenrod, Miss Edna Bowles, D. A. Burt Jr., and Arthur E. Junkins.

The election of new members to the Oglebay Institute Board of Trustees is in conformity with the by-laws of the organization. In November of each year, the president appoints a Nominating Committee which nominates prospective trustees to be balloted upon by the Membership. Each year eight trustees are elected to the governing body of the Institute, replacing trustees whose terms expire.

Officers for 1955 re-elected by the Board of Trustees at the Dec. 29 meeting were President Henry S. Schrader; Vice-President Lee C. Paull Jr.; Secretary Mark H. Ken-

nedy; Treasurer Robert Lee Boyd. James Hawley and Wilbur S. Jones were re-elected to the Executive Committee.

Hold-over trustees are Dr. Edward C. Armbricht, Don J. Byrum, Dr. Ivan Fawcett, James M. Hawley, Wilbur S. Jones, Gordon T. Kinder, Mrs. R. T. McCoy, Malcolm E. McGowan, Albert C. Whitaker Jr., William P. Dickmann, Mrs. Joseph H. Bruning, Dr. Martin L. Gerhardt, Mrs. J. O. Pearson, D. Milton Gutman, Wade H. Kepner, and Lee C. Paull Jr.



President Henry S. Schrader begins his fourth term as chief executive of Oglebay Institute.

Rabbi Abba Silver to Speak At Twenty-fifth Year Dinner

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rated. Upon his return from abroad, he went to wider fields. That man," Mr. Wilson concluded, "is the speaker of the evening."

The record of the initial dinner reveals that Rabbi Silver was enthusiastically greeted by those present, and his audience, rose to continue its ovation as he concluded his prophetic address.

In part, the Rabbi said, "... God didn't make our jobs. Divinity in the ceaseless life of the world means a manifestation of ourselves, unfolding of ourselves continually to enrich our life and that of our community.

"Your Institute has some such goal. It wants you and yours to do just that. First of all, it would take you outdoors to reveal to yourselves the world. It wants to open your eyes to see nature and nature's beauty. It would teach all of us the sacred lore of forest and fields, would teach us the voices of the wind, the birds, the trees, and the flowers.

"... Something left us when the machine took hold of life. Do not misunderstand me. The machine has given us comforts and conveniences which we would not have but for it. But it has also robbed us—robbed us of the joy of craftsmanship—the thrill of making things with our hands, of creating with our own hands and brain some well-done thing. Your Institute would revive this for you, for all of us. It would give you a chance, teach you how to use your inherent hand-and-mind skills in creative work.

"Your Institute aims to take you into the worlds of music and drama. In Europe every city of 20, 30, or 40,000 people is proud of its musical organizations, knows music and loves it, and supports

its company of actors, also. Here we find good music and drama only in the large metropolitan centers. These and these only have facilities to meet these essential human needs. Your Institute aims to supply them for you.

"You have in your midst an agency which will open the windows of life. It is an agency which will enrich your lives by bringing into them the thought of beauty. Oglebay Institute is deserving of your highest ideals and finest enthusiasm."

The late D. A. Burt, first president of the Institute, called the meeting to order, and Dr. James M. Potter, pastor of the Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation. During the dinner, an orchestra of six Bethany College students rendered an appropriate program arranged through the courtesy of Dr. B. R. Weimer, of the Institute Activities Committee, and a member of the Bethany College Faculty. (Dr. Weimer is still at Bethany College and is an active member of Oglebay Institute.)

Mr. Steckel on Staff Of Mid-Winter Clinic

Edwin M. Steckel, executive director of Oglebay Institute, served as a member of the visiting staff of the 1955 mid-winter Music Clinic, sponsored by the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Jan. 6, 7, and 8.

This three-day program was planned for music educators from the elementary through the college level. Sectional meetings for Band, Orchestra, Chorus, and College directors were a feature of this affair.

Mr. Steckel addressed the Clinic Banquet guests on Friday evening, Jan. 7.

Radio, TV Heard, Seen by Millions

Statistics don't lie!

D. Arden White, in charge of Oglebay Institute's Radio and Visual Aids Department, has compiled statistical data on the Institute's participation in the fields of radio and television over the past seven and one-half years. A detailed analysis was given to the Board of Trustees at the January meeting.

Participants numbered 220,098, and listeners and viewers, according to the Conlon Survey and Telepulse, were calculated at 11,934,200.

Radio and TV coverage, considered by local and area radio stations and television channels as community service, has made possible the following Institute programs: Junior Town Meeting (WWVA); Last - Minute Notes (WWVA) during the Sumer Entertainments Series; "News and Views" (WWVA); Youth and Music (WTRX); Junior Theater (WKWK); Weekly Calendar of Events (July and August) (WKWK); The Right to Differ and Kloss Inn (WTRF-TV); Look Ladies (WSTV-TV); and numerous spot announcements on all stations.

In 1950 and 1951, two students from Oglebay Institute's Junior Town Meeting Series were selected to participate in a two-way, live broadcast across the Atlantic with students in London, England. In 1954, the Institute recommended three students for participation in the CBS telecast from New York City, "Youth Takes a Stand." All three were accepted, with two first prizes and a second prize awarded them for fine work.

Radio, Television Provide Institute Additional Outlets

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appeared since the series began Jan. 9.

Junior Town Meeting of the Air is heard each Sunday afternoon from 1 to 1:30 over WWVA. Presented by Oglebay Institute in cooperation with WWVA and Bethany College, Junior Town Meeting is now in its ninth year. Completing the series will be Steubenville, Feb. 15; Lincoln, Feb. 22; Bellaire, March 1; Central Catholic, March 8; Friend's Boarding School, March 15; Sistersville, March 22; Shady-side, March 29; Union, April 5; Cadiz, April 12; Bethany, April 19; Magnolia, April 26; West Liberty, May 3. Participants from Oct. 17 through Feb. 8 have been Wheel-

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'Enrollments Closed For Winter Classes In Art,' Says Black

Beginning and advanced art classes for children and adults are now in progress for the winter term in the Craft Shop of Oglebay Institute's Downtown Center, under the supervision of Miss Martha Black.

"Since enrollments have exceeded previous years, the classes are closed to additional registrations," said Miss Black.

Saturday morning sessions are devoted to boys and girls from 6 through 12. From 9 until 10:30, children 6 to 9 are being taught creative art. Those from 10 through 12 receive instruction from 10:30 until 12.

Also at the Downtown Center, an advanced class for adults in oil painting is held each Thursday evening from 7:30 until 9:30. At the same hours, Friday nights, an adult session in drawing and oil painting is conducted for beginners.

Sponsored by the New Martinsville Women's Civic League, children's art classes are held in New Martinsville each Monday afternoon. During the first week of February, and with the assistance of the Civic League, an exhibit of children's work was displayed in a New Martinsville store window.

Farm Women's Choruses Active In 25 West Virginia Counties

That 25 counties in West Virginia now have or are organizing Farm Women's Choruses can be attributed to the early endeavors of the past two years and to the current endeavor to promote music appreciation throughout the state, according to Jack Randolph, of Oglebay Institute's Rural Activities Department and the Extension Service of West Virginia University.

An outgrowth of this movement includes the 300-voice, 10-county Farm Women's Chorus featured last year at the Family Fun Festival, an event sponsored by the Rural Activities Department and held in Oglebay Park.

Music appreciation is being furthered throughout the state, and a course of study has been prepared by Mr. Randolph, entitled "Today's Music and You." The course has been adopted by the Farm Women's Club's of West Virginia and will be used as one of the 12 lessons for the year.

Approximately 25 persons attended the recent Ohio County 4-H Week-end Music Camp held in the

winterized cabins of Oglebay Park. Music and recreation made up the schedule of activities, with Mr. Randolph directing the musical portion. Mrs. Magdalene Coghill provided piano accompaniment.

Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, and Wetzel are among the counties organizing 4-H Choruses. Rehearsals are conducted once or twice each month, depending upon the choice of leaders and 4-H'ers.

Public school music majors attending West Liberty State College are assisting with the 4-H choral program. Miss Patty Sue Floyd and Don Gerrero, West Liberty students, have been named assistant directors of the Brooke and Ohio County 4-H Choruses. These students were recommended by Wallis Bramen and Emil Holz, of the West Liberty Music Department.

Folk Dance Head Leaves Institute

Effective March 1, the resignation of Miss Mary Ann Busch has been accepted with regret by the Board of Trustees.

With headquarters in Morgantown, Miss Busch will become assistant State 4-H leader and will be an employee of the West Virginia University Extension Service. Her new duties will include recreation for Farm Women's, 4-H, and YMW groups.

Miss Busch has been in charge of Oglebay Institute's Folk and Square Dance Departments since September, 1950. She also was an assistant in the Nature Department. In the fall of 1953 she was granted a leave of absence and went to Germany where she worked with county youth leaders, under auspices of the U. S. Department of State.

Committee Heads Named for 1955

To head the numerous committees that represent the diversified program of Oglebay Institute, the following chairmen have been appointed for 1955 by President Henry S. Shrader:

Art, Frasier Smith; Camping, Mrs. Harry S. Grotz Jr.; Conservation, Courtland V. Smith; Craft, Mrs. Louis McC. Steenrod; Day Camp, George G. Bailey; Folk Dance, Dr. S. Arthur Rybeck; Investments, D. A. Burt Jr.; Junior Theater, Miss Margaret Boyd; Membership, Mrs. F. L. Barrett; Mansion, Mrs. H. H. Meade; Nature, Miss Edna Bowles; Opera, James M. Hawley; Public Relations, Arthur E. Junkins; Religious Activities, Dr. Martin L. Gerhardt; Rural, Mrs. Marion L. Pyle; Summer Entertainment, Don J. Byrum.

Astronomy Club Meets First and Third Fridays at Nature Center

Astronomy Club meetings are held in the A. B. Brooks Nature Center, Oglebay Park, at 8:30 p.m., the first and third Friday of each month.

These twice-monthly sessions are open to the public. When the weather permits, observations of the sky are made at the Speidel Observatory, Telescope Hill, as a part of the meeting.

The Rev. Martin Roth, pastor of the Christ Evangelical-Lutheran Church, Mozart, recently conducted a series of five discussions on basic

astronomy at the Nature Center.

In mid-January, the local star gazers were hosts to Dr. I. M. Levitt, director of the Fels Planetarium, Philadelphia. Dr. Levitt appeared as the fourth attraction in the Institute's Winter Entertainment Series. His lecture, "A Journey Into Space," considered the perils of space travel from a scientific point of view.

Officers for 1955 include Richard Sauder, president; Tom Ross, vice-president; Robert Oberle, secretary; and Claude Ross, treasurer.

Winter Crafts Classes to Run Through March

Sponsored by the Oglebay Institute Crafts Department, winter classes started Jan. 3 and will continue through March in the third-floor shop of the Institute's Downtown Center.

Each Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 until 3:30 a class in ceramics is being offered. Materials are furnished, and enrollments are open for single lessons in this as well as the other crafts being taught.

Beginning at 7 and continuing until 9, the Wednesday evening session is devoted to enameling on metal and jewelry. Individual sessions may be attended, but the entire course consists of 10 evening classes.

Silk screening on textiles is given on Thursday afternoons from 1:30 until 3:30. Leather makes up the class scheduled for Thursday evenings from 7 until 9. Classes are taught by Elizabeth Faris and Phil Maxwell.

Craft classes are being held at the Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing. "Enrollment is on a voluntary basis," said Mrs. Faris, "and the response has been very good." Held in the Nurses' Residence, these sessions convene on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Radio and TV Provide Outlets

(Continued from Page 3)

ing, Martins Ferry, Triadelphia, Bridgeport, West Alexander, Sherard, Warren Consolidated, St. Joseph's, St. Clairsville, Wellsburg, Weirton, Warwood, St. John's, Follansbee, Moundsville, and Linsly.

Junior Theater is broadcast each Saturday morning at 11:30 over WKWK. These regular Saturday features will continue through April 23. They are directed by members of the Radio Committee of the Junior League of Wheeling, in cooperation with Oglebay Institute.

"Look Ladies," a Channel 9 telecast, features an Institute staff member each Monday afternoon at 4:30. Staff members appear for at least 15 minutes on this Channel 9 presentation. "Kloss Inn," Channel 7, WTRF-TV, features an Institute department staff member each Wednesday at 3:45 p.m.

Heard each Sunday afternoon at 12:15 over WVVA, "News and Views" reached its 34th consecutive broadcast on Feb. 13. D. Arden White, in charge of the Institute's Radio and Visual Aids Department, presents this weekly program of Institute activities, with guest speakers.

Memberships Total 973 as of Jan. 24

Memberships in Oglebay Institute totaled 973 as of Jan. 24, 1955.

