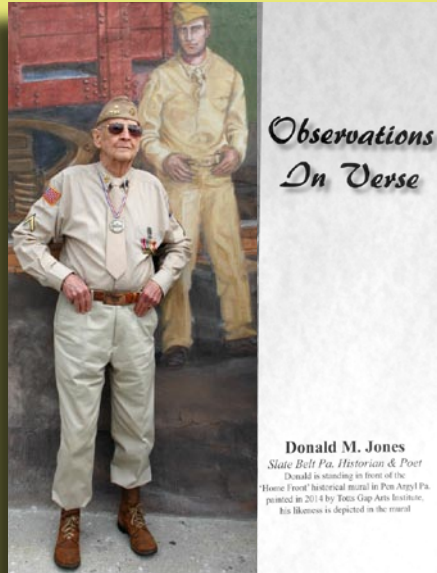


# A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

*Exclusively in the Blue Valley Times*



*Observations  
In Verse*

Donald M. Jones  
Slate Belt Pa. Historian & Poet  
Donald is standing in front of the  
"Horse Tread" historical mural in Pen Argyl Pa.  
painted in 2014 by Tota Gap Arts Institute.  
His business is depicted in the mural.

## THE FARMER

The sod is turned as the fields are plowed  
In fields as far as the eye can see.  
Stretching on for acre and acre  
They seem to go on indefinitely.

With modern equipment he gets more done.  
Do you suppose before tractors it was more fun?  
He talked to the horses to do his bidding,  
Today it's air-conditioned where he's sitting.

Everything today is on a large scale,  
Gone forever is the old milk pail.  
It seems there is only one way-  
Modern's the word to make the farm pay.

But it's still a tough life, the hours are long  
And if it's "easy" you want, you don't belong  
On a tractor, a wagon, or in a barn,  
It's no place for you, "down on the farm".

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## 'Summer Sounds'

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Park. The concert was the fourth in a series of 11 put on by Pen Argyl and Wind Gap Boroughs every year, see their full page ad on page 5 for the full schedule.

The Philadelphia Funk Authority (PFA) provided the crowd with the best in high-energy dance and party entertainment and who will be playing at MusicFest in August for their 21st year.

PFA had the crowd dancing constantly for their 2 hr. gig in which the band got a dance train of people to dance thruout the concert goers.

Then the 'Party Ball' came out! A huge beach ball was started by the band by being tossed into the crowd which then bounced thruout the park by anyone it came in contact with..... lots of fun.

There's not a bad seat in the house, so if you have time on a Sunday night from 6-8pm come out to Weona or Wind Gap Park and here some great live music, bring your family and friends and the best part is it's FREEEEEE!



The 'Dance Train'



The 'Party Ball'

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