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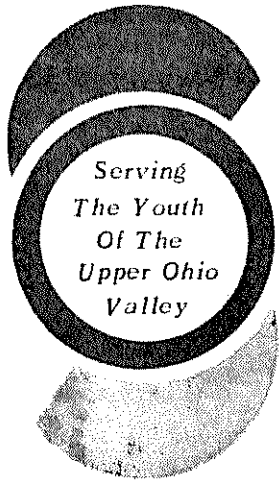
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At Spring Banquet

Trophies Presented to Basketball Champs



Trophies were presented Thursday night to the schools winning basketball championships in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference this year. The Imperial Glass awards were presented by Robert Parrish, at left, of the Bellaire firm to Coaches Russ Schwerfeger of Bethany High, the Class A champ; Ed Murphy of Wheeling High, triple-A champion; and Sy Kolesza, the double-A champion. Bethany won an OVAC crown in its last year before being absorbed into the Brooke County consolidation.



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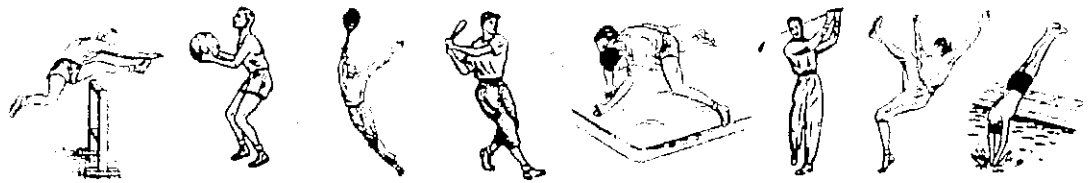
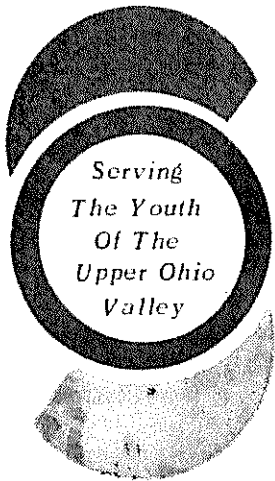
1ST AWARD WINNER

Baxter Named Coach of Year



Coach of the year in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is Bridgeport High's Frank Baxter, at right, Baxter, who piloted his Bridgeport High basketeers to 25 victories in 27 starts during the past winter, was the first recipient of what is to be an annual "coach of the year" award by the conference. Here he receives the clock-trophy at the OVAC dinner meeting at Glessner Auditorium, Oglebay Park, from Bill Van Horne, left, News-Register sports editor. Baxter's Bulldogs were Class A sectional, district and regional champions in Ohio and reached the Ohio state Class A tournament final.

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After the Dinner (Spring)

Two \$500 Scholarship Awards Presented

Baxter Named Top OVAC Coach

A surprised Frank Baxter, whose Bridgeport High basketball team reached the state final in Class A tournament play this past season, topped additional

awards Thursday night when he received the first annual OVAC award as Coach of the Year. The highly regarded hardwood member was selected in balloting

by sports writers and radio and television sportscasters. Announcement of Baxter's selection was one of the highlights of the 26th annual

sports award dinner, sponsored by the OVAC, which featured Joe Morrison, of the New York Giants, as principal speaker.

The Pipe Coupling \$500 scholarship award went to Terry McFadden, of Tiltonsville, while the matching prize given by Morris Plan Bank went to Jerry Vago, of Bishop Donahue.

The OVAC basketball championship trophies went to Wheeling, Triple-A; St. John's Central, Double-A; and Bethany, Single-A. St. John's was awarded the wrestling championship trophy while perennial winner Linsy added to its collection of swimming title awards.

OVAC official awards were presented to C. C. Phipps, past president who served in 1954-55; immediate past president Homer Bodley, and Major Basil Lockhart of Linsly.

Raymond Cook, assistant superintendent of schools at Bridgeport, is the incoming president of the OVAC. He served as its vice-president during the past year.

Morrison, impressive in appearance, scored well with his address liberally sprinkled with humor which included references to several of his teammates on the Giants' football team. In serious vein, Morrison paid tribute to coaches in the OVAC and credited his high school mentors with having given him valuable assistance.

