

Susquehanna Will Observe A. A. Stagg's 100th Birthday

Susquehanna University, where Amos Alonzo Stagg spent six years (1947-1952) coaching football with his son Amos Alonzo Stagg Jr., will hold one of the nation's eleven coast-to-coast 100th Birthday parties for The Grand Old Man next Thursday, August 16.

Susquehanna alumni, local well-wishers and friends will pay tribute to the remarkable Stagg at a dinner to be held in Seibert Hall on the Selinsgrove campus at 7:00 p.m. Selinsgrove Rotary and Kiwanis clubs are cooperating and will attend the event.

Coach Stagg, currently confined to a rest home in Stockton, Calif., was born in West Orange, N. J., and graduated from Orange High School, Phillips Exeter Academy, Yale University and Springfield (Mass.) College. He coached football at Springfield, the University of Chicago (for 41 years), College of the Pacific, Susquehanna and Stockton Junior

College. He retired only two years ago after 71 years of coaching.

Before becoming a coach, he was a Yale football player—named end on Walter Camp's first All-America team—and a baseball pitcher sought after by National League teams. Stagg is the only man ever elected to the football Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach.

A living monument to physical fitness, he played tennis and ran regularly until his mid-90's, and his pursuit of Christian ideals in athletics gives his career a special gloss.

Susquehanna's 100th Birthday dinner program will feature a message from Amos Alonzo Stagg Jr.—who coached at the Central Pennsylvania liberal arts college for 26 years, testimonials from several S.U. alumni who played under the Grand Old Man, the showing of two Stagg films, and presentation of a commemorative bronze plaque to be erected in the university's Alumni

Health Dept. Urges Ragweed Destruction

The Pennsylvania Department of Health urged Pennsylvanians to destroy ragweed, the principal cause of hay fever.

"Destroying the weed itself is the surest method of keeping pollen out of the air. Since most ragweed pollen falls within a very short distance—150 feet—of its source, it is important that every owner clear his own property if he and his neighbors are to escape the miseries of hay fever," the Department of Health said.

An estimated half million persons suffer from hay fever in Pennsylvania. Although sneezing, coughing and breathing difficulties are the usual complaints of hay fever sufferers, other more serious respiratory illnesses—such as asthma—also afflict some people allergic to ragweed pollen.

The State Health Department last year initiated a ragweed pollen sampling program to determine in 20 communities throughout the state. The program was expanded this year to these 26 locations:

University Park, Somerset, Washington, New Castles, Erie, Williamsport, Switzwater, Chambersburg, Reading, Lancaster, Scranton, Altoona, Pottsville, York, Beaver, Indiana, Easton, Sayre, Wilkes-Barre, Coudersport, Bradford, Kane, Lewistown, Chester, Hazleton and Harrisburg.

Ragweed grows mostly in vacant lots, fields, play areas, back yards, and along highways—anywhere the ground is disturbed and anywhere it will not be crowded out by other vegetation. The dwarf variety grows one to five feet high; it has hairy stems and branches and strongly indented leaves. The giant variety grows 5 to 15 feet high and has stems which are coarse, rank and hairy and leaves which are three-lobed or simple. Both varieties are characterized by long pollen-bearing spikes at the tips of the branches.

More Than 500 Were Enrolled In Misericordia Summer Courses

4-H Dairy And Horse Shows Saturday

Luzerne county 4-H Dairy and Horse Club members will be competing for honors at their annual show to be held at Salem Township Fire Company grounds on Saturday.

Dairy show competition will start at 10 a.m. with classes in all breeds. Ten blue ribbon animals will be selected from this group to compete in the Northeast District 4-H Dairy Show in Tunkhannock on August 22.

Horse show competition will start at 12 noon with 21 classes to be shown. In 4-H Club work equitation is emphasized. Three equitation classes were selected as trophy classes. The first five in Grooming and Showmanship classes will receive silver dollars. First place winners in all classes will be selected to participate in the Ninth District 4-H Horse Show to be held at Lehighton Fair grounds on September 1.

