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Paul E. Wamp, Jr. - 2019 Inductee



Paul E. Wamp, Jr. was born in 1914 in Rochester, NY, the son of German immigrants who came to the United States in the early 1900's. His family relocated to Naples, NY where Paul attended school and cultivated his interest in sports as captain of the basketball and baseball teams. After graduating high school in 1933, Paul attended Bryant & Stratton Business Institute, graduating in 1935 with an Associates degree in Business Administration. He arrived in Dansville in 1939 to become the assistant manager of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company and then served as secretary, treasurer and bank manager of Security Trust Company when the two businesses merged. When asked in 1951 to transfer to Fairport, NY, Paul instead took a position as vice-president and treasurer with Shay's Service so he could remain in Dansville. Paul is best known, however, as Dansville's longtime Postmaster appointed by President Eisenhower in 1953. He held the position until his retirement in 1977.

Paul was always heavily involved in our community. He held several leadership positions including serving as President of the Dansville Board of Trade (now Dansville Chamber of Commerce), Dansville Community Chest (United Fund) and Dansville Exchange Club. In his capacity as President of the Chamber of Commerce, Paul co-founded the Dansville Dogwood Festival, an annual event that still brings the Dansville community together. He also chaired American Red Cross Clara Barton Chapter #1 and the March of Dimes. His community involvement led to him being named "Man of the Year" in 1970 by the Dansville Jaycees.

An avid sports fan, Paul was a longtime director of Dansville Little League and influential in the establishment of our Babe Ruth League serving as a director throughout his life. He strongly supported the very successful Dansville Merchants Baseball Team in the 1950's and 1960's and was instrumental in their fundraising efforts.

Whether it was a charitable or sporting event, Paul offered his leadership skills and never wavered from his strong belief in public service to his community. In a 1977 published editorial on his life Paul was described as essential to the success of any volunteer event. He had successful careers in banking, in the business world and the 24 years he spent as Dansville Postmaster. But more than his successes, Paul Wamp was a friend to people from all walks of life.