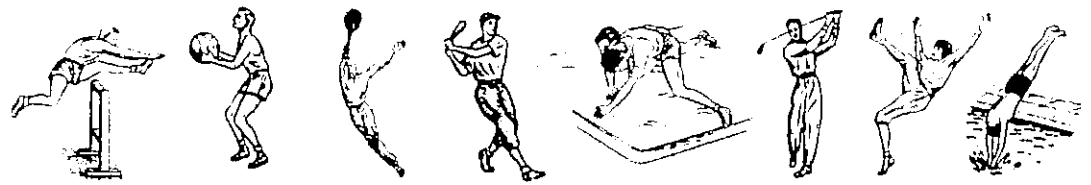
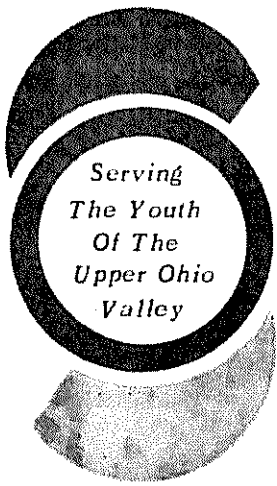
The Lima native was introduced by Rudolph Mumley, principal at Yorkville High School who was toastmaster.



HEADLINING the program at the 26th annual spring awards banquet of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference were, front row, from left, Joe Ovjies, president of the Moundsville Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. who ob-

tained the main speaker; Rudy Mumley, Yorkville High principal who was toastmaster; Joe Morrison, veteran NFL grid standout with the New York Giants who was principal speaker; and Sam Mumley of St. Clairsville,

OVAC secretary. Back row, are Ray Cook, assistant superintendent of Bridgeport Schools who will serve as OVAC president during 1969-70; and Homer Bodley of Follansbee, retiring president of the conference.



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Pennants were Beautiful

OVAC Honors Valley Sports Figures

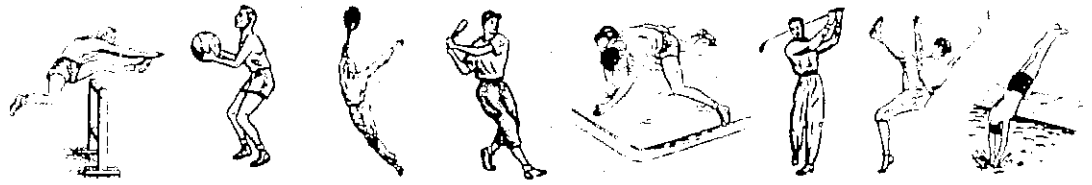
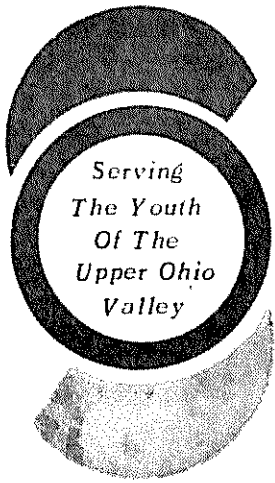


CHAMPIONSHIP pennants are flying high at St. John's Central this year and the Irish received another at Wednesday night's OVAC spring banquet. Coaches

Sy Kolesza, left, and Joe Bales hold trophies significant of St. John's titles in basketball and wrestling, respectively.

RECIPIENT of the first annual coach's award presented by the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is Frank Baxter, highly-successful cage mentor at Bridgeport

who guided his team to a 25-2 record and the runner-up spot in the Ohio Class A basketball tourney.



