

— Program —

Welcome Address President Raymond Cook

Moment of Memorial Silence For the late Joseph Closser
and William Farmer, Past Presidents

Invocation The Reverend John F. Streng
St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church

Dinner

Music Adena High School Choir
Director Paul Molyneux

Introductions of Master of Ceremonies Raymond Cook

Master of Ceremonies Dr. Perry E. Greshman
Bethany College President

Introductions

Main Speaker Mr. Jesse Owens
Sports Panel Member representing Lincoln Mercury

Presentations of Awards

Remarks

Benediction Reverend John F. Streng

— Menu —

Mixed Fruit Cup

Swiss Steak

Whipped Potatoes

Succotash

Tossed Green Salad and French Dressing

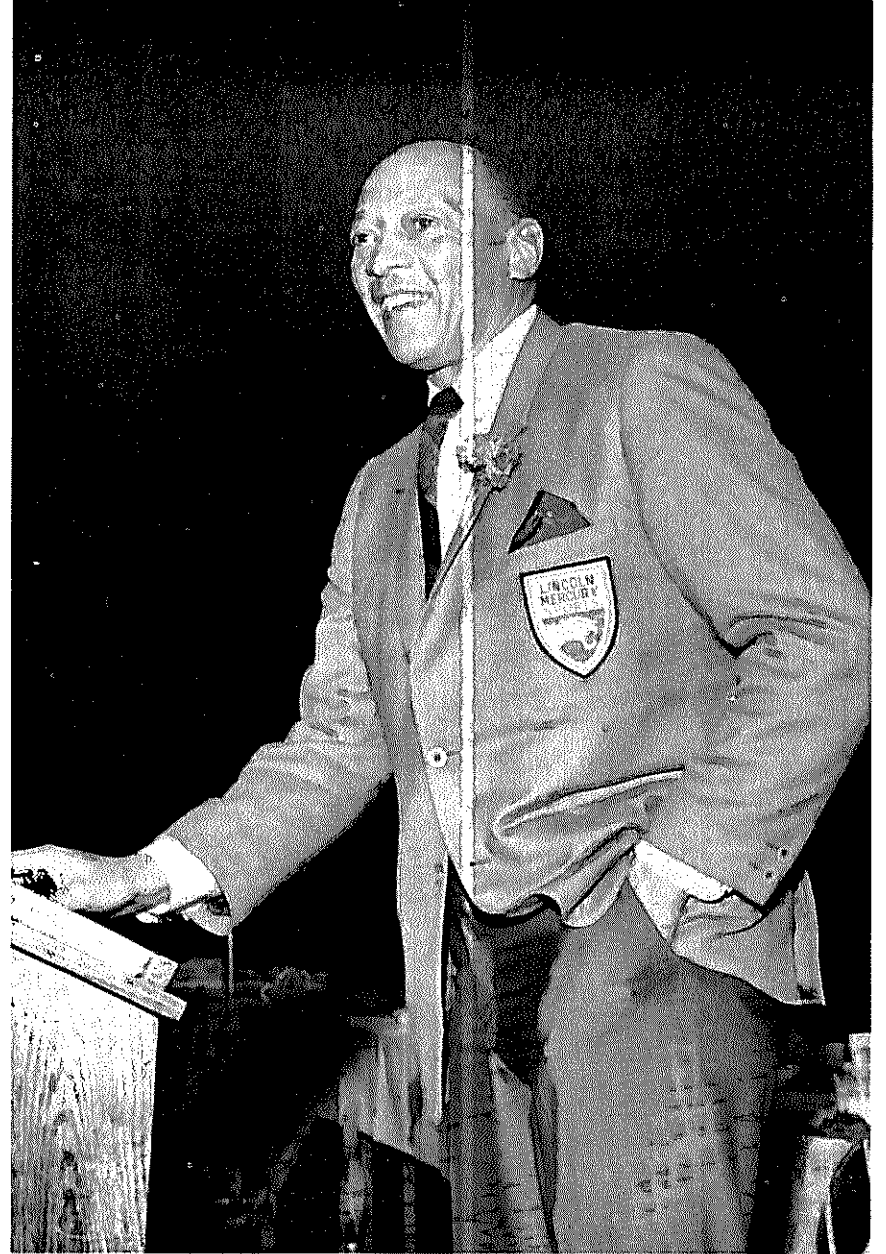
Assorted Rolls and Butter

Coffee and Tea

Cherry Tarts



O.V.A.C. EXECUTIVE BOARD 1969-70 — Standing, l. to r.: Br. Chanel, Robert Butts, Rudolph Humley.
Seated, l. to r.: Raymond Cook, and S. A. Mumley, Jr.



Mr. Jesse Owens

MR. JESSE OWENS
TRACK IMMORTAL

and

MEMBER OF THE LINCOLN-MERCURY SPORTS PANEL

Jesse Owens is considered by many sports experts to be the greatest track and field star in American history.

He also has served as one of the nation's finest goodwill ambassadors and has devoted much of his life to helping underprivileged boys.

Owens' life follows the classic pattern of the American success story -- an individual rising to the top through sheer ability and hard work. Born in rural Alabama in 1913, he broke 11 world track and field records during an illustrious athletic career and was chosen by President Eisenhower as his personal emissary to the 16th Olympiad in Melbourne, Australia, in 1956. In 1960, he was selected over immortals such as Jim Thorpe and Bobby Jones as the "Champion of the Century" by the country's sportswriters.

