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DINNER MENU

Fruit Cup
Celery—Carrots
and Olives

Potato Filling
Gravy

Pea

Pepper Cabbage
Soft Rolls

Ice Cream and Apple Pie

Coffee
Mints

Catered by
THE LEBANON COUNTY SOCIETY OF FARM WOMEN

PROGRAM

EAGLES AUDITORIUM AND
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The Hon. H. Jack Seltzer, Master of Ceremonies
EAGLES AUDITORIUM

Invocation, Rev. Dr. Price M. Collins
EAGLES AUDITORIUM

Daniel E. Long, Jr., Master of Ceremonies
MASONIC HALL

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MASONIC HALL

DINNER

Immediately after dinner those in Masonic Hall move
to balcony of Eagles Auditorium

Prayer

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Pledge to Flag
Led by W. Nevin Hess

Star Spangled Banner
Led by Mrs. Harvey S. Schell

Introductions

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Introduction of the Principal Speaker

The Honorable Edwin D. Eshleman

Address

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford

God Bless America
Led by Mrs. Harvey S. Schell

Benediction
Rabbi Dr. David Rubin

Dinner Music by Mr. Larry Fenner at the Organ
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Member of Congress since January 3, 1949. Was elected Minority Leader of the House of Representatives at the opening of the 89th Congress on January 4, 1965. Has delivered nearly 200 speeches a year throughout the country since becoming minority leader. Served as Permanent Chairman of the 1968 Republican National Convention. During the 88th Congress since becoming minority leader. Served as Permanent Chairman of the Republican Leadership of the Congress since January, 1963. In November 1963 was appointed to the Warren Commission by President Johnson. In May 1966 was given the “Congressman’s Congressman” Award by the American Political Science Association. In September 1961 when the Association conferred on him its “Distinguished Congressional Service Award” for outstanding work in the Congress. In 1966 he was given the “George Washington Award” by the American Good Government Society.

Known to his friends as “Jerry,” was born July 14, 1913, at Omaha, Neb., but spent his childhood in Grand Rapids, Mich., where he was graduated from South High School and won all-city and all-state football honors.

Wen three varsity football letters at the University of Michigan. A member of Michigan’s undefeated national championship teams in 1932 and 1933. Was named Michigan’s most valuable player in 1934. Graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. degree in 1935, a member of Michigan’s, top senior honor. Was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Michigan State University, and by Albion, Aquinas, and Spring Arbor Colleges in 1965 and by Buna Vista College and Grove City College in 1968. Was also awarded the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence by Parsons College in 1966 and the degree of Doctor of Public Administration by the American International College in 1968.

On January 1, 1953, participated in the Shrine East-West Crippled Children’s benefit football game at San Francisco. In August of that same year, played in the All-Star game in Chicago against the Chicago Bears. In 1959 he was selected by “Sports Illustrated” to receive its “Silver Anniversary All-American Award” as one of the 25 football players of 25 years prior who had contributed the most to their fellow citizens in the quarter century. Received law degree from Yale University Law School in 1941. As law student at Yale, was assistant varsity football coach. Was admitted to the Michigan State Bar in 1941 and has been admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

In 1942 he entered the U.S. Navy, served 47 months on active duty in World War II. Served aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Monterey (CVL-26) for two years, participated in the 3rd and 5th fleet carrier operations. Following shore duty with the Naval Aviation Training Program, was released to active duty in January of 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Returning to Grand Rapids, resumed the practice of law, and in 1948 received the Grand Rapids Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award for participation in various community projects. In 1949 he was selected by U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of “America’s Ten Outstanding Young Men” and received its Distinguished Service Award.

Holds active membership in the American Legion, VFW, and AMVETS. Is a 33rd Degree Mason. Is a member of Grace Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids.

On October 15, 1948, married Elizabeth Bloomer of Grand Rapids. The Fords have four children: Michael Gerald (March 15, 1950), John Gardner (March 16, 1952), Steven Meigs (May 19, 1956), and Susan Elizabeth, born July 6, 1957.

Gerald Ford defeated the incumbent in the 1948 primary and won the November election to become the Representative in the 81st Congress from the Fifth District of Michigan, until 1965 composed of Kent and Ottawa Counties. In 1965, Ingham County replaced Ottawa County in the Fifth Congressional District.

During his first term, served on the House Public Works Committee. In 1951, was assigned to the Appropriations Committee where he served on the Appropriations Committee where he served on the Army Civil Functions Subcommittee and the Emergency Agency Subcommittee. During the 83rd and 84th Congresses Ford was a member of the Subcommitte on Foreign Operations and the Department of Defense and was on the Army panel, serving as Chairman of the panel in the 83rd Congress. In the 85th, 86th, 87th, and 88th Congresses Ford remained a member of both subcommittees (Defense, Foreign Operations). During the 85th Congress he was appointed to the Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration.

Rep. Ford has maintained an attendance record of 90.9 percent during 20 years in office (1949-1968) missing only 486 roll calls out of a total of 5,346.
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