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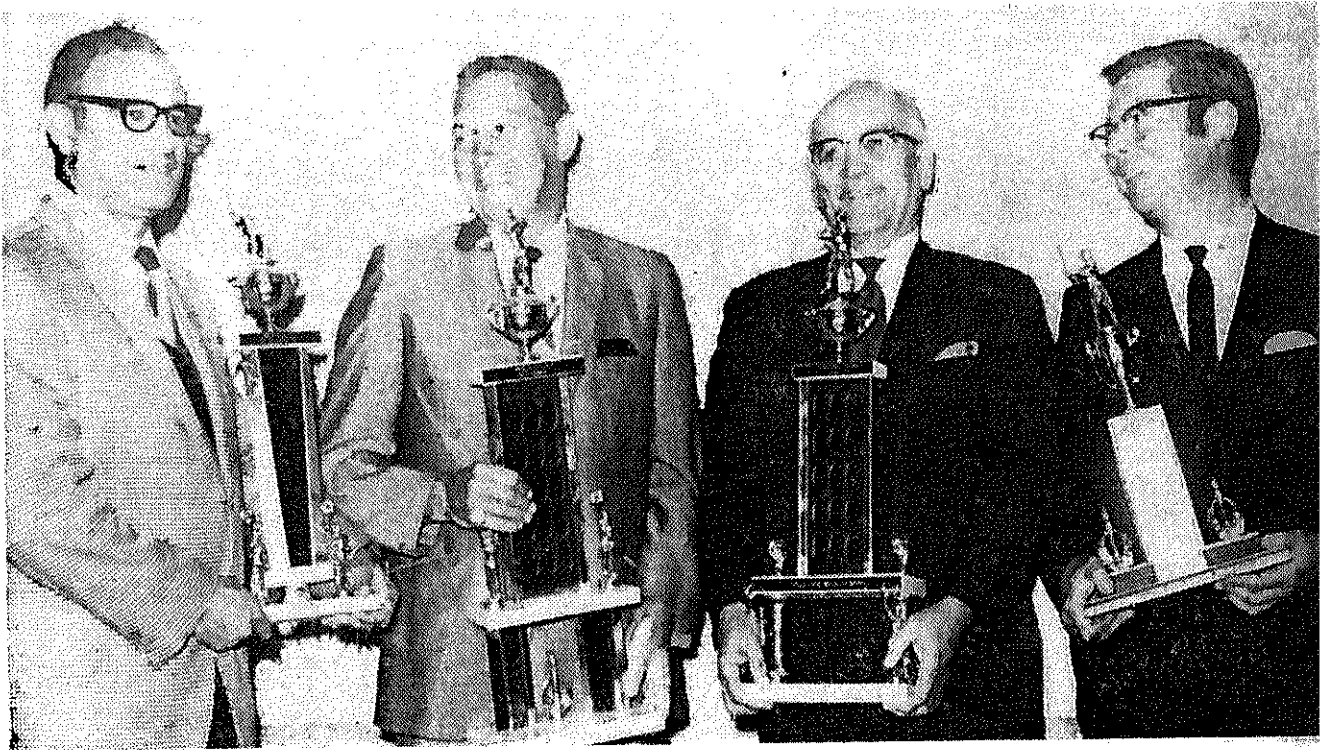
Swim, Wrestling Champs Honored



Linsly Military Institute was honored for winning its twenty-third straight Ohio Valley Athletic Conference swimming championship and Bellaire St. John's Central for winning its first OVAC wrestling title when the conference's spring dinner meeting was held at Oglebay Park's Glessner Auditorium Thursday night. At left is Warren Pugh, Linsly's veteran coach, with the swimming trophy, sponsored by WTRF-TV, and at the right is Joe Bates, of St. John's, with the wrestling award, sponsored by Prudential Insurance. (N-R Photo—Muhleman)



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Conference Spring Champs Honored

Trophies were presented to Ohio Valley Athletic Conference champions in three spring sports at the conference dinner meeting at the Columbian Hall at Weirton Wednesday night. From left to right are Eugene Joseph, Linsly Institute athletic director with the tennis trophy; George Strager, St. Clairsville coach, with the golf trophy; Ed Garda, Bellaire principal, with the basketball award; and Brother William Chanel, Wheeling Central Catholic principal with the West Virginia - side baseball trophy; Peoples Federal Savings & Loan presented Ohio - side and W. Va. - side baseball trophies and the Warwood Veterans Association gave the over - all baseball award. Golf donors were Westlake Chevrolet, Ohio - side, and Radio WOMP, W. Va. - side, and OVAC (titlist, Ohio Valley District Board of Approved Football Officials). The tennis trophy was donated by Ken Kadar.

*Reminder of
the Spring
Sports Program*

*40 years of
Coaching:
Will miss Fred*

Veteran Martins Ferry High Coach Fred Thomas, who is retiring after 41 years of teaching and coaching, was honored by the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference at its dinner meeting at the Columbian Hall at Weirton Wednesday night. Thomas received an appropriately - engraved trophy, with a clock on the face. Presentation was by Martins Ferry Mayor John Laslo, who lauded the retiring coach for his years of service to youth and to athletics. Thomas was accorded a standing ovation by the crowd of more than 250. (N-R Photo)

OVAC Honors Thomas