Twenty-one Wheeling residents have become affiliated with the Institute since the last issue of Oglebay Institute News. They include Dr. and Mrs. Majid T. Ajir, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Barth, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Boyd, Anna Bruhn, Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Carper, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cobb, Joseph V. Dusci, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Galbraith, Mr. and Mrs. Irving A. Gardner, the Rev. and Mrs. O. L. Gilmore.

Warren E. Gregg, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Kent, Dr. and Mrs. Edw. J. Joseph, Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Joseph, Miss Alice Kindelberger, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas F. Mansuetto, Mr. and Mrs. Carl I. Payden, Mrs. Letha Frazier Rankin, Fred J. Taylor, J. Leland Taylor, and Louis S. Whitaker. The Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing has subscribed to a Group Membership.

Area citizens who have taken Memberships are Miss Nancy Jane Blazer, Bellaire; Dr. Lester G. McAllister, Bethany; Dr. C. E. Smith, Martins Ferry; Mr. and Mrs. J. Grove Amos, St. Clairsville.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

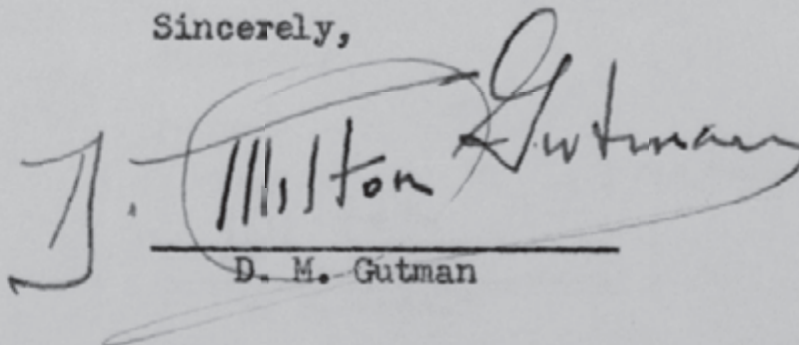
I'm delighted to hear from Edwin Steckel that you are the guest of honor and principal speaker at the Cglebay Institute Silver Anniversary dinner Wednesday, June 1st.

It has been a long time since we have been able to spend any time together and I'm looking forward to your coming. I only hope that Virginia can accompany you.

While I realize that this is a little early, when you have perfected your plans please let me know the agenda and we will gladly meet you at either the Pittsburgh or Wheeling airport. Both Betty and I want you to know that our home, cars or other facilities are at your disposal.

With warmest personal regards, believe me

Sincerely,


D. M. Gutman

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March 17, 1955

Mr. D. M. Gutman
Gutman Advertising Company
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Wheeling, West Virginia

My dear Milton:

Thank you for your kind note of March tenth.

My plans for June first are of course quite indefinite, but I shall look forward with pleasure to seeing you in Wheeling when I come for the Oglebay Institute Anniversary.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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April 28, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosures will testify to the fact that we are going ahead with our plans for the Anniversary Dinner meeting, Wednesday, June 1. I feel certain that you will have a fine audience of new and old friends upon that occasion.

In addition to the dinner, we are planning a Reunion Luncheon at noon the same day. This luncheon will bring together a number of our present volunteers, as well as a number of those who were instrumental in giving the Institute its early start. We cordially invite you and Mrs. Silver to be present at the luncheon if you find it possible to arrive in time. The afternoon will be given over to sociability and inspection of our new facilities. Incidentally, Wheeling is now on Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

We would like to have you give us definite information regarding your transportation from Cleveland to Wheeling and your approximate arrival time. Should you decide to come by plane, we will want to meet you at the airport. If you drive, you will come directly to Oglebay Park where accommodations will be ready for you in the Guest House. The Guest House is adjacent to the Mansion and will provide comfortable surroundings.

Mr. D. Milton Gutman, who is a member of our Board of Trustees, has indicated that he will be your personal host while you are here and will be anxious to take care of your needs. I will keep Mr. Gutman advised of your plans and everything will be done to make your stay enjoyable and worthy of your presence. There is a great deal of interest in your return to Wheeling and we are very grateful to you for your acceptance of this invitation.

May I hope to hear from you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin M. Steckel
Executive Director



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April 25, 1955

Members of Oglebay Institute:

Oglebay Institute announces the Annual Dinner Meeting for Wednesday, June 1, 6:30 P.M., EDST, Pine Room, Oglebay Park. This event will mark the observance of the 25th Anniversary of Oglebay Institute.

It is particularly appropriate that we have the privilege of announcing Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, Ohio, as our guest speaker. Dr. Silver was the speaker at the first public meeting of Oglebay Institute in 1930 and has maintained a personal interest in Oglebay Institute over the intervening years. His many friends in this section will welcome this opportunity to hear him and to renew acquaintance with this outstanding personage.

We are limited to 400 reservations and orders will be filled as received. No telephone orders can be accepted. Please use enclosed blank and include your check for the number of plates you wish to reserve. Members are permitted to bring guests. In order to insure your reservation, we suggest immediate response in the enclosed envelope.

We particularly suggest that business firms provide a block of tickets for members of their organizations who may request to sit together as a group.

Dinner Committee,

Lee C. Faull, Jr. Chairman
Albert C. Whitaker, Jr.
Gordon T. Kinder
Arthur E. Junkins

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has for more than 35 years been the spiritual leader of The Temple in Cleveland, the largest liberal Jewish congregation in the United States.

He has been actively identified with many social movements of our day. He was an early champion of the rights of organized labor, and one of the first advocates in the United States of unemployment insurance. He served as Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and as President of the Zionist Organization of America. Dr. Silver is regarded as the foremost spokesman of Zionism in the United States. He represented the movement before the Assembly of the United Nations, and is one of the leaders who are responsible for the establishment of the State of Israel.

During the Inauguration Ceremonies of President Dwight D. Eisenhower on January 20, 1953, Dr. Silver delivered a prayer. He was recently honored in Life Magazine as one of the twelve leading preachers in the United States.

Dr. Silver is author of several volumes on history and religion, notably his work on "Religion in a Changing World" and "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival." His latest book, "Vision and Victory", is a collection of his major addresses during the crucial years prior to the establishment of the State of Israel.

John Gunther, in his book, "Inside U. S. A.", speaks of Dr. Silver as "the first citizen of Cleveland."

Dr. Silver is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College, and was ordained in 1915. He served as President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

He holds honorary degrees from many American universities. In 1948 he received the annual National Service Award of Phi Epsilon Rho; in 1949 he received the Cardoza Memorial Award; and in 1952 he received the Award of Merit of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. In 1953 he received the Annual Award of the Zeta Beta Tau.

Dr. Silver was a former resident of Wheeling and his wife, Virginia Horkheimer Silver, is a native of Wheeling.

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Six Attractions at \$6 Make Up Summer Entertainment Series

Six attractions make up the Oglebay Institute Summer Entertainment Series for 1955.

Opening Tuesday evening, July 26, the series will continue thereafter each Thursday evening through September 1. Program time is 8:30 E.D.S.T.

One of the nation's foremost recording orchestras, the famed Sauter-Finegan RCA Victor Band, will highlight the summer billing. Consisting of 21 musicians, who play 77 instruments, and two vocalists, the Sauter-Finegan Band will be heard on Thursday evening, August 11, in the outdoor theater.

By special arrangement with the West Virginia Theatrical Enter-

prises, the Capitol Theater will be used for the August 11 attraction if rain interferes with the outdoor showing. In keeping with the Oglebay policy, the other programs will be presented the following evening should weather conditions make a postponement necessary.

Recently, the Sauter-Finegan Orchestra appeared as a featured group with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Dimitri Mitropolis. Earlier this year, the band made a similar appearance with the Chicago Symphony, directed by Fritz Reiner.

For the opening concert, Tuesday, July 26, the Tucson, Arizona,

Boys Chorus will be heard. These 30 boys will be on their way home from a European concert tour. Prior to their Oglebay appearance, they are scheduled for Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town."

Thursday evening, August 4, Jean Leon Destine and his eight Haitian dancers will be seen in the colorful, exciting, and authentic "Fiesta in Haiti." The following week's attraction, Thursday, August 11, will be the Sauter-Finegan Band.

A travelogue has been scheduled for Thursday, August 18. "Kowloon Ferry," a pageant of the Orient, will be narrated by Earl Brink. Formosa and the Philippine Islands

are a part of this Pacific potpourri. Chief Organist Richard Leibert, Radio City Music Hall, will present an evening of music on the Hammond Organ, Thursday, August 25, "Opera Night," under the direction of Boris Goldovsky, will conclude the series, Thursday, September 1, when Oglebay Institute's Opera Workshop Singers will be featured.

Season tickets will be available for the entire series at \$6, and all tickets may be used interchangeably. Single admissions at \$1.50 each will be available at the box offices in Oglebay Park prior to each concert. Season ticket holders will save \$3 over single admission prices. Reserved seats have been eliminated for the 1955 series.

June 1 Speaker



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland rabbi, will be the principal speaker at the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Dinner of Oglebay Institute, June 1, in the Oglebay Park Pineroom.

Dr. Abba H. Silver to Speak at Twenty-fifth Anniversary Dinner Set for Pineroom, June 1

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, recently honored in Life magazine as one of the 12 leading preachers in the United States, will be the guest speaker at Oglebay Institute's Twenty-fifth Anniversary Dinner Meeting, Wednesday evening, June 1, at 6:30, in the Pineroom, Oglebay Park.

For more than 35 years, Dr. Silver has been spiritual leader of the Temple in Cleveland, the largest liberal Jewish congregation in the United States. Actively identified with many social movements of the day, he was an early champion of the rights of organized labor and one of the first advocates of unemployment insurance.

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prior to the establishment of the State of Israel. John Gunther has referred to Dr. Silver as "the first citizen of Cleveland."

His return to Oglebay as guest speaker at the twenty-fifth anniversary dinner is of particular note, since he delivered the principal address at the first public meeting ever held in connection with the organization of Oglebay Institute. It was at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, December 9, 1930, that Rabbi Silver delivered a prophetic address concerning the future possibilities of Oglebay Institute.

Arrangements for the June 1 dinner are being completed by the following trustees: Lee C. Fauli Jr., chairman; Gordon T. Kinder, Albert C. Whitaker, and Arthur E. Junkins. Mr. Junkins, chairman of the Institute's Public Relations Committee, will serve as toastmaster.

A Reunion Luncheon in the Garden Center Restaurant will provide an opportunity for pioneers in the Institute's program to meet present trustees, committee chairmen, and staff members. After the luncheon, guests will visit the Mansion, a special art exhibit at the Carriage House Theater, the Children's Center, the Nature Building, and Camp Russel where Folk Dance Camp will be in session. During their tour, they will also observe the physical improvements in Oglebay Park.

34 Exhibitors to Display Their Antiques During June 7, 8, and 9 Pineroom Antique Show and Sale

Thirty-four exhibitors from many distant places, especially from the Philadelphia and Cleveland areas, will display antiques at the June 7, 8, and 9 Antiques Show and Sale scheduled for Oglebay Park's Pineroom under the sponsorship of the Museum Committee of Oglebay Institute.

Working in close cooperation with Gailey B. Wilson, manager of the three-day event; Edwin M. Steckel, executive director of Oglebay Institute, and Charles J. Milton, curator of the Oglebay Man-

sion House and Frontier Travel Gallery, the committee has been at work for the past three months to make this the largest antique show ever held in Wheeling.

"All lovers of antiques will want to see this outstanding Antiques Show and Sale," said Mr. Milton. "Innumerable items of beauty and charm for the discriminating buyer to see and to admire will provide visitors a never-to-be-forgotten experience," he added.

Among the antiques to be displayed will be Eighteenth Century

furniture, country and farm furniture made from pine and fruit woods, brass, pewter, silver, colored and blown glass, rare Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century china, lamps, and hundred of other similar items.

Hours run from 2 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Admission fees are 60 cents per person, per day. Carl W. Gustkey, president of the Imperial Glass Corporation, has donated a door prize.

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More Light

Oglebay Institute is particularly eager to keep its 1,000 contributing members aware of its program. In order to perform such a task, the Institute publishes this news bulletin periodically.

Assuming that an enlightened membership is an interested membership, Oglebay Institute realizes the task that such a responsibility enhances. Through this medium of expression, the Institute hopes to acquaint its membership with the why's, when's, who's, what's, and where's of the activities that make up such a diversified program.

Members are urged to read the Bulletin carefully and thoughtfully, for it is through this means that the director and his staff are able to keep in touch with those who contribute financially to the program.

Those directing the destinies of Oglebay Institute realize that the greatest need lies in a wider dissemination of knowledge concerning the Institute and its endeavors. Once that goal is achieved, members will come to know that no other organization in the area is doing, or attempting to do, what Oglebay Institute is achieving.

Oglebay Institute has the cooperation of the Wheeling Park Commission and the Agriculture Extension Division of West Virginia University in making its program possible.

MEMORIALS—Oglebay Institute is prepared to receive contributions given by friends in memory of deceased persons, and to notify the deceased's family of such gift. The amount of the contribution will not be specified unless requested by the donor.