These shows are under the supervision of the Agricultural Extension representatives and 4-H local leaders. The public is invited. Admission is free.

Maple Grove Social

Maple Grove WSCS plans a home-made ice-cream social and barbecue, pie, coffee and soda in the church hall at Pikes Creek Saturday August 18, starting at 5 p.m.

Ragweed in small areas can be controlled easily by cutting near the ground or pulling them out by the roots. However, spraying with a 2,4-D herbicide is the easiest and most efficient method for large areas.

Graduation ceremonies were held at College Misericordia Thursday, following the close of the summer session.

Invocation was delivered by Monsignor James T. Walsh, S.T.L., Chaplain, College Misericordia, and the graduates were addressed by Rev. Mark Heath, O. P., of La Salle College, Philadelphia. Hoods were conferred by Sister Mary Celestine, R.S.M., President, and the graduates received their degrees from Mother Mary de Lourdes, R.S.M., Mother Provincial, Scranton Province of the Religious Sisters of Mercy, who also delivered the closing remarks.

Students receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree were: Sr. Mary John Barnak, C.S.B., Sr. Teresa Chawlowich, S.C.C., Sister Marie Bonaventure Glennon, R.S.M., Sr. Mary Rosalma Kruczek, C.C.B., Jane Williams Nelms, Sr. Josepha Marie Removich, C.J.C., and Sister Mary Ann Therese Shields, R.S.M.

Sr. Marie La Salette Horgan, R.S.M., received a Bachelor of Science degree, while a Bachelor of Music degree was conferred upon Sr. Ellen Mary Brigenberg, R.S.M.

Bachelor of Science degrees in Secretarial Science were awarded to: Sr. Mary des Neiges Bogdon, R.S.M., Sr. Mary Coralita Beoderick, R.S.M., Sr. Joseph Marie Fogle, R.S.M., Sr. M. Dominica Marrazzo, D.M., Sr. Miriam Francis Stadulis, R.S.M., and Sr. Mary Rose Agens Wengrzynek, R.S.M.

Bachelor of Science degrees in Elementary Education were granted to: Sr. Mary Bernadette Therese Bergen, R.S.M., Sister Marie Bernard Bonner, R.S.M., Margaret C. Conlon, Sr. Mary Euphrasia Farrell, R.S.M., Sr. Marie Sarto Fellin, R.S.M., Sr. Mary Honora Gonsman, R.S.M., Sr. M. Presentatia Koterba, C.S.B., Sr. M. Bernadine Lolly, D.M., Sr. Mary Priscilla McConnell, R.S.M., Sr. Mary Agatha Mannix, R.S.M., Sr. Andrea Marie Menzi, R.S.M., Sr. M. Aloysius Merkel, S.C.C., Sr. Mary Reginelle Olbrish, C.S.B., Sr. Mary Speciosa Rygiel, C.S.B., Sr. Mary Phyllis Simmons, R.S.M., Sr. M. Francesca Spaziani, D.M., Sr. Mary Ann Patrice Wassel, R.S.M., and Sr. Mary Carol Weise, R.S.M.

Degrees of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education were conferred upon Helen Ann Cannon, R.N., Sr. Mary Timothy Galbraith, R.S.M., R.N., Joan Toomey Lynn, R.N., Sr. Marie Angela Meighan, R.S.M., R.N., and Charlotte Ann Piasecki, R.N.

Over 500 students were enrolled in Misericordia's Summer School in all fields of study. More than 90 were engaged in work on the graduate level.

Sister Celestine RSM Loses Her Stepmother

The community extends deepest sympathy to Sister Mary Celestine RSM, president of College Misericordia, who lost her stepmother last Friday. Mrs. Anna McHale, 87, Wilkes-Barre, died at Mercy Hospital. She was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery Monday morning, following a high mass of requiem in St. John's Church.

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