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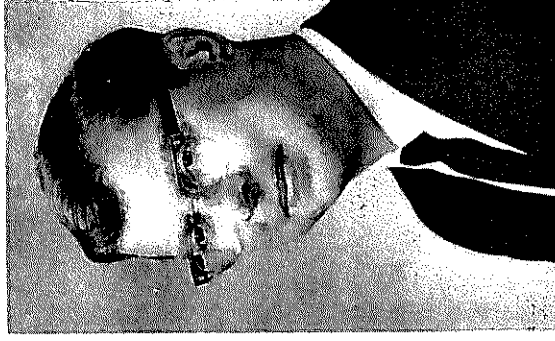
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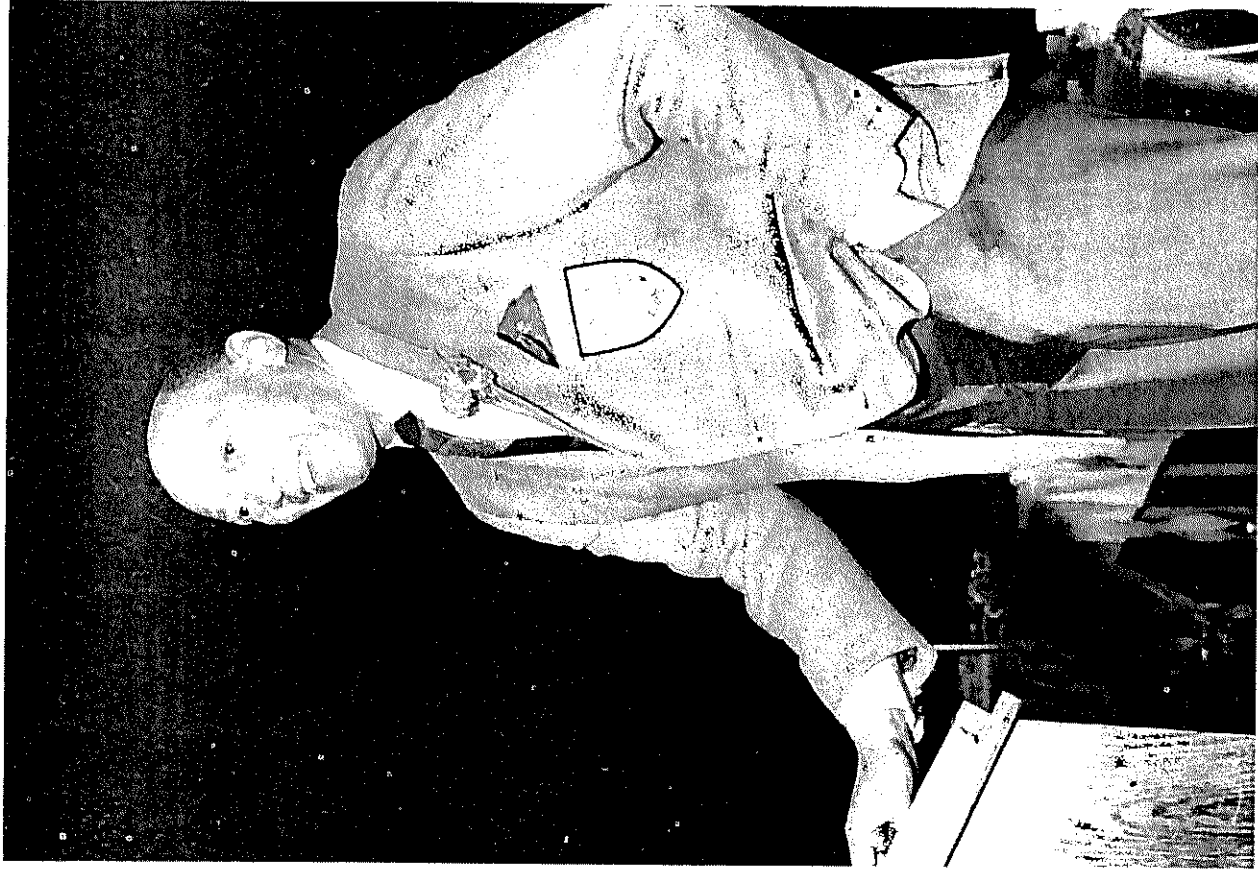
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As a member of the Lincoln-Mercury Sports Panel, he joins Arnold Palmer, Dan Gurney, Bart Starr and others in various promotional and advertising activities.