MEMBERSHIPS—Dues in Oglebay Institute are payable annually. The membership, which is essentially a contribution, also carries with it certain worthwhile privileges for the member. Junior (under 21 years)—\$2; Active: Individual—\$10 to \$25; Husband and Wife—\$15 to \$25; Contributing—\$25 to \$50; Sustaining—\$50 to \$100; Associate—\$100 to \$1,000; Life: Individual—\$1,000; Husband and wife — \$1,500.

BEQUESTS—In making a will, you may leave money to Oglebay Institute by incorporating the following phrase: I hereby give and bequeath to Oglebay Institute, a charitable corporation of the City of Wheeling, West Virginia, _____ Dollars.

CONTRIBUTIONS to Oglebay Institute, including the membership fee, are deductible in income tax returns. Bequests are exempt from inheritance and estate taxes.

Bloch Brothers Tobacco Co. Gives Conestoga Wagon to Travel Gallery

Through the generosity of the Bloch Brothers Tobacco Company, the famed Conestoga wagon that made the trip last fall from Lancaster, Pa., to Wheeling, will find a permanent home in the Oglebay Frontier Travel Gallery.

Restored last year at a cost of \$5,000, the wagon is authentic in every detail, according to Charles J. Milton, curator. Descendents of the original Conestoga wagon makers in Lancaster, where the vehicle originated in 1750, oversaw the restoration and repair of the 130-year-old means of transportation.

Original timber and iron work are still in this latest addition to the Frontier Travel Gallery. Several structural areas softened by dry rot and broken ironware had to be replaced. Each renewal was an exact copy of the part removed.

The Conestoga wagon had many distinguishing features. Included were a four-wheel freight vehicle of handmade construction and a

hemp envelope covering familiar to all who have seen a covered wagon. Weighing approximately 3,500 pounds without cargo, the Conestoga was essentially a heavy freight hauler. It was pulled by six Conestoga horses, actually horses bred in this country of Belgian drays. The body of the wagon was usually painted a bright Prussian blue, red gear, and white canvas top. Historians have speculated that it might have inspired the colors of the flag.

Wheeling Jaycees Recognize Three Oglebay Staffers

Citations and plaques in recognition of their outstanding achievements were presented three men associated with the Oglebay program at the Wheeling Junior Chamber of Commerce's annual "Awards Dinner," March 24, 1955.

Homer Fish, superintendent of Oglebay Park, and Dan Hile, associated with the Institute's camping program, had previously been chosen as "Citizens of the Month." They received their awards at the annual meeting.

Five men were named to receive special awards in the fields of Arts, Education, Public Welfare, Letters, and Civic Government. Edwin M. Steckel, director of Oglebay Institute, was selected to receive the award in the field of Arts.

Mr. Steckel's citation read: "For his leadership in the advancement of the arts through the scheduling and presentation of outstanding artistic programs and projects at Oglebay Park."

Rehearsals Underway For Oglebay Singers

Consisting of 35 vocalists, the Oglebay Singers have already begun rehearsals for 1955 appearances.

For their initial appearance, these vocalists will present the Twilight Concert at the July 17 vespers. They will also appear at the August 28 outdoor service, when they will share the program with soloists from the Institute's Opera Workshop.

Culminating their activities for the summer of '55, the Oglebay Singers will assist in the annual "Opera Night, Thursday, September 1. "Opera Night" will bring to a close the Institute's 1955 Summer Entertainments.

EARLY BIRD

Nature Notes

By George Breiding

Spring fever and camping fever are in the air. All Early Birders who plan to take part in the nature camps and haven't sent in applications better shake the dust out of their tail feathers. Deadline is approaching fast.

GORDON OGDEN, FOREST (Bucky, the Bog-Trotter) BUCHANAN and DAN HILE will be the mainstays at T. A. PIERRE (Jungle Jim) ROBERTS and JACK (The Whip) LASH are trying to fit their plans (their bosses') to be on hand. Other "surprise characters" are hoping to show up in camp.

PEARL GREGG sent word she'll have to miss Junior Camp this season. She plans to take a trip south, you all.

EDNA BOWLES, chairman of the Nature Committee, who retired from teaching, is threatening to go back to work so she can get some time off.

BOB McCausland is returning overseas. He winds up his work at WVU, then back to Germany as a civilian recreation leader. Good luck, Bob. We'll be awaiting news from you. Bob will be on the staff of the Spring Folk Dance Camp.

All Early Birders extend their sympathy to the Conrad family. CHUCK CONRAD, of the Nature Committee and executive secretary of the Brooks Bird Club lost his father since the last issue of the Early Bird.

May 15 is set for "Century Day," when birders of this area will try to record 100 or more species of birds in one day. There are all kinds of mixed plans. It's rumored the bird chasers plan a late party the night before at WILMA BRUHN'S then start to hunt owls (oh yeh!) at 12:01 a.m. Oglebay Park will be worked at daylight, followed by an outdoor breakfast. After that, small parties will scatter for their favorite haunts for birds. The climax—the O. G. MASTERLIER farm for a picnic sapper.

Many schools have made requests for nature study field trips at Oglebay Park. Locally, they range from the Woodside Kindergarten to a hundred fifth graders from Shadyside to over a hundred junior high students from Zane Central of Martins Ferry. More distant schools include University High, Morgantown, and the biology class from Star Junction, near Brownsville, Pa.

Oglebay Institute's Nature Committee is planning two spring reunions for the nature camps' alumni, one at Camp Russel, Oglebay Park; the other at the Mountain Camp, Terra Alta. Camp Russel will be headquarters on May 7 and 8.

Annual Arbor Day Ceremony, May 8

Arbor Day ceremonies will be held Sunday, May 8, at 3 p.m., in the outdoor auditorium of Oglebay Park, according to George Breiding, Park naturalist. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be transferred to the Children's Center.

E. A. "Woody" Seaman, former chief of the State Fish Management Division, will be the guest speaker. A native of Wheeling, Mr. Seaman currently operates a biological consulting service in Pittsburgh. "Woody" is well known to sportsmen of this area and is a nationally recognized authority in the management of fisheries.

Sharing the program with the guest speaker will be representatives of the Wheeling Park Commission, Oglebay Institute, and the Wheeling Area Conference on Community Development.

Courtland Smith, chairman of the Institute's Conservation Committee, will be master of ceremonies. This year's observance, according to Mr. Smith, will be focused on water resources in their relation to outdoor recreation.

At 2:30, a half-hour concert will be presented by a local high school band. The northern Panhandle Farm Women's Chorus, under the direction of Jack Randolph, will be heard in three numbers. Evergreen seedlings will be distributed to school children who attend the Arbor Day exercises.

Nine Sunday Vespers Set for July, August

Nine workshop services for Oglebay Park's outdoor auditorium have been scheduled by the Religious Activities Committee of Oglebay Institute and the Greater Wheeling Council of Churches.

To begin Sunday evening, July 3, the series will continue each Sunday through August 28.

Beginning at 6:45 with a carillon concert, the vesper service continues at 7:15 with a congregational hymn sing. During the 7:30 worship hour, the visiting choral organization is heard in two anthems and presents a 30-minute Twilight Concert following the sermon.

The vesper program at Oglebay Park is the outgrowth of a movement that started several years ago by men of the Wheeling churches. Over the years, these Sunday outdoor services have attracted nation-wide attention.

Eighth Annual Drum Major and Majorette Camp Opens July 31

Oglebay Institute's eighth annual Drum Major and Majorette Camp will convene at Oglebay Park's Camp Russell on July 31 and will continue through August 14.

This two-week camp meets the need of many band directors by preparing junior and senior high school boys and girls as well as college students for the busy football season that lies ahead.

Enrollment is limited to 200 boys and girls of the Caucasian race. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis, but preference is given those who sign up for the two-week period.

Al Stodden, outstanding twirling instructor in the Middle West, will again direct the work of twirling. Mr. Stodden's staff will consist of experienced instructors qualified to give a uniform course of instruction.

414 Clubs Request Randolph's Lesson

Requested by 414 Farm Women's Clubs in 37 counties, a lesson in "Music Appreciation," written by Jack Randolph, in charge of the Institute's Rural Activities Department, is providing one of 12 lessons adopted for the year by the State's Farm Women.

This endeavor parallels the expansion of the Farm Women's Choral program throughout the state. Fourteen new groups have been added this year, totaling 24 county choruses.

Ministers to appear this year include Chaplain Hansel Herbert Tower, commander of the Chaplains Corps, U. S. Navy, July 3; Dr. Harry S. Longley, pastor of The Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, July 10; Dr. Lee Shane, Calvary Baptist Church, Charleston, West Virginia, July 17; Dr. H. Ray Schear, head of the Department of Practical Theology at the Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, July 24;

Dr. John C. Corbin, a member of the staff of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., New York City, July 31; Dr. Hallie G. Gantz, First Christian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 7; Dr. Harry B. Taylor, Church of the Covenant, Cleve-

land, August 14; Dr. G. Elson Ruff, editor of The Lutheran, news magazine of the United Lutheran Church in America, August 21; Dr. Russell J. Humbert, president of DePauw University, August 28.

Choral groups to be heard and the dates of their appearances follow: Osiris Shrine Chanters, July 3; Springfield (Ohio) Local School District A Cappella Choir, July 10; Oglebay Singers, July 17; Weirton Steel Male Chorus, July 24; Youngstown Sheet and Tube Male Chorus, July 31; Wheeling Elk's Male Chorus, August 7; Moundsville Male Chorus, August 14; Crucible Steel Male Chorus, August 21; Oglebay Singers and Workshop Soloists (Oratorio Night), August 28.

Terra Alta Camp Opens June 12

Open to persons 17 years of age or over, Oglebay Institute's Mountain Camp, located at Terra Alta, West Virginia, will be in session from June 12 through July 4, according to George Breiding, Oglebay Institute naturalist.

Enrollees are expected to have an interest in natural history or to have had previous experience in camping and in outdoor living. Children under 17 may attend if

accompanied by a parent or an adult.

Oglebay Institute's Mountain Camp is located on the shores of Lake Terra Alta, Preston County, West Virginia. Situated in the Allegheny Mountains near many localities of particular interest to nature students, this camp will provide high school and college students with an informal and intensive training in nature study and conservation.

Because of its intensive and diversified schedule of nature activities, this Mountain Camp is especially recommended for the serious nature hobbyist, advanced camper, prospective camp counselor, beginning biology teacher, and youth group leader.

Numerous requests have been received concerning a family-type camp at Terra Alta. "This year provisions are being made," said Mr. Breiding, "to comply with this request."

Enrollment fees for the two-week period run \$36. Single-week campers are charged \$21.50. A single day, including three meals and one night's lodging, is only \$3.25.

Membership Roster Shows 960 Members

With the addition of eight new members since January 26, 1955, Oglebay Institute's membership roster now totals 960 paid-up members as of March 30, 1955.

Recent affiliates include The McMechen Women's Club, Charles J. Milton, The Women's Auxiliary of the Ohio County Bar Association, The Women's Club of Wheeling, Margaret E. Boyd, Laura K. Bender, Evelyn C. Fisher, and Bertha C. Yager.

Mansion-Museum To Show Seven Current Exhibits

Seven current exhibits have been scheduled by the Mansion-Museum Committee.

Running from May 1 through 31, drawings by Leonardo da Vinci, on loan from the American Federation of Arts, will be hung in the Mansion House galleries. The Upper Ohio Valley Photographers' Salon will be the June attraction.

For July, the committee has chosen "Highlights of American Paintings," also on loan from the American Federation of Arts. Photographs of the deep South, borrowed from the Library of Congress, will provide the August attraction.

September will be devoted to Medieval Architecture, the third display for the '55 season from the American Federation of Arts. October will highlight the Annual Local Artists' Show. For its April 15 opening, the Mansion displayed its own collection of prints dealing with early European Architecture.

Other exhibits to be featured this year include early glass from the Near East and European countries. This collection has been made possible by the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company. Examples of early Roman, Egyptian, and Venetian glass, dating back to 400 B.C., are a part of this Hazel-Atlas loan.

Rare glass tumblers from the collection of the Rev. J. Davis Illingworth, pastor of the Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church, and a collection of early French paper weights belonging to Harrison McNash, president of the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company, may also be viewed by Mansion visitors.

Friday Nature Nights To Feature Variety Of Outdoor Activities

Disneyland is coming to the summer "Nature Nights" at Oglebay Park.

George Breiding, Oglebay naturalist, has announced that every Friday evening beginning June 10 and continuing through August, a special nature program, demonstration, or campfire will be offered.

Several of the Walt Disney True Life Adventure Series have been scheduled, and Mr. Breiding hopes to add others to the list. RKO has already promised to supply "Bear Country" for June 17; "Water Birds," July 15; "Olympic Elk," August 19.

These regular Friday night nature programs are held in or near the A. B. Brooks Nature Center.

