



# PEOPLE

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## **C. Arthur Seymour - 2019 Inductee**



Charles Arthur (Art) Seymour became a member of the Dansville community when he relocated here in 1943 to be a teacher and coach at Dansville High School. As a general science and biology teacher Art began a career with the Dansville School District that would carry him to his retirement in 1978. After earning his Master of Science degree in secondary school administration at the University of Rochester Art became vice-principal in 1953 of the combined junior and senior high schools. When the two schools separated in 1962 he was appointed principal of the Junior High School where he remained for the rest of his career.

During his 35-years at DCS Art Seymour acted in several capacities. Besides being a teacher and administrator (sometimes simultaneously), he was a senior class advisor and oversaw the student projector operators who assisted at school and offered their services to local organizations. He was advisor to the Junior

Red Cross Club and acted in several of the annual DCS faculty plays.

Along with his wife and their five children, Art became ingrained in the Dansville community. He belonged to numerous civic organizations such as Phoenix Mason Lodge 115, Dansville Rotary Club, Dansville Lions Club and the Loyal Order of Moose Club. He also served on the executive committee of the Steuben Area Boy Scout Council, as chairman of the local Salvation Army Service and Dansville Community Chest (United Fund). During summers Art was employed at Stony Brook Park as a lifeguard and swim instructor.

Following his retirement Art continued serving his community by becoming mayor from 1979-1983. During his term Babcock Park became a reality where many community sports and recreational activities were instituted including a new softball diamond and tennis court. He oversaw the application of several state and federal grants totaling over \$355,000. One of the most important grants was the Small Cities Community Block Grant which provided the rehabilitation of 57 Dansville homes of elderly, disabled and minority individuals.

Born in Jermyn, PA, Art Seymour chose to make Dansville his home and often expressed his pride in Dansville, its school system and its people. In turn, our community and school district benefitted from his commitment.