

# Ortho Official Sees Exciting Decade



Leading personalities at the annual Ortho fertilizer banquet were, from left: Willis Rohrer of P. L. Rohrer and Bro. Inc., master of ceremonies; Maxwell Maichele, Ortho agronomist, and David Barlow, Ortho Division general manager, and keynote speaker at the banquet.

The 1970's will be a decade of exciting changes and progress which could revolutionize farming as well as a decade in which agriculture will be challenged by tough problems and issues.

That was the assessment of David Barlow, vice president of the Chevron Chemical Company and general manager of the Ortho Division, at the annual Ortho fertilizer banquet of P. L. Rohrer and Bro. Inc. Monday night at Meadow Hills Dining House.

A particular problem is the "diminishing cloud" of agriculture in the state houses and the Congress, Barlow said.

"Agriculture has done such great job in the past decade, we have met all the needs of the county with fewer people and we still ship more products overseas than ever before."

### City People

As the cities have grown, many young people "have grown to expect the food will be there" and these city people aren't familiar with the problems of raising food-stuffs, he said.

"They don't realize and frankly I don't think we have done a

very good job to acquaint them with some of the problems we face" the pesticide and nitrate issues are legitimate ones.

The declining farm population and the increasing urban population means "our influence is going to be smaller in the state houses and Congress. Agriculture has got to find some other way to see that its interests are represented."

There are also problems of the environment, including "a substantial anti-pesticide campaign" and the issue of "nitrates in our water supply."

Barlow readily conceded that

### Emotional Issue

But he urged that they not become merely emotional and political issues and that agriculture get "a fair evaluation" in the press.

Pesticides must not be lumped into a group. Each pesticide must be evaluated in terms of whether the risks outweigh the benefits. When the risks outweigh the benefits, "the particular pesticide should be banned."

Unfortunately he said, increases (Continued on Page 26)

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# Mrs. Henry Musser Gives 28 Years To Girl Scouts

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March 8-14 is GIRL SCOUT WEEK

You are aware of it if you have a daughter or a sister in scouting or perhaps a Girl Scout has been to your door selling cookies. The Girl Scout Council sponsors the cookie sale annually at this time of year to raise funds to build and maintain their camps. The camps could not be kept without the cookie sale.

Everyone realizes what a fine organization Girl Scouts is for girls. If you'd like to help the Scouts, just call one of them and ask if they have any cookies left to sell.

Another means of raising funds is the calendar sale near the end of the year. These calendars for your wall or desk have important dates on them such as religious and national holidays and spaces to keep memos and appointments for each day.

The proceeds from the sale of Girl Scout calendars go to camps, to assist girls going to camp. Financial assistance for this purpose is also received from service clubs and individuals.

A lady who has given unsparingly of her time and talents to Girl Scouting for 28 years is Mrs. Henry (Esther) Musser who lives between Florin and Donegal Springs. The 28 years is almost half the years the Girl Scout organization has existed. It was founded March 12, 1912.

She was never a Scout herself, or even a leader, but a behind-the-scenes, very necessary person.

She started on a very limited basis when her family was younger. She was one of the first neighborhood Chairman. A Neighborhood Chairman is responsible for seeing that all the girls in her area have troops, leaders, meeting places and a sponsor, if possible.

From this office she advanced to district chairman. She worked with four or five neighborhood chairmen and a professional advisor. Their duties are to set up training courses for leaders, train committee members, set up day camps, provide other opportunities for girls in outdoors and meet with other troops in combined events. All work together to help a girl grow up to be a well-adjusted, happy, responsible woman.

Mrs. Musser was a member of the board of directors of Lancaster County Girl Scout Council for 13 years, a committee chairman and finally president from 1956 to 1959.

She saw her Council purchase and develop their resident camp, Furnace Hills in Clay Township, where girls 7 to 17 years old attend camp for two-week periods.

Then day camps were developed in each neighborhood for a four or five day camp experience including, cookouts, learning skills and sharing many group experiences.

Troop Camping in which a troop and its leaders go camping for a weekend or longer, was begun.

Girls also go on trips, often working and earning money for two or three years for their trip. They might go to Savannah, Georgia, the birthplace of the Girl Scout founder Juliette Low, or

to New York or to Canada. They stop with other council groups in areas visited.

In 1960 Lancaster County Council merged with Penn Laurel Girl Scout Council which encompasses York, Franklin, Fulton, Adams, Lebanon and Lancaster Counties. Mrs. Musser was chairman of the structure committee of the new Council and helped draw up their by-laws.

She is now a member of the personnel committee which plans training courses and sets them up in different areas for their large council. These courses prepare leaders for troop leadership, camping skills, troop government, crafts, outdoors, girl participation and responsibility.

Patrol system or troop government is stressed. This helps girls learn to govern themselves and make decisions. Campships go to about 200 girls a year.

The personnel committee also sets up job requirements for the different professional positions in the council.



Mrs. Musser is proud of her china plate with inlaid stones from India and her wooden horseback rider from Haiti.

There is an executive director, or director of field services for each of the seven districts, who is responsible to see that scouting is being available and working in all districts and counties of the Penn Laurel Council.

In Lancaster County there are three districts: Landis Valley, Witness Tree and Rockford. There is a director of personnel and training, director of program services and camping, director of finances and director of public relations.

There are four age groups in Girl Scouting: Brownies—ages 7 and 8, Juniors—9 to 11 years; Cadettes—12 to 14 years, and Seniors—15 to 17 years.

There are 6,783 Girl Scouts registered in Lancaster County and there may be around 600 not registered to date, plus 1,515 adult volunteers—quite an army. This compares to less than 2,000 Girl Scouts when Mrs. Musser's scouting career began.

There are 10 day camp sites in this area: three in Lancaster County, two established camps, Furnace Hills in Lancaster County and Echo Trail in York County. There is also family camp over the Labor Day week-end in September at Echo Trail and lastly troop camps at Echo Trail.

Service projects are a large part of the programs of older girls, who serve as aides in hospitals, libraries, and homes for the aged. Younger girls make articles for and often visit shut-ins.

Mrs. Musser says, "I like adult leadership. For me, scouting has been a very rewarding and enriching experience. Working with girls and helping to provide a program that has meaning has kept me interested in scouting all these years."

Mrs. Musser, the former Esther Gish, was born and raised on a farm near Elizabethtown. As a girl, she assisted with farm chores, gathered eggs, helped with tobacco and milked by hand.

She graduated from Elizabethtown College in 1925, taught French and was librarian in New Cumberland High School for nine years.

She married Henry Musser who is co-owner with his brother Martin of the Musser Leghorn Farms. These brothers started their hatchery business when they were still in high school and have been in business 54 years. Besides selling chicks they also sell a limited number of matured pullets. Henry is the third generation to live on this 100 acre farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Musser are members of the Elizabethtown Church of God. Mr. Musser is a member of the Men's Fellowship and has been a member of the Church Council for 16 years. Mr. Musser was on the East Donegal School Board for 12 years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Musser enjoy symphonic music.

Esther has been a teacher of the adult couples Sunday School class of 50 or 60 members for 29 years and says it has been another rewarding and growing experience. She was chairman of Women's Missionary Department for several years and has been on the board of their church's Commission on World Missions of the General Conference for ten years and is serving as secretary at present. She

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