Radio, Television Continue To Provide Program Outlets

Radio and television continue to play dominant roles in the Institute's endeavor to promote its program as well as to remain active in visual aids.

June 12 will mark the seventh consecutive year of broadcasting for the program, "News and Views," under the direction of D. Arden White. WWVA provides the time for this 15-minute program of Institute events and activities. It is heard each Sunday afternoon at 12:15.

WKWK will air the proceedings of the annual dinner that will be an event of June 1. Details for this broadcast are yet to be completed,

Oglebay Mansion Open to Visitors For 23rd Annum

Oglebay's historic Mansion House opened its doors for the twenty-third year on April 15.

Last year, more than 16,000 visitors toured the Mansion and Frontier Travel Gallery, according to Charles J. Milton, curator. "More are expected this year," said Mr. Milton, "as we are highlighting the museums through a specially prepared brochure and through two large billboards that will be placed at vantage points along U. S. Route 40 near the eastern and western approaches to the city."

"Current exhibits promise an additional attraction for summer guests, since special effort has been expended to make them most interesting and varied," commented Mrs. Stanford H. Fizzell, chairman of the Museum Committee. Mrs. Fizzell has replaced Mrs. H. H. Meade, who recently moved from the city.

Wheeling Rotary Club To Sponsor 40 Campers From Children's Homes

Forty full scholarships to Oglebay Institute's Day Camp have been made possible, following a recommendation by the Charitable and Educational Fund Committee of the Wheeling Rotary Club.

These scholarships will be allotted proportionally according to the number of children in the first, second, and third grades in each of the Children's Homes within the City of Wheeling.

Officials of the various homes have full authority as to the awarding of the scholarships. Recipients will attend the full eight weeks' session.

but the tentative time has been set for 8 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, June 1.

"Youth and Music" will conclude its current series May 28, with a broadcast featuring the Training Orchestra of the Wheeling Symphony. Students from many local and area schools make up this instrumental group. A half hour of their spring broadcast will be recorded and will be heard over WTRX on Saturday, May 28, at 2:30.

Sunday, May 8, will bring to a close the annual Junior Town Meeting broadcasts. Junior Theater of the Air, in cooperation with the Radio Committee of the Junior League of Wheeling, terminated its 1954-1955 Saturday morning at 11:30 broadcasts over WKWK on March 26. Twenty-five plays were broadcast this season.

Sunday, May 15, will bring to a close the WTRF-TV feature, "The Right to Differ." This season marked the second in as many years that local and area high schools were presented in pro and con discussions of current events. Mr. White is the moderator.

Promoting current activities and featuring Institute staff members, spots on Mondays on "Look Ladies," Channel 9, and "Kloss Inn" on Wednesdays, Channel 7, will continue.

Color Film Ends Winter Programs

"Along Nature Trails in Michigan" is the subject of the color-film program to be presented by Edward Morris Brigham Jr., curator of the Kingman Museum of Natural History, Battle Creek, Michigan, as the final attraction in Oglebay Institute's Winter Entertainment Series.

Mr. Brigham will present his color-film lecture on Friday evening, May 6, at 8:15, in the A. B. Brooks Nature Center, Oglebay Park.

Naturalist, traveler, and photographer, Mr. Brigham has recorded the Leila Arboretum in blossom time, a spring parade of wild flowers, intimate studies of many beautiful birds, their homes and their young. In addition, the film will include trips to some of Michigan's beauty spots, visits to the Straits of Mackinac, the locks of Sault Ste. Marie, Lake Superior's shores, and hikes through the autumn fields and woodlands.

This program will also be a feature of the spring reunion of the alumni of Oglebay Institute's nature camps.

Jr. Nature Camp To Open June 5 At Camp Russel

Beginning Sunday, June 5, at 3 p.m., and continuing through Saturday, June 11, until 1 p.m., Oglebay Institute's Junior Nature Camp will be in session at Oglebay Park's Camp Russel.

Open to any boy or girl who has completed the sixth grade and who is still in high school, this week-long camp will observe its eleventh season this summer.

Planned especially for those who enjoy nature and life in the outdoors, Oglebay Institute's Junior Nature Camp provides a daily program that is filled to the brim with nature study, field trips, bird walks, crafts, and recreation.

Nature leaders who know the outdoors will guide exploring parties and field trips. First-hand knowledge will be obtained from a variety of activities that make up the program scheduling.

The fee for the week, including health and accident insurance, is \$21.50. Since enrollment is limited, early applications are requested.

A limited number of part scholarships are available for the 1955 session. Applications should be made to George Breiding.

'Arabian Nights' Theme of 10-Day Folk Dance Camp

"Arabian Nights" will be the theme of Oglebay Institute's 10-day Spring Folk Dance Camp at Oglebay Park's Camp Russel, May 27 through June 5.

"Memorial Day week end," said Mrs. Elizabeth Faris, of the Institute's camping department, "will give many from distant points an opportunity to take advantage of this outstanding camp."

Formerly limited to adults, this year's camp has been set up so that family groups may take part during the week end, June 2 to 5. Special activities will be arranged for children, giving parents an opportunity to take part in the events.

Day Camp Opens June 6 in Park

For boys and girls 4 to 14 years of age, Oglebay Institute's Day Camp will begin June 6 at the Children's Center in Oglebay Park and will continue through July 28.

Set up according to the ages and interests of the campers, the program of each camping unit will consist of instruction in sports, including swimming, archery, tennis, softball, and volleyball; adventures in crafts, nature study, dramatics, campcraft, folk dancing, and singing.

Enrollments should be made before the opening day of camp, and no enrollment will be accepted unless accompanied by full tuition fee, according to Mrs. Elizabeth Faris, in charge of the camp.

Advance registration is requested on or before June 4. Tuition for the eight-week camp is \$35. Campers may enroll for a period of four weeks at \$20. A single week of day camp costs \$6.25.

Family Fun Festival Slated for Saturday, July 16, in Oglebay

"Families That Play Together Stay Together" is the theme of the Family Fun Festival that will be held in Oglebay Park on Saturday, July 16, under the sponsorship of the Rural Activities Department.

A full afternoon of competitive recreation will be followed by vespers and a concert. Culminating the activities of the day, the concert will be presented by the panhandle 4-H Chorus of 125 voices and the State Farm Women's Chorus of 350 women from 16 counties.

An additional feature of the evening's entertainment will be two couples from each county in a folk-dance routine. Choreographer for this attraction will be Mrs. Toni Coffman, Lenox Addition, Wheeling.

Charles L. Taylor, former extension recreation specialist, will appear as guest soloist. Other guests will include J. O. Knapp, director of the Agricultural Extension Service in West Virginia.

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May 23, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find two dinner and two luncheon tickets for the Silver Anniversary observance of Oglebay Institute. We are holding a double room in the Guest House for May 31 and June 1.

If you drive to Wheeling, you should drive directly to Oglebay Park and park your car in front of the Guest House and restaurant, which is adjacent to the Mansion-Museum.

We will appreciate it if you will let us know the intended hour of your arrival and the means of transportation you are using. If you come by plane it will be necessary for someone to meet you at the airport.

As I told you in a previous letter, D. Milton Gutman will be your personal host and will make every effort to take care of your needs.

Plans are going forward in a satisfactory way and you can confidently look forward to a splendid audience at the dinner. We are giving you as much time as you wish to speak and setting aside all other formalities. Radio Station WKWK will broadcast the dinner, beginning at 7:45, and a tape recording will be made of your address from which we will transcribe copies for our files.

If there seems to be any point in confusion, please do not hesitate to write or call us and we will take care of everything as best we can. We shall expect to hear from you regarding your arrival hour and means of transportation in advance of May 31.

Sincerely,

Edwin M. Steckel
Executive Director

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May 25, 1955

Mr. Edwin M. Steckel
Executive Director
Oglebay Institute
Wheeling, West Virginia

My dear Mr. Steckel:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and
for the tickets which you enclosed.

I plan to arrive at the Wheeling airport on Tuesday,
May 31st, at 4:52 p.m. via Capital Air Lines
from Cleveland and Pittsburgh. I shall be very
happy to have someone meet me at the airport.

Looking forward to being with you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Culture and Recreation Mix in Wheeling's Oglebay Park

The time approaches when vacationers will begin to inquire about Oglebay Park, a major tourist attraction in West Virginia. It is owned and operated by the city of Wheeling and its function is both cultural and recreational.

It is near Wheeling, on Route 88. The donor of the park was Col. Earl W. Oglebay, who bequeathed to the city his 754-acre experimental farm. The park has been expanded until it now embraces 803 acres and its facilities have been developed to include picnic sites, an archery range, horseback riding, golf course, tennis courts, swimming pool, nature trails, museums, a garden center, a zoo and guest cottages.

Though a few activities are continued at Oglebay throughout the year, most of the formal entertainment events are staged during warm weather. A number of noteworthy events are presented each year in the outdoor theater.

A summer season at Oglebay includes nine Sunday vespers with eminent ministers from all parts of the country; "Twilight Concerts" by choral groups; "Music Under the Stars," a series of symphonic concerts by the Wheeling Symphony Society and guest soloists; and a summer entertainment series which has presented such artists as Eleanor Steber, Lauritz Melchior, Charles Kullman, Eugene Conley, Igor Gorin, Gladys Swarthout, Mario Lanza, Helen Traubel and others.

The park's development can be ascribed to a small group of businessmen under the leadership of the late Crispin Oglebay, a nephew of Col. Oglebay, who in 1928 established the nucleus of an organization which today is Oglebay Institute. The activities sponsored by the institute are financed from gifts, endowments and membership fees of individuals and groups.

Pop Concerts, Too

Each day and evening Oglebay is filled with entertaining events. Its facilities include a championship 18-hole golf course, an excellent swimming pool, several fine tennis courts, horseback riding over 12 miles of wooded bridle paths and hiking over 14 miles of scenic trails.

Each evening there are other events — pop concerts, outdoor operas, vesper services, lectures, folk dancing, carillon music,

sports contests. Various special events are staged also, including the state amateur tennis tournament, gladiolus show, "aquaganza" and the tri-state horse show.

Another important attraction at the park is the Mansion-Museum, with its period rooms and displays of early American documents, weapons, household furnishings and clothing.

Well-equipped cabins are open for vacation rental by advance reservation and guest rooms also are available. Complete information on these may be obtained by writing to the park office.





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June 2, 1955

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

When I arrived at the Guest House this morning at 10:30, I was told that you had left somewhat earlier in the car with Ralph Weir. I am sure that this means of transportation was much more enjoyable than the plane trip would have been, but it was disappointing to me not to have seen you before you left.

On all sides today we hear nothing but high praise for the Anniversary Dinner program and your magnificent address was the high spot of the entire day in the minds of all our friends.

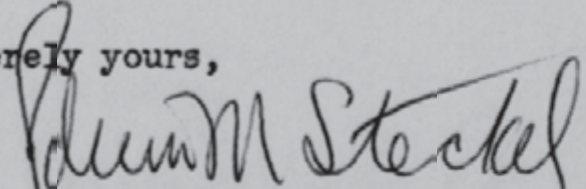
Once again may I express the deep appreciation and heavy obligation we owe to you for making this event an outstanding occasion.

I intended to talk with you before you left, but since I did not get to see you this morning, I want to enclose a check which we hope will adequately cover the expenses you incurred in coming to Wheeling. This check in no way expresses our full measure of appreciation, but we realize that you must have incurred certain expenses which we want to take care of.

Your address was tape recorded and many people asked whether it will be possible to secure a copy of the transcript. Miss Marion Preece of the National Recreation Association expressed the hope that it might be made available to the Association for use in one of their publications. We hope to have one of our good friends prepare a typewritten transcript which we will submit to you for editing. At that time you can consider the release of the address for publication. We would not presume to use it without your permission, of course.

I hope that Mrs. Silver was pleased with the small gift which our Craft Department prepared for her and we hope that the future may find an occasion when you both can visit us.

Sincerely yours,


Edwin M. Steckel

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June 3, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Cleveland, Ohio

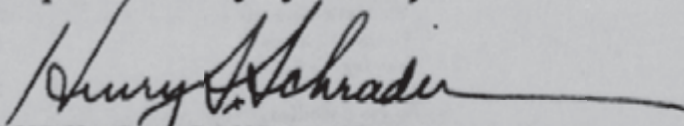
Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was an honor to Oglebay Institute and to the entire Wheeling community to have you present and participating in such an important way in the 25th Anniversary celebration of Oglebay Institute. We are deeply grateful for the mere fact that you came to Wheeling to share this experience with us.

Yesterday I received many telephone calls and was stopped on the street by countless people who expressed the pleasure they received by hearing your address either in person at the Pine Room or over the air. Your remarks were inspiring, profound and of great interest. As I tried to express at the time of the dinner, you have rekindled our zeal to devote our best efforts to this unique community program.