Owens moved with his family to Cleveland, O., as a small boy and started gaining national attention at age 13 when he became the first junior high school boy ever to clear six feet in the high jump and leap 22 feet in the broad jump. Four years later, at the National Inter-scholastic School Meet in Chicago, he ran the 100-yard dash in 9.4 seconds to equal the world record and set a world record of 20.7 seconds in the 220-yard dash. A week earlier he recorded a 24-foot broad jump to set another world mark. His 100-yard dash stood as a schoolboy record for 34 years.

He continued to rewrite the books at Ohio State University where, as a freshman, he toppled world records in the 60-meter and 60-yard dashes. In his sophomore year he put on one of the most fantastic exhibitions in athletic history when he shattered three world records and tied another in a single afternoon at a track meet at the University of Michigan.

At the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin, Owens gained international distinction by winning four gold medals in the 100-meters, 200-meters, broad jump and running on the victorious relay team. Adolf Hitler created an international incident at the 1936 Olympics when he refused to present the gold medals to Owens.

Eleven years later, in the midst of a three-year tour with the Harlem Globetrotters, he returned to post-War Berlin and the site of the Olympics. More than 75,000 people stood in tribute, applauding thunderously, when he jogged around the cinder track.

In 1955, the U.S. State Department delegated Owens as America's "Ambassador of Sports" and dispatched him on a good will tour of the Far East. Wherever he went -- New Delhi, Madras, Bombay, Singapore -- crowds of 15,000 to 20,000 thronged the streets to greet the legendary American athlete.

At a stop in Manila, he received a good-natured challenge to a 100-yard dash from some members of the Philippines' Olympic team. He accepted and covered the distance in 9.7 seconds, leaving the young men far behind. He was 43 years old at the time.

Owens resides in Chicago where he is a partner in a public relations and market research firm. He is a board member and former director of the Chicago Boys Club and served five years as Sports Specialist for the Illinois Youth Commission. One of his major concerns is the Jesse Owens Educational Foundation which he established to help needy youngsters secure a proper education.

Owens and his wife, Ruth, have been married for 35 years and have three married daughters and five grandchildren.

As a member of the Lincoln-Mercury Sports Panel, he joins Arnold Palmer, Dan Gurney, Bart Starr and others in various promotional and advertising activities.

CONFERENCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1969-70

1. A basic format for wrestling within the conference and the classification of schools into two classes for dual meet championships during the regular schedule.
2. Developed a strong interest in the re-organization of an official's board for wrestling in the states of Ohio and West Virginia. This enabling our schools to be better served with wrestling officials.
3. The appointment of separate commissioners for Football and Basketball.
4. Improving the Jr. High Track Program by having an Ohio Championship Meet and a West Virginia Championship Meet separately.
5. Accepting the donorship of WSTV-TV for Class "A" Football.
6. Working in conjunction with the Wheeling News Register for the OVAC "Coach of the Year" Award.
7. Maintaining our standard scholarship program by having individual school participation.
8. The addition of amendments to the constitution, and the re-evaluation of its present structure.

CONFERENCE GOALS

1970-71

1. Further study of re-classification of conference schools.
2. Additional supplemental information for the OVAC brochure.
3. Broaden the scope of interest within our spring sports program.
4. Additional assistance in our present scholarship program.
5. Specific changes in the basketball format for officials and their ratings.
6. Constantly strive for a more adequate communication relationship with all officials and their organizations.
7. A diversified program in sportsmanship with regard to better school relationships and spectator behavior.



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RAYMOND COOK
1969-70
Currently Assist. Supt.,
Bridgeport Public Schools

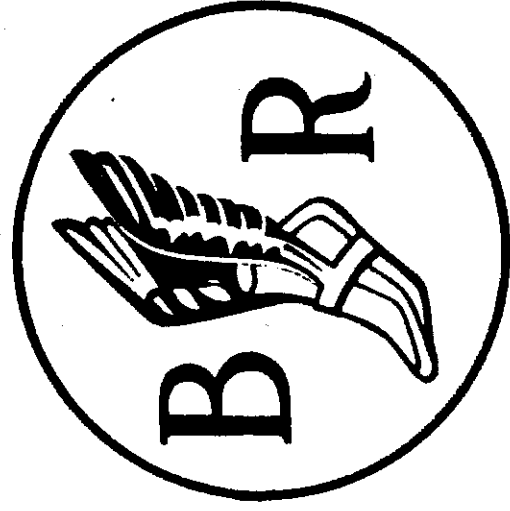


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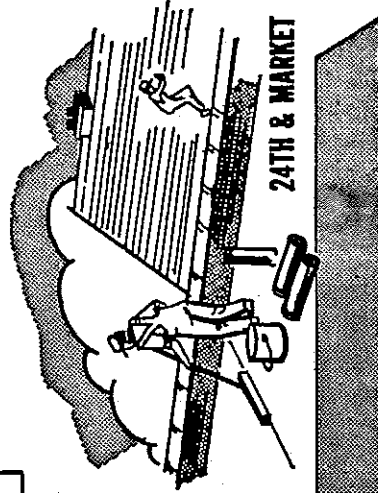
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*To O.V.A.C. for general
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May 4, 1970 - [Signature]*

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SPRING DINNER

and

AWARDS NIGHT

GLASSNER AUDITORIUM — OGLEBAY PARK

7:00 p.m. — Thursday, May 7, 1970