Mr. Jesse Owens

— Program —

Welcome Address President Raymond Cook
Moment of Memorial Silence For the late Joseph Closser
and William Farmer, Past Presidents
Invocation The Reverend John F. Streng
St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church
Dinner
Music Adena High School Choir
Director Paul Molyneux
Introductions of Master of Ceremonies Raymond Cook
Master of Ceremonies Dr. Perry.E. Greshman
Bethany College President
Introductions
Main Speaker Mr. Jesse Owens
Sports Panel Member representing Lincoln Mercury
Presentations of Awards
Remarks
Benediction Reverend John F. Streng

— Menu —

Mixed Fruit Cup
Swiss Steak
Whipped Potatoes
Tossed Green Salad and French Dressing
Assorted Rolls and Butter
Coffee and Tea
Cherry Tarts
Succotash

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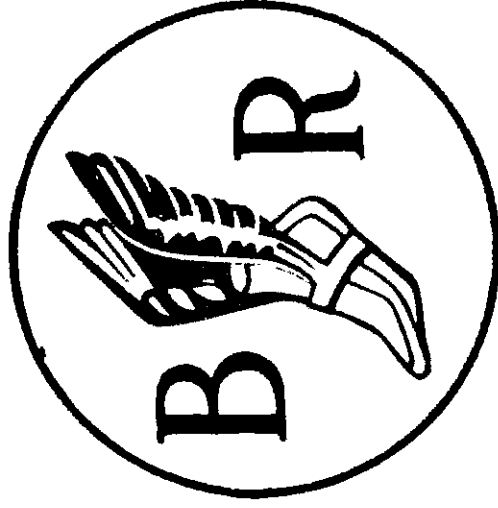
TO

JESSE OWENS

CONFERENCE GOALS

1970-71

1. Further study of re-classification of conference schools.
2. Additional supplemental information for the OVAC brochure.
3. Broaden the scope of interest within our spring sports program.
4. Additional assistance in our present scholarship program.
5. Specific changes in the basketball format for officials and their ratings.
6. Constantly strive for a more adequate communication relationship with all officials and their organizations.
7. A diversified program in sportsmanship with regard to better school relationships and spectator behavior.



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CONFERENCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1969-70

1. A basic format for wrestling within the conference and the classification of schools into two classes for dual meet championships during the regular schedule.
2. Developed a strong interest in the re-organization of an official's board for wrestling in the states of Ohio and West Virginia. This enabling our schools to be better served with wrestling officials.
3. The appointment of separate commissioners for Football and Basketball.
4. Improving the Jr. High Track Program by having an Ohio Championship Meet and a West Virginia Championship Meet separately.
5. Accepting the donorship of WSTV-TV for Class "A" Football.
6. Working in conjunction with the Wheeling News Register for the OVAC "Coach of the Year" Award.
7. Maintaining our standard scholarship program by having individual school participation.
8. The addition of amendments to the constitution, and the re-evaluation of its present structure.



O.V.A.C. EXECUTIVE BOARD 1969-70 - Standing: l. to r. Br. Chanel, Robert Butts, Rudolph Humley. Seated, l. to r.: Raymond Cook, and S. A. Mumley, Jr.

Van Horne on Sports



By **BILL VAN HORNE**
News-Register Sports Editor

Jesse Owens, the 1936 Olympic hero who has become a legend in his own time, has written a book.

Owens, who has known the glory of being a sports idol but has also faced up to the barrier of racial prejudice, does not mince words. His book is called "Blackthink," and in it Jesse takes a stand against black militancy, which he feels is a vengeful force that simply will not work.

Harry Edwards, the firebrand who led the attempted boycott of the 1968 Olympic games, called Owens "a poor-looking Uncle Tom." That kind of an insult is completely unfair to the Ohio State University product who won four gold medals at the Olympics in Berlin and who, by his conquests, completely shattered Adolph Hitler's theory of white supremacy — and did it as a convincing answer to the snub of the German dictator, who arose from his box at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin and walked out as Owens made his appearance at the broad jump pit.

Jesse Owens is now 57 years old. His life has not been all peaches and cream. So of an Alabama share-cropper who came to Cleveland to escape the oppressive poverty of the South, he first came to prominence while running for Cleveland East Tech High School. He went on to become America's most celebrated track hero but he has also known the depths of depression.

Owens, who will speak at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference banquet on Thursday night of next week at Oglebay, admits that there are times when the fact that he has been a Negro has put him through "pure hell." He knows what it is to be despised simply because of his skin color. But he has also lived to see one of his daughters crowned homecoming queen at his beloved Ohio State and, on that occasion, I can recall that the ovation paid to Jesse was the greatest that I have ever heard in Ohio Stadium.

Owens does not excuse his own mistakes. He was in trouble once with the government over income tax matters and he makes no attempt to duck the issue.

Jesse, whose views are also stated in the May issue of Reader's Digest, is opposed to "blackthink," which he defines as "pro-Negro, anti-white bigotry." He feels that black militants represent only a small segment of the Negro population of America and regards most of the black nationalists as con men.

"The black militants of today, often talking from integrated high-rises, restaurants and universities, don't know what it is to be really shut out, as we were in our Oakvilles," says the track immortal. He acknowledges that blacks may have to fight harder to make equality work but insists that American Negroes have made tremendous progress. "What we need is self-control, true assertiveness and long-range planning," he writes.



