

Salute to Harry 1965

The general chairman, Joseph F. Powell, and the board of directors of Town and Country Days would like to take this means to salute Harry Gamble, facilities committee chairman, for his long, hard hours of work and perseverance - without which none of the new buildings and shelters at the 4-H Camp would have become a reality.

Earlier this year, a committee from Town and Country Days, Inc., conferred with members of the Wetzel County Court and received their encouraging promise to include \$4,000 in the 1965-66 budget, which was done. The money was to be used for new facilities at the 4-H camp, such as shelters, to permit Town and Country Days to be held there.

There was a great need to stretch money, and Harry Gamble volunteered to work with the county court and with Town and Country Days as facilities committee chairman. As it turned out, Harry has spent the greater part of his summer at the 4-H camp, laboring mightily to get the three shelters completed in time for Town and Country Days. Retired, Harry only took a few days off for a vacation trip.

Gerrit Witte of Pine Grove and Ray Winland of New Martinsville have served as his chief assistants and confidants in the building program, and some days early in the building program, Harry, Ray and Gerrit were virtually all the building crew there was. But gradually, by cajoling and coaxing (assisted by telephone calls by Mrs. Witte and Barbara Powell), the volunteer workers started coming in in larger numbers, and soon one shelter and then another took shape.

In the span of three months, Harry and virtually all volunteer laborers, have erected a large 23 by 90-foot shelter, which will be used for dinners and programs, and two smaller exhibit shelters measuring 24 by 47 feet.

Thanks to the Campers and Hikers, the Wetzel County Saddle Club, and Wetzel County cattlemen, an outdoor toilet, a 48-stall horse barn, and space for 50 head of cattle have also been added to the 4-H Camp grounds.

A special vote of thanks should also go to Frank Postlethwait, Chester Fox, and Norman Morris of the Wetzel County Court who made the money available for the shelters.

But our biggest salute goes to Harry, who has stuck it out through thick and thin to make the additional necessary facilities available for Town and Country Days.