We are deeply indebted to you for the contribution which you made to this occasion and for the effect your contribution will have upon this community in the years ahead. On behalf of the trustees, the staff and the membership of Oglebay Institute, I express to you our deepest gratitude.

Respectfully yours,


HENRY S. SCHRADER
President.

HSS:ds

June 6, 1955

Mr. Henry S. Schrader, President
Oglebay Institute
Wheeling, West Virginia

My dear Mr. Schrader:

I received your kind note of June third, and I want to thank you for writing to me about my participation in the anniversary program of Oglebay Institute.

I need not tell you that I tremendously enjoyed my day at Oglebay - both the noon and the evening meetings - and the opportunity which it afforded me to meet the many fine people who attended them.

It was a pleasure to have made your acquaintance. I hope that Oglebay will continue to prosper and render the splendid services which it is now doing.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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July 16, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are sending herewith the transcript of your address delivered in connection with the 25th Anniversary of Oglebay Institute Wednesday, June 1, 1955. This was made up from a tape recording. You will note there are a few places to fill in proper names which the person who made the transcript was not able to locate.

We have had numerous requests for copies of your address, including a request from Mr. Joe Prendergast, Director of the National Recreation Association, saying that they would like permission to use excerpts from your address in connection with their publication, "Recreation Magazine."

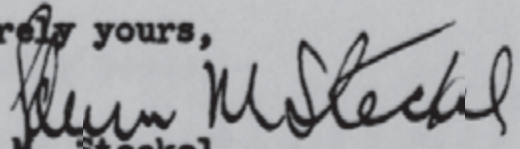
Of course, we do not feel privileged to make copies of this without your permission and without your first having edited the transcript.

It is our hope that you will find time to look it over and make any additions and corrections necessary and return it to us with your permission to mimeograph it and make it available to the many persons who have asked for it, including permission to print excerpts or any part of it in the Recreation Magazine or other publications wishing to use it.

I have not heard from you since your return to Cleveland, but I was privileged to see a copy of your letter to Mr. Schrader. We have never ceased to be grateful to you for coming and for the wonderful contribution you made to the occasion. It is our hope that you felt repaid and were pleased with your experiences while here.

I will hope to hear from you in the near future regarding your permission to reproduce the address.

Sincerely yours,


Edwin M. Steckel
Executive Director

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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East 105th at Ansel Road
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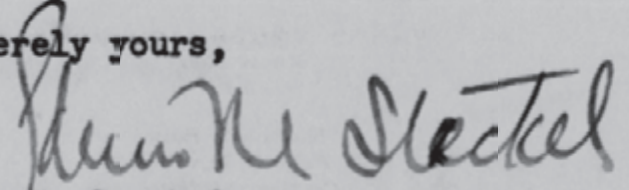
Dear Dr. Silver:

On July 16 we sent you the transcript of your address delivered in connection with the 25th Anniversary Dinner of Oglebay Institute, Wednesday, June 1, 1955. Our hope is that you will find time to look it over and make any additions or corrections necessary and return it to us with your permission to mimeograph it and make it available to the many persons who have asked for it.

As I mentioned in my letter of July 16, Recreation Magazine has asked for permission to print excerpts or any part of it in a future issue. The request came from Mr. Joe Prendergast, Executive Director of the National Recreation Association.

I do not want to needlessly bother you with this matter, but we are anxious to fill these requests at an early date and will appreciate word from you if and when you may feel you can look over the transcript and give us your corrected copy.

Sincerely yours,


Edwin M. Steckel
Executive Director

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August 16, 1955

Mr. Edwin M. Steckel
Oglebay Institute
Wheeling, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Steckel:

I regret the inconvenience that may have been caused by your not receiving an acknowledgment from Rabbi Silver to your letter of July 16th. He has been in Europe since the beginning of July, and your letter has been awaiting his return early in September. I know the Rabbi will be snowed under with work when he returns to his desk, but I shall try to direct his attention to the matter of the transcript of his address as soon as possible.

Please excuse this delay.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

FOURTH SEASON

Oglebay Institute Announces

THE OPERA WORKSHOP

BORIS GOLDOVSKY, *Director*

Outdoor Theater Rehearsals—



—Both Day and Night

OGLEBAY PARK

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

August 22 through September 5, 1955

(Two Weeks)

OGLEBAY INSTITUTE'S OPERA WORKSHOP

To millions from coast to coast, Boris Goldovsky has become opera's most articulate spokesman, his quaintly accented "Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen" opens those witty and informative "Opera News of the Air" intermission features of the weekly Metropolitan Opera broadcasts for which he serves as master of ceremonies. Countless others throughout the country have heard his "Companion to Opera" records; read his learned and prophetic writings on opera's past and future; or attended his inimitable lecture-recitals. Opera Theater's founder and first president, he serves both as conductor and stage director for its productions. Under his direction, the New England Opera Theater annually makes a six weeks' tour of 30 cities in a production of a major opera sung in English. In addition he continues as concert soloist of top repute with his "Piano Portraits"; Head of the Opera Department of the Berkshire Music Center at Tanglewood; and Director of the Opera School of the New England Conservatory of Music. His best-selling book "Accents on Opera" was recently published under the auspices of the Metropolitan Opera Guild. Founder and director of the Oglebay Institute Opera Workshop, Mr. Goldovsky will again serve as artistic director of the 1955 workshop.

Leonard W. Treasb

Leonard W. Treasb, director of the Opera Department of the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York, will again serve as associate director. His productions during the summer of 1953 and 1954 in Rochester's "Opera Under the Stars" drew an average crowd of 10,000. Mr. Treasb is founder and director of the Buffalo (N. Y.) Opera Workshop. In addition to Mr. Goldovsky and Mr. Treasb, the Oglebay Workshop staff of instructors will be augmented by several vocal coaches. In addition, Arthur Schoep, who has been closely associated with Mr. Goldovsky for nine years, will return this season. Last summer Mr. Schoep was Mr. Goldovsky's staging assistant at the Oglebay Opera Workshop.

FOURTH SEASON

Scheduled for two weeks, August 22 through September 5, the 1955 Opera Workshop, the fourth in as many years, provides opportunity for the study of all phases of opera under noted artists and teachers in one of nature's best equipped beauty spots. Two weeks in this environment provides inspiration to young singers, as well as to experienced artists wishing to refresh their technique vocally, musically, and dramatically. Teachers in opera workshops who wish to derive inspiration and acquire the latest methods of procedure are also invited to enroll.

Staff of Instructors, 1954 Workshop

OGLEBAY PARK, WHEELING, W. VA.

The period of two weeks was selected principally with the idea of accommodating singers who are engaged in other work throughout the year and who want to spend their two-week vacations in ideal surroundings and live opera.

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 35 FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN ORDER TO ASSURE MAXIMUM INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION.

All applications will be carefully screened and acceptances will be made around June 1. Early application is, therefore, necessary.

1954 Workshop Students Represent 15 States



PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

Oglebay Institute's Opera Workshop offers unusual opportunities for public performances to the students enrolled. As a part of the Summer Entertainment Series in Oglebay Park's outdoor theater, "Opera Night" in 1953 and 1954 drew the largest audiences of the season, estimated at 2,500. The Institute's series brings varied entertainments and artists of international reputation every Tuesday evening during July and August. The Wheeling Symphony Society Orchestra also plays a series of summer concerts in the outdoor theater. Sunday evenings are devoted to religious services with eminent ministers and choral music.

"Carmen" principals rehearse with Boris Goldovsky.



AUGUST 22 - SEPTEMBER 5

Workshop students in 1955 will be given an opportunity to appear in "Opera Night," under the direction of Boris Goldovsky and Leonard W. Treash; in "Oratorio Night," featuring selections from standard oratorios. In addition to the public performances on the outdoor stage, "Workshop Recitals," based on the materials used from standard operas, will be given in the more intimate Carriage House Theater.

Every effort will be made to arrange an audition for all new students with Mr. Goldovsky or some other staff member. If this is impossible, the student will be asked to furnish full information regarding training and experience.

Leonard W. Treash holds dress rehearsal for "Gianani Schicchi."



OPERA WORKSHOP INFORMATION

DATES: August 22 through September 5. The first session will be held Monday, August 22, following the evening meal. Please report to the Opera Workshop Center, Oglebay Park, for registration and room assignments. The registration desk will be open from 1 to 6 p.m., August 22.

FEES: There are three bases of enrollment—(A) Resident Basis; (B) Non-Resident Basis; (C) Auditor.

(A) Resident (Tuition and Room-Board Basis): The fee is \$160 and includes tuition, registration, plus room and board from supper, Monday, August 22, through lunch, Monday, September 5. The accommodations will be in rustic log cabins, including all modern conveniences. The Workshop will provide all bedding, linens, and towels. Every person under this plan must be a participant in the Workshop.

(There will be a very limited number of housing accommodations (room and board) for members of immediate families of resident students at \$45 per week. Reservations must be made in advance—Minimum of one week.)

(B) Non-Resident (Tuition Only Basis): The fee is \$80 and includes tuition and registration only. Under this plan, the individual obtains his own housing and meals. It is advisable that the participants choose Plan A if not a resident of the Wheeling area.

(C) Auditor: The fee is \$60 per week (including room and board) for resident students; \$15 per week for non-resident. Auditors have the privilege of observing class work and attending evening lectures.

APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A \$5 APPLICATION FEE. AN ADDITIONAL \$25 WILL BE PAID ON ACCEPTANCE. REMAINING PORTION OF THE FEE IS TO BE PAID UPON ARRIVAL AT OGLEBAY PARK.

Oglebay Park—A Veritable Wonderland!

From an experimental farm to one of the nation's most outstanding cultural, recreational, and educational parks in a little less than a quarter of a century—that is the story of Oglebay Institute and Oglebay Park.

Waddington Farm, later named Oglebay Park, exemplifies one man's desire to give to the people of his home town something beautiful, beneficial, entertaining, and stimulating. With the help of interested citizens, the Oglebay Institute program has been developed to the extent that it now brings health, knowledge, and enjoyment to thousands.

A number of noteworthy events are presented each year in the outdoor theatre. Beginning in the spring with the annual Easter Sunrise Service, the weeks that follow bring a varied program. A summer season at Oglebay includes nine Sunday vespers with eminent ministers from all parts of the country and "Twilight Concerts" by choral groups; "Music Under the Stars," a series of symphony concerts by the Wheeling Symphony Society and guest soloists; a Summer Entertainment Series which has presented such top-flight artists as Eleanor Steber, Lauritz Melchior, Charles Kullman, Eugene Conley, Igor Gorin, Gladys Swarthout, Walter Cassell, Frances Yeend, Mario Lanza, George London, Helen Traubel, Leonard Warren, Robert Merrill, and others.

Besides its diversified program of formal entertainment, Oglebay Park provides all the features normally expected of a park. Picnic sites, an archery range, horseback riding, golf, tennis, swimming, nature trails, museums, a garden center, a zoo, and cottages make the Oglebay offering a well-rounded one.

Oglebay Institute provides leadership and opportunities in arts and crafts, drama and children's theatre, nature education, radio, audio-visual aids, museums, hobby clubs, vespers, summer concerts, and camps including folk dance, nature and drum major. In 1954 more than 200,000 people participated in Institute-sponsored programs.

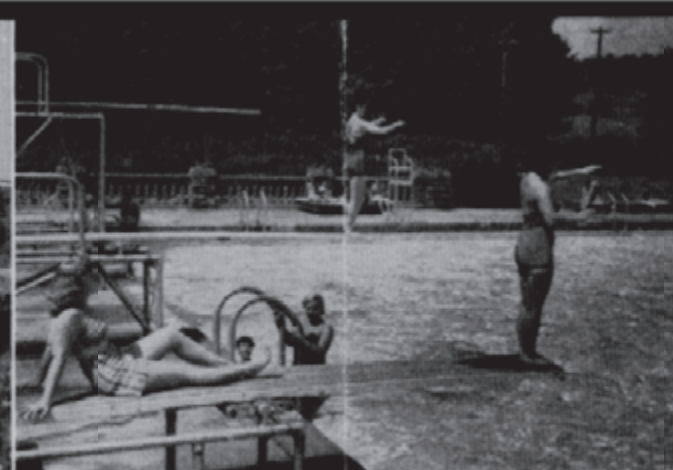
Last summer marked the third year of Oglebay Institute's Opera Workshop. Representing 15 states, participants, because of the special conditions prevailing in Oglebay Park, were able to concentrate on their work, free from all outside distractions. They lived, studied, and had their recreation within the same area. This, plus the intense daily concentration on their tasks, created an atmosphere for an enthusiastic pursuit of learning, unmatched elsewhere.

The Baldwin is the official piano of the Oglebay Opera Workshop—Dorsey Piano Company, Bellaire, Ohio, dealers.

Oglebay Park — A Vacation Center



An aerial view of beautiful Oglebay Park, showing a portion of its picturesque landscape, its rolling, green hills, and its swimming pool.