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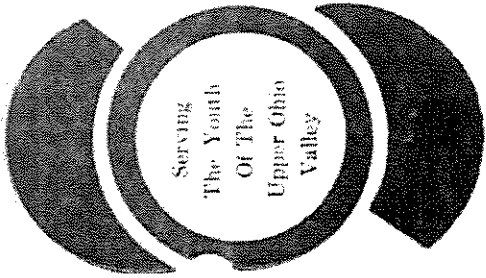
The story of Jesse Owens is a personal and emotional one. He contends that "blackthink" is a poison that brainwashes many of his people into denying the gains that they have actually made. His stated purpose is to "help bring my people back to the human family" by countering the "blackthink" that alienates some Negroes from the world.

Attacking the "professional haters," he says, "If the Negro doesn't succeed in today's America, it is because he has chosen to fail."

Over 460 tickets to next Thursday's banquet featuring Owens as well as the announcement of the OVAC "coach of the year" and annual scholarship awards and other presentations, have already been sold. But if you'd like to attend, contact Sam Mumley at St. Clairsville. There is every indication this is going to be one of the great sports banquets. And the ladies and youngsters are most welcome to attend.

Incidentally, Owens also speaks tonight at Ohio University's annual Green and White Club banquet, where Steubenville High football coach Abe Bryan and Martins Ferry product Cliff Haffsinger, now Bobcat line coach, will be honored as outstanding alumni. Tomorrow Jesse moves on to Columbus and will address the banquet at the Ohio football coaches' clinic.

Track Immortal Owens OVAC's Banquet Speaker



Considered by many as the greatest track and field star in American history, the Immortal Jesse Owens will be the headline attraction for the 27th annual Spring Awards Banquet of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference on Thursday, May 7.

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The banquet, one of the top social highlights on the valley sports scene, will be at Glessner Auditorium at Oglebay Park, starting at 7 p.m.

Sam A. Mumley, Sr., OVAC executive secretary, said the event is open to the general public, in addition to school officials and coaches. Reservations will be limited to 600 persons. The ladies are welcome.

Tickets are \$5 per person and may be obtained by calling Mumley at 895-0972 or by writing to 227 E. Faw Ave., St. Clairsville.

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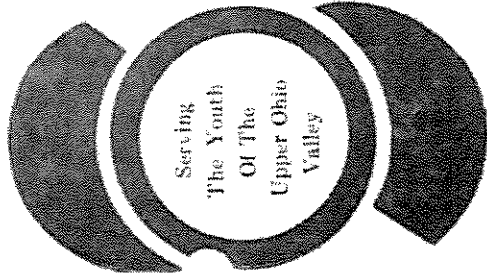
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1970 Spring Dinner

Dr. Gresham to Emcee OVAC Spring Banquet

Dr. Perry E. Gresham, president of Bethany College, will serve as toastmaster at the twenty-seventh annual Ohio

Valley Athletic Conference Spring Awards Banquet to be held at Glenmar Auditorium, Oriskany Park, on Thursday, May 7.

S. A. Mumley Sr., OVAC executive secretary, said the address of Dr. Gresham to the program, which will feature track immortal Jesse Owens as principal speaker, brings together two men of much distinction and great speaking ability.

Among his many associations are that with the Author's Club of London, England; Royal Scottish Club of Glasgow, Scotland; University Club of New York, and Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh.



DR. PERRY E. GRESHAM

A native Californian, Dr. Gresham for many years served as toastmaster for the since-discontinued Ohio Valley Coaches Banquet and his speaking eloquence and wit have made him a favorite with the area coaches and administrators.

His undergraduate days were spent at Texas Christian University. He received his masters at the University of Chicago and his doctorate at Columbia University.

Dr. Gresham, who has received seven honorary doctorate degrees from various American universities, began his professional career at TCU and he later taught at the Universities of Washington and Michigan.

He has served as pastor of

He has authored several books, and along with his wife, Aleece C., wrote the words to a song about West Virginia, "Mighty Mountain Land."

Dr. Gresham has received such honors as the Presforms Foundation Leadership plaque for public services in education in 1963 West Virginia Speaker of the Year Award in 1969 and has been bestowed the title of honorary citizen in six states.

Mumley said final arrangements are being made for the dinner which is expected to attract some 800 persons. The dinner is open to the public and tickets may be obtained by calling Mumley at 695-0372.

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AT THURSDAY BANQUET

Ex-Officials Hamill, Heil Slated for OVAC's Honors

Two men who have made contributions to Ohio Valley Athletics through officiating, Walter Heil and Donald Hamill, will be presented special awards at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference dinner meeting at Oglebay Park's Glessner Auditorium on Thursday night.

Hamill, a Weirton resident, will be honored for 40 years of service to athletics in the Upper Ohio Valley and for his work as executive secretary to the West Virginia-Oho Board of Basketball and Football Officials. Heil, now of Yorkville, will be cited for 36 years of officiating and for his work as commissioner of football and basketball officials in the OVAC. He recently retired from the commissioner's post.

Track immortal Jesse Ownes

will be the principal speaker at the fete and Bethany College president Dr. Perry Gresham will be toastmaster.

Raymond Cook, assistant superintendent of Bridgeport schools and OVAC president, will make the presentations to Hamill and Heil, as well as those two former OVAC presidents, Roy Potter and Gene Remenar.

