

Conservation Essay Award Winners



Zbranek of Garwood, Rice High School student, first place; Brandon Wenske of Columbus, second; Pat Moeller of Columbus, third; and Brenda of Kalahari, fourth; and Brenda of Kalahari, fifth. They received trophies from Joe Rock, representing Lions and CPL. Miss Zbranek read her prize-winning essay to the gathering.

Conservation Winners

Herbert Eapstrom, chairman of the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, which sponsored the banquet in conjunction with the Columbus Lions, presented plaques to other local Conservation winners including: Robert Moore, Weimar vocational agriculture instructor as the Professional Man of the year; in Conservation: the Weimar Young Farmers as the Civic Club contributing the most to the community; the Rev. David Edger, pastor of The United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake, as the Conservation Minister of the year; and Charles Redus, Columbus elementary faculty member, who won the Allis Chalmers Conservation Teacher of the Year nomination.

Harvey Vorsand, incoming president of the Columbus Noon Lions Club, paid recognition to past Conservation Award winners and recognized the many guests present for the occasion, many of whom are affiliated with agriculturally-oriented businesses or organizations.

Mr. Jones paid tribute to the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District directors, Herbert Engstrom, Henry Sunderman, Mrs. Rubina Henshaw, Arthur Koch, and Leon Koch.

Dinner is Served

Dee Brum of Sealy, past president of the State Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, was the guest speaker for the occasion and brought a humorous and thought-provoking message to the gathering. He noted that this country is on the threshold of a whole new era with conservation in the forefront.

Only 400 tickets will be sold for each show since it was determined last year that this was the optimum number of visitors as possible could be accommodated during Homes Tour weekend.

Tickets for all performances except May 21 may be obtained at the Style Shop in Columbus or by mail to: Box 100, 1000 W. Main, Columbus 75001. The baby weighed seven pounds and four ounces at birth and was twenty and one-half inches tall. She is welcomed home by her four-year-old brother Mark Louis.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Hoffmann of Rosenberg and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Faust, Sr. of Sibley, Mississippi.

Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tallas of Eagle Lake, and Mrs. Mary Wactor of Natchez, Mississippi; and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hoffmann, Sr. of Schulenburg.

He stressed the importance of the individual's responsibility to keep in contact with his local leaders let them know of his or her opinions. "Leaders must have followers," he added. "Let us not be yes men. Beware of those who solve one problem and create a dozen more."

For the individual rights of the landowner, discussed the fight against current land use legislation commenting that "it's people like you and me that have to stop this assault on private rights of the individual farmer, farmer and landowner."

In concluding the speaker commented, "Thank God that we are now in an era when we can demonstrate patriotism without being called a weirdo."

The framework of this country is sound, but to continue to enjoy the freedom which we enjoy we must have participation of people like you."

During the week, Mr. E. Schlundt, president of the Columbus Noon Lions, gave the opening invocation after which Herbert's Catering Service of Blytheville served a delicious banquet of barbecued beef and sausage, and Mrs. Williams of the Columbus Evening Lions opened program with the Pledge to the Flag.

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Edgar is Conservation Minister



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Bruno Stressed Importance Of Freedoms

The Columbus Noon and Evening Lions Clubs held their 28th annual Soil and Water Conservation Awards Banquet at the Columbus High School cafeteria on Saturday night to honor 1976 conservation award winners, including Harold Thomas of Eagle Lake as the Outstanding Resident Conservation Farmer of 1976.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas received a beautiful plaque from Columbus Noon Lions Club president Ronnie Jones, after Connie Fair, Soil District Conservationist, gave a resume of the Thomas' activities which won them the award.

In accepting the award, Thomas said "a man's greatest accomplishment is to conserve the soil for use of others."

A complete report on the Conservation Farmer of 1976 activities may be found elsewhere in this issue. Other award winners hon-

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