Work and Play
are combined to make your
Oglebay experience
pleasant and profitable

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:00—Breakfast

8:30—MOVEMENT IN SPACE

Exercises in relaxation, poise, and stage deportment. Discussion of and exercises in stage behavior. Physical movement in relation to characterization. Opera pantomime. Mr. Treash

9:30 - 12—COACHING AND OPERA DRAMATICS
Projects and scenes will be rehearsed, both musically and dramatically.

12:00—Lunch

1:00 - 4:00—COACHING, STAGING, REHEARSALS

4:00 - 6:00—RELAXATION AND RECREATION
Individual study and such added projects as make-up, scenic design.

6:00—Dinner

7:30—OPERA ORIENTATION

A discussion of everything concerning opera and its production, from the enunciation of various languages to the principles of dramaturgy and musico-dramatic grammar. Mr. Goldovsky

Specific assignments will be made far enough in advance to permit the student to come to the workshop with the assignment memorized, thereby losing no time after he arrives. The individual assignments will be made on the basis of the singer's experience and advancement. Every care will be taken to assure everyone of maximum activity throughout the two weeks.

OGLEBAY OPERA WORKSHOP ROSTER, 1954

Carl L. Ayers, Washington, Pa.; Virginia L. Babikian, Houston 19, Texas; Irene Banko, Richeyville, Pa.; Elfrieda Banzhaf, St. Louis 5, Mo.; Jack M. Bazell, Detroit, Mich.; Katherine B. Beale, Sparta, Virginia; Malcolm E. Bernstein, Baltimore 15, Md.; Dennis O. Burke, Chicago, Ill.; Phyllis P. Cole (Mrs.), Chicago, Ill.; Thomas W. Cole, Detroit 6, Mich.; Lia Constantinescu, Cleveland 2, Ohio; Lois J. Cox, Bethany, W. Va.; Nancy L. Crow, Wheeling, W. Va.; Susan Durham, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Marguerite Fattey, Rochester, New York; Harriet Franklin, New York 25, N. Y.; Patricia Gaines (Mrs.), Columbus, Ohio; Richard S. Gilley, Rochester 7, N. Y.; Edith Gordon, Riverdale, New York; Phyllis Gotthart (Mrs.), Buffalo, New York; Marlene Graf, Buffalo 25, N. Y.; Blanche A. Lewis, Cicero, Illinois; William Lewis, New York, New York; John T. Maloy, II, Bloomington, Ind.; Oscar J. McCullough, Salisbury, N. C.; John E. McCurdy, Detroit, Mich.; Sheldon F. Merel, South Bend, Ind.; Mary G. Muffoletto, Eggertsville, N. Y.; George E. Muns, Jr., Athens, Ohio; Mary Jane Palermo, Rochester, N. Y.; Jeanne M. Parker (Mrs.), Florence, S. C.; Leonard E. Randall, Detroit 6, Mich.; Valentina E. Reeden (Mrs.), No. Tonawanda, New York; Rhys T. Ritter, Rego Park, New York; Lydia B. Roberts (Mrs.), Willoughby, Ohio; Nancy Lee Simmons, Kent, Ohio; Robert D. Simpson, Princeton, N. J.; Elayne E. Sonnenfeld, Detroit, Mich.; Norma M. Williams, Chicago 10, Ill.; Hazel E. Wine, Clintwood, Virginia; Helen Wood (Mrs.), Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. Frank A. Yeager, Buffalo 22, N. Y.; Mary E. Yost-Odom, Birmingham, Ala.; Shirley Zajt, Oak Park, Michigan; Eleanor S. Zvenitsky, Cleveland 20, Ohio.

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Oglebay Park Offers

ACTIVITIES

Picnicking—There are 106 picnic sites in the Park, 60 of which are unnumbered and may be used without reservation. The 46 numbered sites have fire-places and may be reserved at the Camp Office for a fee of 25c. Firewood is 50c per bundle. The Haller Shelter, and sites 1, 2, and 10 are available for large groups upon application to the Camp Office.

Golf—18-hole golf course open daily. 55c per nine holes on week days, 65c Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Season tickets, \$35.00. Membership Oglebay Golf Association \$2.00 per year.

Golf Driving Range—Route 88, on North side of Park. Balls 50c a basket. Open May through September.

Swimming—Pool open latter part of May through September (weather permitting). 30c per person.

Riding—Horses available at \$1.50 per hour weekdays. \$1.75 per hour Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Twelve miles of wooded bridle paths.

Tennis—Har-Tru courts. 20c per person per half hour.

Hiking—Fourteen miles of wooded trails through the Park.

Dancing—Pineroom, Crispin Center, Saturday evenings, summer months.

Square Dancing—Thursday evenings.

Viennese Waltz Nights (Formal)—Write Park Office for dates.

63 Club Dances—Holidays and other special occasions. Address Park Office.

Gardening—Garden Center—Open Daily (except Monday). Lectures, horticultural displays, junior gardening program, Gift Shop. Greenhouses open daily. Annuals and all perennials for all city plantings are grown here.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabins—Family vacation cabins are available the year around by advance reservation. Application forms for summer reservations are mailed in March to local persons (in April to out-of-town persons) who have requested them since January 1st of the current year. Application forms for other months of the year may be had at any time.

Rooms—Cottage Rooms (Locust, Elm, Maple)—Located near the Camp Office about one mile from Park Restaurant. Single cot-type beds, innerspring mattresses. No private baths, no cooking facilities, no telephones. \$1.50 per day per person.

Guest House—Rooms (second floor Park Restaurant, near Mansion-Museum)—Single beds, no private baths, no telephones. \$5.00 per day per double room and \$3.50 per day single.

Restaurant — Oglebay Park Restaurant, near Mansion-Museum. Open daily May through September. Available for reservations September to May.

Snack Bar—Crispin Center (Swimming Pool)—Open daily.

Oglebay Events — 1954

Bird Walks—Nature Field Trips—Winter, Sunday afternoons, 2:30; Summer, Tuesday and Saturday Mornings, 9:30.

Easter Sunrise Service—Outdoor Theater, Easter Sunday morning, 7:00.

Narcissus Show—Greenhouses—April

Mansion Museum, built 1835—Period rooms, historical library, current exhibits. Admission, 40c; children under 12 free; special group rates. Open May to November — Weekdays 10:00 to 12:00 and 1:30 to 5:00, Sundays and holidays 2:00 to 7:00.

Carriage House—Frontier Travel Gallery—Dramatization of early transportation. Open May to November—Weekdays 1:30 to 5:00; Sundays and holidays 2:00 to 7:00.

Tuesday Night Entertainment Series—Outdoor Theater—July and August, beginning Tuesday, July 13.

Thursday Night Pop Concerts—Wheeling Symphony Orchestra—Outdoor Theater—Beginning July 29 through August 19.

Family Play Party — Children's Center — Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

A. B. Brooks Nature Center—Falls Drive near Children's Center—Weekdays, 1:00 to 6:00; Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 to 8:00.

Nature Museum and Children's Zoo—Children's Center—open daily 10:00 to 8:00.

Nature Nights—Children's Center—Friday evenings, June 11-August 27 — Movies, campfires, nature talks.

Astronomy Nights—Telescope Hill—Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday evenings, 9:30 (clear skies) Summer months.

Vesper Services—Outdoor Theater—Sunday evenings July and August, 7:30.

Catholic Services — Pineroom — Sunday Mornings, 6:30, June through August 15.

Caddy Camp—Boys working camp for Oglebay caddies—June to mid-August.

Day Camp—Children's Center—Four days weekly—June 7 through July 29. Children 4-14.

Camp Russel Schedule—

Folk Dance and Recreation Camp	May 28 - June 4
Choral Music Camp	June 4 - 6
Junior Nature Camp	June 6 - 12
Boys' Camp (YMCA) Boys 9-17	June 13 - July 11
County 4-H Camps	July 11 - Aug. 1
Drum Major Camp	August 1 - 22
Folk Dance Camp	August 23 - 30

West Virginia State Tennis Tournament—July 25-August 1.

Gladiolus Show—Pineroom — State Gladiolus Society — August 8 and 9.

West Virginia State Junior Tennis Tournament—August 18, 19, 20.

Opera Workshop—August 16-30.

8th Annual Horse Show—Horse Show Arena—September 9, 10, 11, 12.

Chrysanthemum Show—Greenhouse—October

Annual Turkey Shoot—Courtyard—November

Christmas Greens Decorating Classes—Garden Center—December

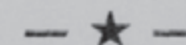
Oglebay Park

WHEELING, W. VA.

OGLEBAY PARK is a tax-supported municipal park consisting of 803 acres. It serves the Wheeling Industrial area, population of 250,000, and visitors from many states. Fewer than twenty-six years ago the area that is now Oglebay Park was Waddington Farm, the beautiful country estate of the late Earl W. Oglebay, who left it to the City of Wheeling for park and recreational purposes.

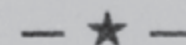
Oglebay Park is administered by the Wheeling Park Commission, a non-partisan board of five members who have developed it along the most modern principles of park planning. Many of the original buildings, more than a century old, have been utilized for public use and new structures have been added. Careful landscaping has enhanced its natural beauty with plantings of rare shrubs and trees and acres of woodland unmolested until it stands today a monument to Earl Oglebay and those who have developed it, a public park bordered by many fine country estates and surrounded by the breath-taking splendor of the West Virginia hills.

Many organizations co-operate with the Wheeling Park Commission in the presentation of recreational and educational programs at Oglebay, including Oglebay Institute, Wheeling Symphony Society, Wheeling Garden Center, Oglebay Park Saddle Club, Wheeling-Oglebay Tennis Club, Oglebay Park Children's Association, Oglebay Park Golf Club, and many others.



HOW TO REACH OGLEBAY PARK

Oglebay Park is located two miles north of U. S. 40 on West Virginia Route 88. Bus transportation from downtown Wheeling is available from Decoration Day to Labor Day.



OFFICES

Oglebay Park Main Offices Open week days 9 to 5

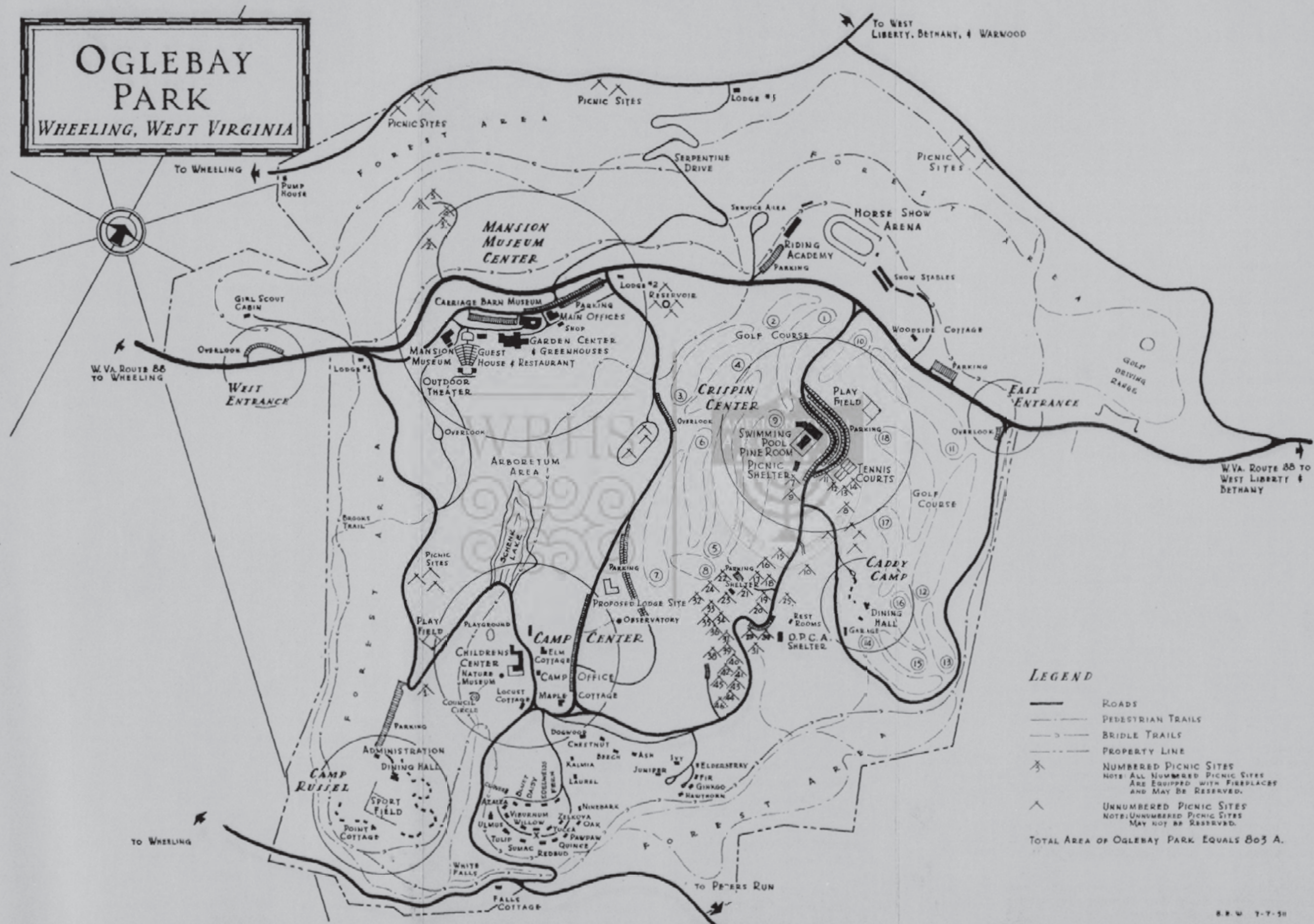
Oglebay Park Camp Office (Cabin Area)

Open daily, May to October.

Picnic Reservations, Cabins, Rooms.

OGLEBAY PARK

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA



LEGEND

- ROADS
 - - - PEDESTRIAN TRAILS
 - - - BRIDLE TRAILS
 - - - PROPERTY LINE
 - ✕ NUMBERED PICNIC SITES
NOTE: ALL NUMBERED PICNIC SITES ARE EQUIPPED WITH FIREPLACES AND MAY BE RESERVED.
 - △ UNNUMBERED PICNIC SITES
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- TOTAL AREA OF OGLEBAY PARK EQUALS 803 A.

September 16, 1945

Mr. Edwin M. Steckel
Oglebay Institute
Wheeling, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Steckel:

Enclosed is the corrected copy of the address which was delivered by Rabbi Silver at Oglebay Institute. We regret having delayed you for so long.

It would be very much appreciated if we might receive several copies of the mimeographed address.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Enclosure



SCOUTING FOR ALL YOUTH

Cub Scouts — 8 to 10 years
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January 30, 1956

Dr. Abba Hilleo Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St., at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Our good friend Rabbi Joseph H. Freedman called your office concerning our desire to have you as our Recognition Dinner Speaker on Thursday Evening, March 22nd. It has been our pleasure to have as our speakers many distinguished Americans. At our recent Committee Meeting, your name was the unanimous choice of the members. It is our earnest desire that you can be with us.

The Recognition Dinner is conducted in the Scottish Rite Cathedral with an approximate audience of 600. It is limited to adults, other than the past year Eagle Scouts who are honored with their fathers and mothers. There are normally an equal number of women and men. Officials taking part are the leading civic, industrial, and religious leaders of the Ohio Valley.

I have attached last years program for your information. Please note our time schedule. Happily, we have never been late.

It would be a real joy and pleasure to have you with us. Will you please consider it, and advise me? I am very willing to come to Cleveland and discuss it with you.

Sincerely yours,

Wm F. Livermore,
Scout Executive.

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1955 RECOGNITION DINNER

Scottish Rite Cathedral, Wheeling, Thursday, March 10th, 7 P. M.
Our Testimonial To Distinguished Accomplishment



HARRY A. STUHLREHER

Program

C. Lee Spillers, Toastmaster

Advisory Board Chairman, Ohio River Cruising

Music by Rotary Ensemble, Courtesy of Wheeling Musical Society, Local No. 142-AFM, Dan F. Steiniger, Director.

1. Invocation—The Mt. Rev. Thomas J. McDonnell, Coadjutor Bishop, Diocese of Wheeling.
2. Greetings—C. Lee Spillers, Toastmaster.
3. Dinner—Music by Rotary Ensemble.
4. Vaudeville—"Skating Hendersons."
5. Awards—
 - a. Eagle Scouts, Parents, Wives, and Friends—Robert L. Billington, Regional Executive, Region Four, Boy Scouts of America. Assisted by Vice Presidents, District Chairmen, and other Officials.
 - b. Plus Advancement—M. E. Marsh, Vice President, Division A. Assisted by District Executive E. J. Rittenhouse, Jr.
 - c. Plus Membership—Ralph W. Oldham, Council Scout Commissioner. Assisted by District Executive James L. Bartel.
 - d. Plus Outdoor—Dr. J. E. McCutcheon, Camping & Activities Chairman. Assisted by Assistant Executive Thomas A. Cook.
 - e. Veterans—Robert F. Hannum, Administrative Vice President. Assisted by District Executive W. Kenneth Mugridge.
 - f. Past President's Recognition—Thomas M. Bloch, President.
6. "Singing Together"—Edwin M. Steckel.
Executive Director, Oglebay Institute.
7. Awards—
 - a. Training (Scouter)—Chester H. Draher, Training Chairman.
 - 1a. Training (Scouter—Den Mothers) Assisted by District Executive James L. Bartel.
 - a1a. Training (Keys).
 - b. Huroquois District—Archie W. Deuel, Past President, National Representative. Assisted by Scout Executive Wm. F. Livermore.
 - c. Silver Beaver—J. H. McElhinney, Huroquois Foundation and Past President with F. Steele Earnshaw, Advisory Board and Associates — Archie W. Deuel, Past President, National Representative; Dr. Ivan Fawcett, National Representative; Ralph W. Oldham, Council Commissioner; and George Thornburg, Treasurer, Past President, National Council.

Let Us Sing!

SMILES

There are smiles that make us happy,
There are smiles that make us blue,
There are smiles that steal away the teardrops
As the sunbeams steal away the dew.
There are smiles that have a tender meaning,
That the eyes of love alone may see,
And the smiles that fill my life with sunshine
Are the smiles that you give to me.

THERE'S A LONG, LONG TRAIL

There's a long, long trail a-winding
Into the land of my dreams,
Where the nightingales are singing
And a white moon beams.
There's a long, long night of waiting
Until my dreams all come true,
Till the day when I'll be going down
That long, long trail with you.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain.
America, America
God shed His grace on thee
And crowned thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

Program

8. Patriotic Observance—

"SAVING AMERICA THROUGH CONSERVATION."

(PLEASE STAND for The Pledge of Allegiance)

The Cast—

Director: E. J. Rittenhouse, Jr.

Narrator: WMOD.

"Cubs"—Thomas Dobbs, Danny Masters, Kermit Yoho; Pack No. 3080.

"Boy Scouts"—Barron Kerns, Stephen Ours, Ronald Sears, Wm. Suter; Troop No. 81.

"Explorers"—Boyd Davis, Adrian Frizzell, Denny Howard, David Peters, Raymond White; Post No. 2080.

"Scouter"—Stephen C. Kerns, Scoutmaster, Troop No. 81.

9. Introduction of the Speaker of the Evening—T. J. Cox, Past President.

10. Address—"The Final Score"—

Mr. Harry A. Stuhldreher, Assistant to the Vice President of the United States Steel Corporation. Athlete, Sportsman, National Orator, and Business Executive.

11. Scouter Rededication—"INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD — THE FOUNDATION OF WORLD PEACE."

(PLEASE STAND for The Scout Oath)

The Cast—

Director: James L. Bartel.

Narrator: Robert S. Carnahan.

"American"—Jerry Fluxe, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop No. 124.

"Scotchman"—David Phillips, Explorer, Post No. 2111.

"Frenchman"—Robert Purtimean, Explorer, Post No. 2110.

"Egyptian"—Myron Greene, Explorer, Post No. 2110.

"Japanese"—Charles Deafenbaugh, Explorer, Post No. 2111.

"Jamboree Scouts and Explorers"—Tony Ames, William Borchert, Wallace Clifton, August Dailer, John Dezio, Larry Dezio, Drew Houy, Donald Klug, James McNutly, Rickey O'Brien, and Robert Pack of Troop No. 40, and Jon Lang, David Marsh, Ronald Milton, George Vucelich, and John Zack of Post No. 2212.

12. Benediction—The Rev. Stanley Stiver, Vice Chairman, Protestant Advisory Committee.

13. Taps—"BUILDING FOR A BETTER TOMORROW."

The Cast—

Director—Thomas A. Cook.

Bugler—Charles Michaels, Scout, Troop No. 43.

"Satisfaction From Effort"—Dale Buzzard, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop No. 25.

"Opportunity To Succeed"—Carl Dumas, Scoutmaster, Troop No. 25.

"Spiritual Blessing"—The Rev. Thomas J. Hughes, FM, St. Michael's RC Church.

"Youth Looks To Tomorrow"—Wayne Allen Ambrose, Scout, Troop No. 43.

14. Adjournment.

Appreciation

TO THOSE who participated in the program, worked for the attendance, and generously gave of themselves to assure the success of the Dinner.

APPRECIATION TO the Rotary Ensemble, Director Dan F. Steiniger and the Wheeling Musical Society, Local No. 142, AFM; the "Skating Hendersons," Edwin M. Steckel of Oglebay Institute, Fostoria Glass Company, L. S. Good & Company, Stone & Thomas, Wheeling Steel Corporation, Wm. C. Nichols, and the Sea Explorers of Ship No. 5130.

TO SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL for their splendid cooperation in all the plans and their use of facilities relating to the Dinner and the Ladies who have delightfully served us.

TO ROBERT L. BILLINGTON, our consecrated Regional Scout Executive, for his inspirational message to our advancing Eagle Scouts.

TO HARRY A. STUHLBREHER for his enthusiastic and brilliant address, and his kindness in arranging to be with us.

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1955 RECOGNITION DINNER
Scottish Rite Cathedral, 83-14th.St., Wheeling, W.Va., March 10th(Thursday)
7.00-10.00 P.M.

- P R O G R A M -
C. Lee Spillers, Toastmaster

Music by-Rotary Ensemble, Courtesy of Wheeling Musical Society, Local 142AFM.
Dan F. Steiniger, Director

- 7.00-7.02(2) 1. Invocation- The Most Reverend T. J. McDonnell,
Coadjutor Bishop, Diocese of Wheeling
- 7.02-7.04(2) 2. Greetings- C. Lee Spillers, Toastmaster
- 7.04-7.30(26) 3. Dinner- Music by Rotary Ensemble
- 7.30-7.45(15) 4. Vaudeville- "Skating Hendersons"
5. AWARDS-
- 7.45-7.55(10) a. Eagle Scouts, Parents, Wives, Friends- Robert L. Billington,
Regional Executive, Region Four, Boy Scouts of America.
- 7.55-8.00(5) b. Plus Advancement- M. E. Marsh, Vice President, Division A,
Assisted by District Executive, E. J. Rittenhouse, Jr.
- 8.00-8.05(5) c. Plus Membership- Ralph W. Oldham, Council Commissioner,
Assisted by District Executive James L. Bartel.
- 8.05-8.10(5) d. Plus Outdoor- Dr. J. E. McCutcheon, Camping & Activ. Chrmn.,
Assisted by Assistant Executive Thomas A. Cook.
- 8.10-8.19(9) e. Veterans- Robert F. Hannum, Administrative Vice President,
Assisted by District Executive W. Kenneth Mugridge.
- 8.19-8.23(4) f. Past President's Recognition- Thomas M. Bloch, President.
- 8.23-8.26(3) 6. "Singing Together"- Edwin M. Steckel,
Executive Director, Oglebay Institute.
7. AWARDS-
- 8.26-8.35(9) a. Training(Awards) C. H. Draher, Training Chairman,
Assisted by District Executive James L. Bartel.
- 8.35-8.38(3) aa. Training(Awards- Den Mothers)
- 8.38-8.43(5) aaa. Training(Keys)
- 8.43-8.57(14) b. Huron District- Archie W. Deuel, Past President,
Assisted by Scout Executive Wm. F. Livermore.
- 8.57-9.12(15) c. Silver Beaver- J. H. McElhinney, Huron Foundation with
F. Steele Earnshaw, Advisory Board with Associates-
Archie W. Deuel, Past President, National Representative;
Dr. Ivan Fawcett, National Representative;
Ralph W. Oldham, Council Commissioner; and
George Thornburg, Treasurer, Past President, National Council.
- 9.12-9.18(6) 8. Patriotic Observance- "Saving America Through Conservation".
- 9.18-9.20(2) 9. Introduction of the Speaker- T. J. Cox, Past President.
- 9.20-9.50(30) 10. Address- "The Final Score"
Harry A. Stuhldreher, Assistant to the Vice President
United States Steel Corporation
- 9.50-9.56(6) 11. Scouter Rededication- "International Brotherhood- The Foundation
of World Peace".
- 9.56-9.58(2) 12. Benediction- The Rev. Stanley Stiver, Vice Chairman, Protestant
Advisory Committee
- 9.58-10.00(2) 13. Taps
- 10.00 14. Adjournment.



Recognition Awards

Huroquois Council Boy Scouts Of America

"Building For A Better Tomorrow"

1954 PLUS ADVANCEMENT

(The number following the Unit Number indicates the number of years that Unit has had Plus Advancement)

CONESTOGA	3049 (5)	265 (1)	PIONEER	111 (2)	3102 (3)	79 (2)
3005 (1)	ZANE-CUSTER	3269 (1)	3059 (1)	2111 (1)	102 (1)	3080 (3)
3015 (1)	3051 (2)	NATIONAL	3066 (4)	3124 (1)	3121 (1)	80 (1)
18 (2)	3062 (4)	TRAIL	68 (1)	124 (2)	121 (1)	3081 (2)
19 (1)	3099 (3)	3006 (3)	70 (1)	3212 (2)	3149 (2)	3089 (1)
31 (2)	107 (1)	3034 (2)	3072 (2)	3223 (1)	3153 (2)	3094 (2)
38 (1)	3180 (2)	3036 (4)	3073 (2)	MOUNTAINEER MOHAWK		
3043 (1)	180 (1)	40 (2)	97 (1)	3021 (3)	3078 (1)	
45 (1)	3211 (1)	3047 (1)	3110 (2)	21 (1)	3079 (1)	

1954 PLUS MEMBERSHIP

(The number following the Unit Number indicates the number of years that Unit has had Plus Membership)

CONESTOGA	3140 (1)	3141 (3)	3022 (4)	3070 (5)	125 (4)	3154 (5)
4 (5)	140 (1)	3143 (2)	2022 (2)	2070 (1)	130 (4)	154 (7)
3005 (5)	148 (4)	180 (2)	29 (6)	2071 (6)	3201 (3)	MOHAWK
5005 (2)	2148C (3)	2180 (3)	3034 (2)	3072 (8)	3212 (3)	5078 (2)
10 (4)	203 (4)	186 (3)	35 (5)	72 (7)	212 (5)	3079 (5)
12 (5)	2203 (2)	2186 (2)	2036 (6)	3073 (2)	2212 (2)	3080 (3)
3013 (4)	ZANE-CUSTER	3211 (1)	3040 (8)	73 (5)	3223 (1)	2080 (2)
3015 (3)	3051 (4)	211 (2)	40 (8)	2095 (1)	223 (1)	3081 (4)
3018 (7)	52 (5)	260 (2)	2040 (5)	2097C (1)	MOUNTAINEER	
18 (7)	55 (4)	263 (3)	41 (3)	3110 (5)	3021 (3)	83 (4)
2018 (5)	58 (5)	3265 (6)	3047 (6)	110 (7)	21 (6)	2083 (2)
19 (6)	3060 (2)	265 (5)	47 (9)	3111 (3)	2021 (3)	3084 (3)
20 (7)	60 (5)	3269 (4)	3050 (4)	111 (4)	3102 (8)	84 (2)
3025 (10)	3062 (6)	2269 (4)	2128C (2)	2111 (1)	102 (8)	3089 (2)
25 (5)	2062 (5)	3270 (2)	3146 (2)	3114 (3)	2102 (6)	89 (3)
2031C (6)	3099 (4)	270 (4)	204 (2)	114 (6)	108 (6)	3092 (5)
3038 (2)	99 (6)	NATIONAL	PIONEER	3117 (4)	121 (6)	92 (10)
38 (3)	2099C (4)	TRAIL	3059 (4)	3119 (4)	2121 (2)	2092 (3)
2038C (2)	103 (4)	3006 (6)	59 (7)	3120 (4)	3131 (5)	3093 (3)
3043 (3)	3107 (3)	6 (8)	3066 (7)	120 (5)	135 (1)	93 (7)
3045 (7)	107 (6)	3008 (8)	68 (4)	2123 (4)	2135C (1)	3094 (5)
49 (4)	2107C (2)	8 (6)	2068 (1)	2124 (4)	149 (4)	94 (7)
						100 (4)

1954 PLUS OUT-OF-DOORS

(The number following the Unit Number indicates the number of years that Unit has had Plus Out-of-Doors)

CONESTOGA	148 (2)	265 (5)	68 (1)	2114 (1)	3102 (4)	2080 (1)
3 (1)	203 (4)	268 (2)	2068 (1)	120 (2)	102 (5)	3081 (2)
3004 (1)	ZANE-CUSTER	3269 (3)	70 (2)	3123 (1)	2102 (3)	81 (4)
4 (5)	51 (6)	269 (6)	2070 (1)	2123 (1)	3121 (4)	2081 (1)
3005 (5)	53 (5)	2269 (3)	71 (5)	3124 (5)	121 (2)	83 (1)
5 (2)	60 (1)	NATIONAL	2071 (1)	124 (5)	2121 (1)	2083 (1)
10 (3)	3062 (6)	TRAIL	3072 (3)	2124 (3)	3131 (5)	3084 (2)
13 (3)	62 (5)	8 (1)	72 (4)	3201 (3)	3149 (2)	84 (3)
3015 (3)	2062 (3)	22 (5)	2072 (1)	201 (3)	3153 (2)	3089 (2)
15 (6)	99 (3)	40 (3)	3073 (3)	3212 (4)	3154 (3)	89 (2)
18 (5)	5099 (2)	41 (3)	73 (3)	212 (5)	MOHAWK	
19 (1)	107 (3)	3047 (3)	2073 (2)	2212 (2)	3078 (4)	3093 (2)
38 (1)	3180 (2)	3050 (1)	3110 (3)	MOUNTAINEER		
43 (3)	180 (1)	PIONEER	110 (3)	3021 (4)	5078 (2)	3094 (4)
3049 (6)	186 (4)	3059 (1)	3111 (1)	21 (4)	3079 (5)	94 (3)
49 (4)	3211 (1)	59 (1)	111 (2)	2021 (1)	3080 (4)	3100 (1)
2049 (1)	3265 (2)	3066 (3)	114 (2)	3101 (1)	80 (6)	

ON THE BACK — ADDITIONAL AWARDS

EAGLE SCOUTS

Donald J. Bartholomew, Scoutmaster, 38, Conestoga
Fritz Bennett, Explorer, 2062, Zane-Custer
George Briese, Scout, 15, Conestoga
Lansing Collins, Explorer, 2072, Pioneer
David Evanczyk, Explorer, 2186, Zane-Custer
John Galloway, Explorer, 2111, Pioneer
Myron Greene, Explorer, 2110, Pioneer

Walter Kinsey, Explorer, 2092, Mohawk
David Marsh, Explorer, 2212, Pioneer
William Morgan, Explorer, 2102, Mountaineer
David Phillips, Explorer, 2111, Pioneer
Robert Purtiman, Explorer, 2111, Pioneer
John Zasio, Explorer, 2062, Zane-Custer

VETERAN AWARDS

TEN YEARS:—

Lloyd L. Bane, Cubmaster, 3036, National Trail
Earl R. Barlow, Jr., Committeeman, 66, Pioneer
James C. Beck, Chairman, 212, Pioneer
Charles Brooks, Chairman, 3264, Zane-Custer
Benjamin P. Bruno, Committeeman, 19, Conestoga
Wm. Callahan, Council O&E Chairman, National Trail
Robert L. Collins, Scoutmaster, 72, Pioneer
Harry J. Dailer, Chairman, 3012, Conestoga
Earl G. Downs, Executive Board, Mohawk
Mrs. John T. Fitch, Den Mother, 3008, National Trail
John T. Fitch, Committeeman, 8, National Trail
Roy W. Forni, Committeeman, 62, Zane-Custer
Robert N. Hallett, Neighborhood Com., National Trail
Dr. Raymond G. Hughes, Chairman, 29, National Trail
Luther F. Jones, Executive Board, Zane-Custer
T. C. Jones, Scoutmaster, 22, National Trail
Earl R. Lewis, Huroquois Foundation, Pioneer
Robert F. Love, Chairman, 260, Zane-Custer
Thomas M. Lynskey, Institutional Rep., 28, Nat. Trail
Miss Emma Lytle, Den Mother, 3004, Conestoga
Mrs. Josephine Moran, Den Mother, 3003, Conestoga
Phillip Moran, Assistant Advisor, 2003, Conestoga
Mrs. Catherine M. Nickerson, Den Mother, 3007, Conestoga
J. O. Pearson, Advisory Board, National Trail
C. Clinton Rogerson, Camping & Activities Com. Mohawk
George A. Scheetz, Advisory Board, Pioneer

Robert W. Spenger, Adv. Committeeman, Conestoga
Wilbern M. Walker, Scoutmaster, 62, Zane-Custer
Earl F. Weisenborn, Neighborhood Com., National Trail
Charles West, Institutional Rep., 264, Zane-Custer
J. C. Wigal, Institutional Representative, 13, Conestoga

FIFTEEN YEARS:—

John M. Baker, Advisor, 2062, Zane-Custer
Robert Deane Blair, Committeeman, 82, Mohawk
C. Foster Gasper, Committeeman, 71, Pioneer
Earl L. Gorrell, Adv. Committeeman, Mountaineer
Guy W. Knapp, Training Chairman, Mohawk
Delford Ross, Scoutmaster, 94, Mohawk

TWENTY YEARS:—

Thomas M. Bloch, Council President, National Trail
James G. Castor, Cubmaster, 3006, National Trail
Ernest H. Discher, Chairman, 2028, National Trail
George P. Hansen, Advisory Board, National Trail
Fred C. Stumpel, Neighborhood Com. Conestoga

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS:—

Stephen C. Kerns, Scoutmaster, 81, Mohawk
Wylie M. Rogers, Committeeman, 79, Mohawk
Ernest D. Sickles, Executive Board, Pioneer

THIRTY YEARS:—

I. A. Conaway, Neighborhood Com., Zane-Custer
Clarence H. Sprowls, Health & Safety Chair., Conestoga

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS:—

A. R. Morris, Advancement Committeeman, Conestoga

TRAINING AWARDS

SCOUTER'S AWARD:—

Philip Andes, Jr., Scoutmaster, 212, Pioneer
Paul Bongiorno, Cubmaster, 3212, Pioneer
Mrs. Georgianna Bowman, Den Mother, Conestoga
Thomas H. Brown, Committeeman, 212, Pioneer
Dr. C. F. Burkett, Ass't. Dist. Commissioner, Pioneer
Mrs. Wilford Buzzard, Den Mother, 3092, Mohawk
Robert S. Carnahan, Dist. Commissioner, Pioneer
Nick Circosta, 201, Insti. Representative, Pioneer
Mrs. Robert L. Collins, Den Mother, 3072, Pioneer
Mrs. Wiley D. Crow, Den Mother, 3080, Mohawk
John A. Finnerty, Advisor, 5005, Conestoga
Mrs. John Finnerty, Den Mother, 3036, National Trail
James W. Groves, Scoutmaster, 154, Mountaineer
Lawrence J. Harris, Cubmaster, 3078, Mohawk
Mrs. Ronald J. Kinsey, Den Mother, 3092, Mohawk
John P. Lauter, Dist. Commissioner, Mohawk
Mrs. Geneva McCoy, Den Mother, 3073, Pioneer
Mrs. Louis Meyer, Den Mother, 3036, National Trail

Mrs. Mary C. Patrello, Den Mother, 3084, Mohawk
Mrs. Louella Reynolds, Den Mother, 3080, Mohawk
Evan M. Rogerson, Ass't. Cubmaster, 3079, Mohawk
Mrs. Nell Schlosser, Den Mother, 3005, Conestoga
Mrs. Catherine Vessels, Den Mother, 3073, Pioneer
Harry L. Webb, Advisor, 5153, Mountaineer
Earl Weisenborn, Neighborhood Com., National Trail
A. E. Williams, Training Committee, Mohawk
James F. Williams, Cubmaster, 3153, Mountaineer
Harold L. Wilson, Scoutmaster, 78, Mohawk
Mrs. Grace Yoder, Den Mother, 3080, Mohawk
Paul R. Young, Advisor, 5078, Mohawk

SCOUTMASTER KEY:—

Paul H. Riddle, Scoutmaster, 15, Conestoga
Wilburn M. Walker, Scoutmaster, 62, Zane-Custer

COMMISSIONER KEY:—

Elwood A. Ellis, O&E Chairman, Mohawk
Wm. E. Swisher, District Commissioner, Mountaineer

HUROQUOIS DISTRICT AWARDS

Conestoga District:—

Roy M. Rackham, Jr.
Institutional Representative, 10

Zane-Custer District:—

Harry B. Waldorf
Past District Chairman

National Trail District:—

Glen Phillips,
Neighborhood Commissioner

Pioneer District:—

Henry L. Maury
District Chairman

Mountaineer District:—

O. C. Schaefer
Advisor, 2102

Mohawk District:—

Earl G. Downs
Past District Chairman

February 1, 1956

Mr. William F. Livermore, Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of America
414 Hawley Building
Wheeling, West Va.

Dear Mr. Livermore:

Rabbi Silver appreciates very much your letter inviting him to be speaker at your Recognition Dinner.

Unfortunately, Rabbi Silver will be out of the country at that time and is therefore unable to accept your gracious invitation.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine
Secretary to Dr. Silver