Robert Parrish, of Imperial Glass, will award the conference basketball trophies to Steubenville, Warren Consolidated and Yorkville and Thomas Shalton of Shelton Advertising Co., will present appropriate championship pennants to the three schools.

The OVAC wrestling trophy will be presented to Wheeling Central by Ben Rodriguez, of

Rodriguez Sporting Goods, and the swimming trophy will go to Linsly Military Institute for the twenty-fourth consecutive year with Jennings Marin, sports director of WTRF-TV, making the presentation.

Trophies will also go to the three schools which won OVAC track championships last Saturday. Quay Mull, of Mull Machine Co., will present the track trophy to Beallsville, Fred Tweedie, coach at John Marshall, will present the double-A trophy to Shadyside, and Calvin Pokas, sports editor of the Times-Leader, will award the triple-A trophy to Steubenville High.

Another highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the conference "coach of the year." The News-Register award will be tendered by Bill Van Horn, News-Register sports editor.

Eli Mumley, vice-president of sales and administration at Pipe Coupling, will give the Pirogma Scholarship Award of \$500 and Paul Donahie, vice-president of Morris Plan Bank, will present the Morris Plan Scholarship Award of \$300. Robert Bufts, coach at Woodsfield High and an OVAC executive board member, will present the OVAC special scholarship award of \$250 to Richard Weiskircher of Martins Ferry, now a freshman at West Virginia University.

There will also be a special surprise presentation during the evening. Among the special guests will be Congressman Robert H. Moulbhan of the First District of West Virginia, Ohio High School Athletic Commissioner Dr. Harold Meyer and Associate Commissioner George Bates, and the assistant executive secretary of the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission, Sam Williams.

A short musical program will be presented by the 52-voice Adena High concert choir, directed by Paul Molyneux.

Last-minute banquet reservations may still be made with the OVAC executive secretary, Sam Mumley, of St. Clairsville, at his home (phone 695-0372).

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Two-Way Street in Athletics -- Owens



JESSE OWENS

By DOUG HUFF

Associate Sports Editor

Jesse Owens endorses the American way of life. But the immortal track and field athlete believes today's concept of amateur athletics "may be doing a great injustice" to our youth.

Speaking at a press conference prior to Thursday night's annual OVAC Spring Sports Awards banquet at Oglebay Park, Owens declared that today's athletic system tends to "give too many free rides and is taking away the youth's incentive."

Explaining to news media and

OVAC officials, Owens noted that the college recruiting process is a "two-way street."

The famed hero of the 1936 Olympic Games in Munich, Germany, noted that college "alumni and recruiters should be more closely checked" in their dealings with schoolboy prospects.

Concerning the dissent of several Negro athletes on campuses in the last few years, Owens said he believed "they are no different from any others. They should receive no more or no less. "But," he emphasized, "if these athletes can't cut the college

shouldn't cut the educational standards. All recruits, black or white, should be placed in a degree-leading curriculum which would end in four or five years."

Owens explained his background to the small gathering, which pumped questions to him.

"I didn't attend college (Ohio State) on scholarship but was given a job and drove an elevator for eight hours a night. At the time, I was married, and this job paid for my family responsibilities, fees, room & board, books, etc. Today, it's somewhat different for college-bound athletes."

When quizzed on comparison of today's athletes with those in his era, he answered:

"We had the best equipment, tracks and facilities of our day but today's are much more advanced. There was not as much competition then and today's athletes are much more coachable, bigger, stronger, agile and competitive. Today's coaches are skilled in many educational facets and track, like other sports, has become more specialized."

Owens explained his background of "the other side of the tracks" in Cleveland where he

grew up. "The happiest day of my life was when I returned from the Olympics and gave my father \$1,000 to pay off a \$814 debt he owed to a group called Associated Charities. He never walked any prouder when he knew his debt was cleared."

Concerning separation of black and white America, Owens noted that he believed the two had "to work together. The greatest influence on my life was my Irish junior high coach. He was a confident and a believer."

There were many believers at the press conference, also.



By BILL VAN HORNE

News-Register Sports Editor

Who is the "coach of the year" in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference?

That question will be answered Thursday night at the annual OVAC spring dinner meeting at Oglebay Park's Glessner Auditorium. A poll has been taken of area reporters and sportscasters and the results will be revealed during Thursday's program. The winner will receive the News-Register "coach of the year" trophy.

Last year, when the OVAC itself initiated this award, there was never much doubt as to the identity of the winner. In the voting of the media people, Frank Baxter, who had piloted Bridgeport High to the Ohio Class A basketball finals, was a runaway choice.

But this year the situation is different. Sam Munnley, OVAC secretary, reports that the balloting has been extremely close.

Will the winner be Bob Hedmond, who in Brooke High's first season on the gridiron piloted the Bruins to an OVAC triple-A championship? Or will it be George Stryger, who returned to the Ohio Valley area from Cambridge and directed St. Clairsville High through a perfect gridiron campaign?

Could the choice be a wrestling coach — John Hibbert, who brought Wheeling Central to unprecedented heights in the mat sport, with an unbeaten season, highlighted by Mountaineer League and OVAC tourney titles?

Or might it be a basketball coach — either Henry Lazasz, whose Warren Consolidated Ramblers were OVAC double-A titlists, as well as Eastern Ohio Athletic League kingpins, and who put together 22 straight victories before falling to Sebring in the Canton regional, or Chuck Walt, whose Steubenville Big Red basketballers copied 23 in a row, won the OVAC triple-A crown and made it to the Athens regional before bowing to Canton Lehman?

From all indications, the choice will come from among those five men. Certainly all are deserving but only one can win.

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By **BILL VAN HORNE**
News-Register Sports Editor

The word "immortal" is not one to be bandied about carelessly. But on Jesse Owens it is a perfect fit. He wears it well.

Our nation's foremost track and field star of all time, this remarkable black man, who once shattered Adolph Hitler's theory of Aryan supremacy and literally kicked cinders in Der Fuehrer's face, came to Wheeling yesterday. He was accorded the honors befitting a hero — including three standing ovations at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference spring dinner meeting last night at Gleason Auditorium.

Once the world's fastest human, Owens is now out of step with those of his race who preach the creed of violence and hate. He has been to the top of the mountain. He has also known the depths of despair but he refuses to side with the extremists. In his opinion, to do so would be a cop-out.

Jesse doesn't think black is beautiful; nor that white is beautiful, for, as he says in his newly-published book, "skin-deep is never beautiful." But the son of an Alabama sharecropper — a great-grandson of slaves — is convinced the Negro can make it in America today.

When you tune in your television set to tonight's NBA championship game between the Lakers and Knicks, you'll see more black than white. And Owens doesn't believe that this in any way can be defined as "tokenism." Today



JESSE OWENS SPEAKS AT OVAC BANQUET

blacks are finding a niche in sports, the entertainment business, industry, and the professions. Chances are that few of them had a less promising start in life than Jesse Owens, who once was so sickly that he came down with pneumonia every winter and might never have attained the heights of greatness but for the understanding and guidance of the first white friend he ever had, Charley Riley, a bespectacled Cleveland school teacher who first sparked his interest in track. And did it at a time that Jesse admits that he looked more like a malnutrition case than a potential track champion.

When Owens went from Cleveland East Tech High School to Ohio State University, he had never heard of an athletic scholarship. He accepted the chance to go to Ohio State because the people there got him a job operating an elevator — eight hours a night. That enabled him to pay his board, room and fees and to keep a wife. Furthermore, his father was found employment with the state.

Owens catapulted to fame in 1935 at Ann Arbor, Michigan with an unprecedented feat when he established the world's records and tied another in a single day. Subsequently, he went to Berlin and won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics. And though Hitler was the Olympian Stadium every day, he never once shook hands with the lithe Ohioan who set the track world on its collective ears. And by ignoring him, the German dictator actually made Owens more of a legend and more of a symbol than any Jesse's record-breaking feats could have done.

Jesse's world records stood for many, many years but by now all have been surpassed. Yet one wonders why this superb athlete might have done on the all-weather tracks and working under the vastly-superior coaching and conditioning methods prevalent today. Remember that Owens didn't even have starting blocks. He simply dug holes in the cinders at the starting line for his spikes to fit into.

"The competition is better today," he pointed out yesterday as he sat in a press conference at Oglebay. Smoking a pipe, he said quietly, "The athletes are bigger and stronger. They are dedicated and they are able to make better use of leverage and physics."

When Owens was wearing U.S. colors in international competition, the athletes received \$1 a week. In the 1936 Olympics at Mexico City, they were given \$2 a day, in addition to having their expenses paid.

But if some people have it easier today than he did in his youth, there is no resentment in Jesse's heart. In fact he believes there's a lot of value in doing things the hard way. He is somewhat concerned that the athletic grant-in-aid, as now constituted, sometimes spoils boys because it gives them a false concept. It may take them from the doorstep of poverty to a better life with "no time for values to be set."

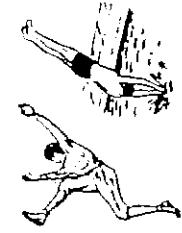
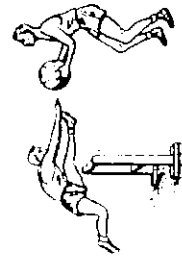
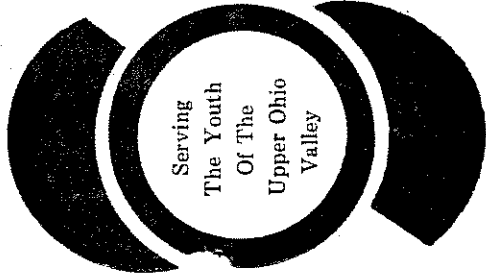
Jesse feels that if there is an injustice being done among amateur athletes, regardless of color, it is in taking them into an educational institution, cashing in on their ability, and not sufficiently preparing them for their life in the years after college. "They have to learn to earn," he observes. "The obligation doesn't end for either the athlete or the school with the signing of the tender."

Now in public relations and associated with such firms as Ford, Atlantic Richfield, U. S. Rubber, and the American Baseball League, the Ohio State product makes some 140 speaking engagements a year. Nearing 57 years of age, he is obviously still in excellent condition. He worked at least three times a week at a Chicago "Y" when I

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is home and tries to get in workouts on the road too. He remembers he weighed 163 pounds at the start of the 1938 Olympics and, after six days of competition, was down to 148. Today he weighs 161 pounds.

Closely associated with major league baseball through his connection with the American League, Jesse is certain that the day is not far off when there will be a black manager in the big time. He believes that Frank Robinson may be the first. He points out that the NBA has already produced three black coaches in Bill Russell, Len Wilkens, and Alvin.

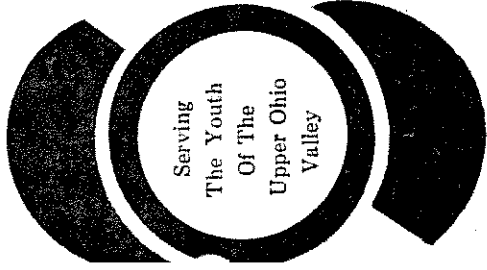
However, Jesse assures that he is a realist; that he is keenly aware that many blacks and many of our disenfranchised young have legitimate needs. He agrees that America must find a better way of life for many of its citizens; that whites must help the Negro "get a piece of the action." But he doesn't think that destroying the system is going to solve any problems.

Owens relates that the saddest day of his life was when his late father had to accept help from charity to keep his family from starving in Cleveland. And the proudest day was when, after returning from the Olympics, he was able to give his father the money to pay back the \$812 he had received from Associated Charities.

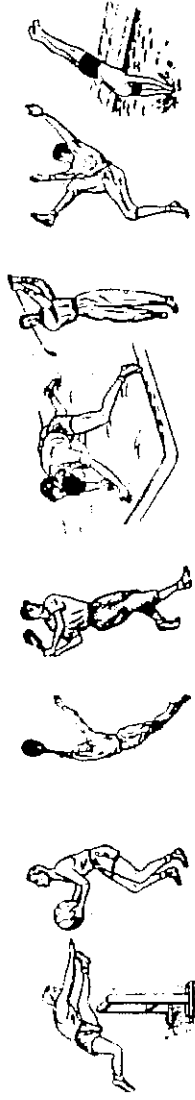
This legendary figure is a warm, sincere, personable human being. Father of three daughters, he now has five grandchildren. He's especially proud that the latest is a grandson, his very first.

Jesse is as gifted as a speaker as he was as an athlete. His belief in justice, his country, and his God comes through loud and clear. And a nation which can produce a man like this just can't be all bad.

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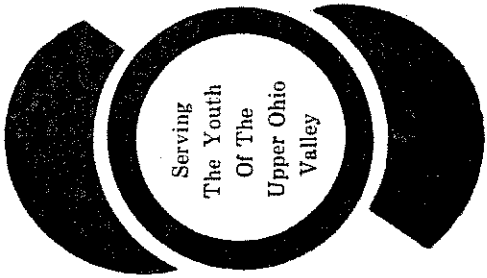
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OVAC Basketball Champs Rewarded

Basketball champions of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference received their awards at the OVAC spring dinner meet Thursday night at Greater Auditorium. Imperial Glass presented trophies to the champion teams and Shelton Advertising & Sporting Goods presented pennants. From left to right are Ken Alessi, coach of Class A champion Yorkville; Henry Lacenza, pilot of double-A title-winning Warren Consolidated; Robert Parrish, representing Imperial Glass; and Charles "Chuck" Watt, coach of triple-A champion Steubenville Big Red. Warren Consolidated won 22 in a row and Steubenville won 25 straight in the past winter while Alessi's Duchillites took the "A" honors without a single starter. (NFR Photo by Muhlman)

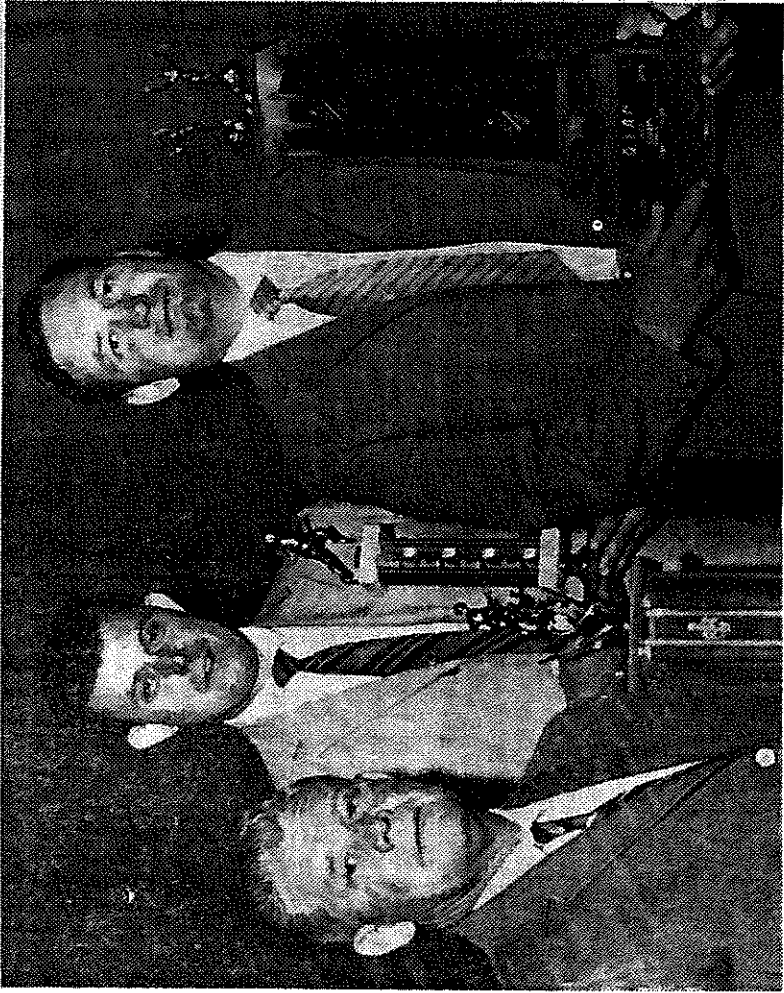
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Conference Track Champs Honored

Schools which won Ohio Valley Conference track and field championships last Saturday officially received their trophies at the OVAC dinner meeting last night. From left to right are Coach Jack Berger, of Shadyside, with the double-A award; Coach Bob Burton, of Paducah City,

MORE OF THE HONORED
GUESTS AT 27th SPRING
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RECIPIENT of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference scholarship at West Virginia University, it is completing his freshman year at West Virginia University. It was presented by Bob Butts, annual spring awards banquet. cher, left, of Martins Ferry, who is head football coach at Woods.

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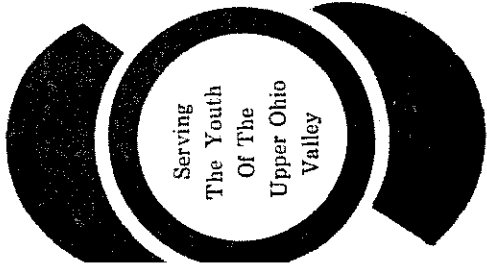


'Old-Timers' Cited at OVAC Dinner

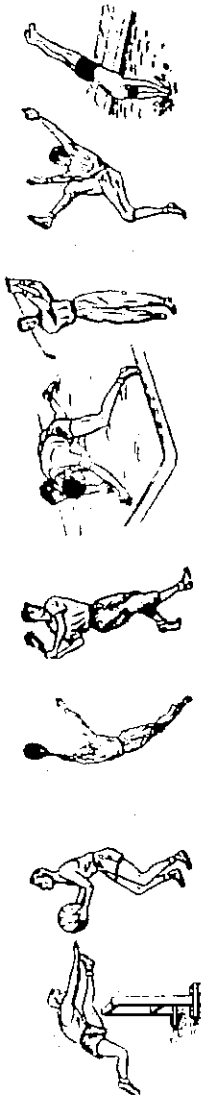
Two of the Ohio Valley's "old-timers" in athletics were cited for their years of service last night at the OVAC banquet. At left is Walter Hill, who officiated for 38 years and is now retiring as commissioner of officials for the OVAC, and at the right is Don Hamill, who was executive secretary of the Ohio-West Virginia Board of Officials and gave 48 years of service to Upper Ohio Valley athletes.

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Mat, Swimming Champs

Wheeling Central has received its first Upper Valley Conference wrestling tournament trophy and Linsly Military Institute has received its twenty-fourth straight OVAC swimming trophy. Here are John Hibbert, coach of the Central grapplers, and veteran Warren Pugh, coach of the perennially powerful Linsly swimmers, with the awards presented Thursday night at the OVAC spring banquet. The wrestling trophy was awarded by Ben Rodriguez, of Moundsville, and the swimming trophy by WTRR-TV, with sports director Jennings Hardin making the presentation.

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*Wrestling - Swimming
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In OVAC Awards Presentations Fete

Lazasz Is Coach of Year; Van Dyne, Novel Honored

Henry Lazasz, who climaxed 13 years of coaching at his alma mater this past season by leading Warren Consolidated High School through 22 straight basketball victories, was named Ohio Valley Athletic Conference coach of the year Wednesday at the loop's annual spring banquet at Glessner Auditorium, Oglebay Park.

It was also revealed that the student-athlete scholarships of the Pipe Coupling and Morris Plan were given to Bruce Van Dyne of Wheeling High and Tim Novel of John Marshall. Both awards traditionally have been for \$500 but last night it was announced that the Picoma award had been upped to \$750, beginning with Van Dyne, a football letterman, president of the National Honor Society and 11th scholastically in a class of 256. Novel, also a fine scholar, is one of the stars of the John Marshall track team and also starred in football and basketball.

A packed throng of over 500 coaches, administrators, athletes, and just plain fans gathered at the Glessner Auditorium to pay tribute to the various honorees and to hear Jesse Owens, Ohio State and Olympic track immortal who has been extolled the world over as one of the most dramatic speakers in the country on good citizenship and the American way of life.

Owens did not let the audience down . . . nor did the fans let him forget it. Perhaps the fans themselves set the tempo for his speech when, upon being introduced by Bethany prexy Dr.

Perry Gresham, they stood en masse and applauded Owens. As the applause continued, on and on, Owens solemnly removed his glasses and brushed across his eyes.

Spicing his talk with track and field phrases, Owens recalled how he first gained his ambition to be a thundrad luminary by listening, as a youth of 13 in Cleveland junior high, to Charlie Paddock, billed several years before as the "world's fastest human."

And he said that he remembered Paddock as well as all those other men who had helped him as he stood in the blocks at the start of the Olympic 100 meter dash and reviewed what had happened to him. He said that

OWENS STORY

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eight years or more of hard training and devotion were past and would all be reviewed in the next 10 seconds.

There can be no playing down of the accomplishments of Owens, the man who won four Olympic gold medals despite the snubs of Adolph Hitler, but the highly lucid Owens played down the part of the individual, no matter how great, in comparison to a team effort.

He said that a group of 10.2 sprinters, working dedicated together as a team and practicing day after day, week after week, actually — by the smoothness of their exchange and teamwork — actually triumph over a quartet.

In addition, special honors were paid to two men who have made contributions to valley athletics through officiating — Walter Heil, retired commissioner of conference football and basketball officials, and Don Hamill, executive secretary to the West Virginia-Ohio Board of Basketball and Football Officials.

Raymond Cook, assistant Superintendent of Bridgeport schools and the OVAC president, made the presentations to Hamill and Heil, as well as to two former OVAC presidents.

A short musical program was presented by the 52-voice Adena High concert choir, directed by Paul Molyneux.

of faster men who are less inclined to work with one another. "So it is," he continued, "in the world of good citizenship where the baton of life is ever more important."

Owens was not all deadly serious however. He gave several tongue in cheek references to Hitler but said he actually did not know himself just what went on during the Olympics when the dictator was said to have snubbed Owens, the non-Aryan.

"Actually," he snapped out in machine-gun fashion, "we just went over there to run . . . and run we did . . . and we had some fun . . . and we won . . . and I'm here in Wheeling tonight . . . and where he (Hitler) is no particular concern of mine."

He told of Hitler's penchant for astrologers and how the dictator would ask them their advice on every matter, including the best ways to win the war and even whether he would survive the conflict. When told he would not live to see the flag end of battle, he asked one of the men when he would die and the astrologer said it would be on a Jewish Holiday. When he persisted as to the exact date of the holiday, the astrologer replied, "Any day you die will be known as a Jewish holiday."

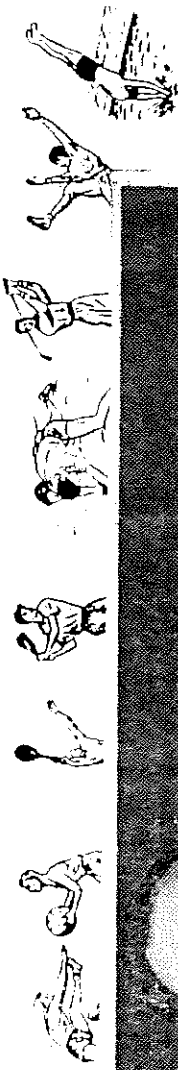
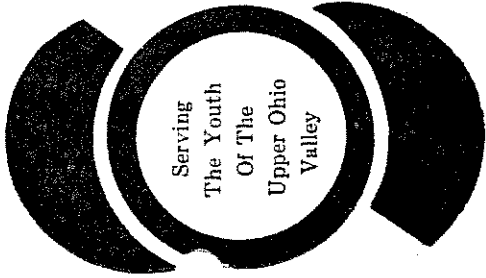
Trophies were awarded to the OVAC basketball champions — Steubenville, Class AAA; Warren Consolidated, Class AA; and Yorkville, Class A; track champions — Steubenville, Class AAA; Shadyside, Class AA; and Beallsville, Class A; wrestling, Wheeling Central; and swimming, Linsly Military Institute, the latter being the Winner in the water sport for the twenty-fourth successive year.

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Lazasz Named 'Coach of Year'

"Coach of the Year" in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is Henry "Hank" Lazasz, whose Warren Consolidated High basketball team from Tiltonsville won 22 straight games during the past season. Here Lazasz, at left, receives the Wheeling News-Register "Coach of the Year" trophy from Bill Van Horne, News-Register sports editor, at the OVAC banquet. The Ramblers were OVAC double-A champions, