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GREAT AGRICULTURISTS



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THE OHIO STATE FAIR

by

The Ohio Agricultural Council

**A message from
GOVERNOR GILLIGAN**

As Governor of the State of Ohio, it gives me great pleasure to extend my appreciation to the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame upon the occasion of its sixth year of success.

The Hall of Fame has honored outstanding agriculturalists who have aided in the development of Agriculture through their diligence, foresight and cooperation.

Many who are not selected have also played a vital role in the progress of Ohio Agriculture. I want to extend to them my commendations and offer my sincere congratulations to these dedicated Agriculturalists and to the Ohio Agricultural Council who have carried out the program in a manner in which all Ohioans should be proud.

Sincerely,
John J. Gilligan



GOVERNOR GILLIGAN



DIRECTOR
ABERCROMBIE

**... from the OHIO
DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE**

Agriculture is the base on which our nation builds its entire economy. The honors we are bestowing today on these great agriculturists are but small rewards in return for their many contributions to Ohio Agriculture.

We owe much to these men for their dedication and sacrifices toward better agricultural practices. As we recognize their accomplishments, others are and will be working toward even greater goals. May they, too, have success because the whole of mankind may be the beneficiary.

It is a personal pleasure to have a part in this program honoring these men, and I commend the Ohio Agricultural Council for sponsoring the Hall of Fame so that future generations may know the founders of Ohio Agriculture.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Gene R. Abercrombie, Director



GEORGE D. ROBAY, JR.

**... and from the PRESIDENT OF
OHIO AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL**

It is with great humility the Ohio Agricultural Council bows in deep respect to those selected to be enshrined in the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame today.

The achievements of those enshrined today are of special significance to Ohio and our nation. Whenever great men such as these make their contributions in our special interest of agriculture, all our nation's citizens benefit. Our great state and national success rests upon the healthy, financially secure agricultural segment of our economy. And so it is that agricultural accomplishments effect the elements of food and fiber supplies, as well as the majority of our country's employment level through agri-business.

We especially appreciate the careers and dedicated lives of the men and their families whom we honor here today.

George D. Robey, Jr.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

PRESIDINGGeorge D. Robey, Jr.
President, Ohio Agricultural Council

INVOCATIONGene Tapalman
FFA Representative, Pres. Jr. Fair Board

BREAKFASTAll-Ohio Menu

ALL-OHIO YOUTH CHOIRGlenville Thomas
Conductor

ENSHRINING 1971 PORTRAITS and
PLAQUE AWARDSHon. Gene R. Abercrombie
Ohio Director of Agriculture

Dr. Roy M. Kottman
Dean, College of Agriculture, O.S.U.

DEDICATION, RECOGNITION and
INCENTIVEHon. John J. Gilligan
Governor of Ohio

SOCIAL HOURA time for visiting with friends.

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LE SWARTZ
Le's Harmony House
WEST LIBERTY, OHIO
and
THE OHIO YOUTH CHOIR



Bryce C. Browning

Bryce C. Browning's greatest contribution to agriculture is his demonstration and promotion of good conservation practices. Under his leadership, the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District has become nationally known. He served an 8-year term on the National Resources Commission, has been chairman of the Board of the American Forestry Association and is a life member of it. He is one of the founders of Friends of the Land, and a member of the board of trustees of Antioch College.

George L. Cooley

George L. Cooley, widely known as "Uncle George," specialized in grape growing on his Cuyahoga County farm. In 1893 he organized the first grape growers cooperative in Ohio. He helped organize the highway departments in Ohio, California, Louisiana and elsewhere. He served as chairman of the assembly which organized the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation in 1919 and served on its board of directors for many years. He also served as chairman of the Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, predecessor to Nationwide Insurance Companies.



Benjamin Basil Brumley

Benjamin B. Brumley operated an extensive crop and livestock farm in Hancock County for more than 50 years. He helped organize the Producers livestock cooperatives at Cleveland and Pittsburgh in 1923, and the consolidated association in 1934. He served as president of Producers Livestock Association from 1934 to 1953, was director and president of the National Livestock Producers Association, chairman of the Joint Live Stock Committee 1942-1946, director and member of the executive committee of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. He was named an Ohio Master Farmer in 1930.

Wheeler J. Welday

Wheeler J. Welday has a major interest in the production of fruit and service to his fellow men. He cooperated with Ohio and West Virginia research centers in development of new strains of apples. He has the oldest Red Delicious spur-type apple tree in Ohio or the United States. Past president of the Ohio Extension Advisory Committee and the Ohio Historical Society. Active in Boy Scouts, crippled children's aid, Red Cross, church and other civic organizations. Ohio Master Farmer, 1925. Instructor for 20 years in Community Institutes.



THE OHIO AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME

1971 COMMITTEE

Gerald L. Hiller, *Chairman*

Gene R. Abercrombie

Sam Cashman

Chester Hutchison

James Ross

Enshrinement in the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame is Ohio's highest recognition of an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the agricultural industry. Each year two living and two deceased persons are honored from both the farmer-breeder and agriculture-related categories.

New nominations can be submitted by anyone to the Ohio Agricultural Council for consideration by the Hall of Fame's panel of judges.



Previously Enshrined . . .

1966:

Leo L. Rummell—educator and farm writer
Glen H. Stringfield—plant breeder
Louis J. Taber—farm organization leader

1967:

Carl R. Arnold—economist and finance expert
David W. Galehouse—seed producer, conservationist and educator
Harry C. Ramsower—agriculture educator

1968:

L. P. Bailey—breeder of Jersey cattle
Oscar E. Bradfute—farmer, cooperative leader
John T. Brown—farmer and lawmaker
Howard M. Call—farmer and community builder
C. M. Ferguson—educator and administrator
A. B. Graham—founder of the 4-H Clubs
Perry L. Green—lawmaker and co-op leader
Henry P. Miller—writer and master farmer
Amos I. Root—Evangelist of modern beekeeping
A. P. Sandles—booster of Ohio fairs
Charles E. Thorne—writer and soil scientist
Norton S. Townshend—educator and legislator
Allen Trimble—Governor and livestock breeder
Joseph E. Wing—writer and alfalfa pioneer

1969:

Harold Anderson—founder of grain business
Uri T. Cox—farmer and plant propagator
Leon M. Evans—farmer and banker
Lawrence A. Kauffman—teacher and sheep specialist
Forrest G. Ketner—co-op leader and marketing specialist
Edward H. Knight—farmer and mechanical inventor
Murray D. Lincoln—co-op founder and agriculture leader
Glen G. McIlroy—farmer and farm manager
Joseph Oppenheim—teacher and inventor
Virgil Overhold—teacher and drainage specialist
Charles Plumb—educator and administrator
Martin L. Ruetenik—vegetable specialist and innovator
Arthur L. Smith—vegetable grower and industry leader
Howard J. Ziegler—farmer and livestock breeder

1970:

Cosmas D. Blubaugh—soil and water conservationist
Edmund Secrest—educator and forester
John A. Slipher—educator and soil conservationist
Samuel S. Studebaker—farmer and farm credit leader

THE OHIO AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP ROLL

ASSOCIATIONS

Central Ohio Breeding Association
Farm & Power Equipment Retailers of Ohio
Farm Management, Inc.
Independent Livestock Marketing Association
Landmark - Farm Bureau Cooperative
NOBA, Inc.
Ohio Apple Institute
Ohio Bankers Association
Ohio Church World Service (Crop)
Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.
Ohio Farm & Home Safety Committee
Ohio Farmers, Inc.
Ohio FFA Association
Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts
Ohio Florists Association
Ohio Foundation Seeds, Inc.
Ohio Grain, Feed and Fertilizer Association, Inc.
Ohio Greenhouse Vegetable Cooperation Association
Ohio Land Improvement Contractors Association
Ohio Milk Producers Federation
Ohio Pesticide Institute
Ohio Poultry Association
Ohio Reclamation Association
Ohio Retail Food Dealers Association
Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.
Ohio Seed Dealers Association
Ohio Seed Improvement Association
Ohio Sheep Improvement Association
Ohio Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers
Ohio Soil Fertility Education Society
Ohio State Beekeepers Association, Inc.
Ohio State Council of Retail Merchants
Ohio State Grange
Ohio State Horticulture Society
Ohio Vegetable and Potato Growers Association
Ohio Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association
Ohio Wool Growers Cooperative Association
Ohio Young Farmers
Pork Improvement Association of Ohio
Processed Limestone Association
Producers Livestock Association
The Ohio Farmer

INDIVIDUALS

Gene Abercrombie
Morris Allton
Wilbur Bruner
James E. Dougan
Joe Fichter
William Fulton
Floyd E. Heft
Harle Hicks
Ed Johnson
Roy M. Kottman
Robert C. Miller
Orlo L. Musgrave
Dean Simeral
C. William Swank
David Urmston
Warren G. Weiler
Roy Zimmerman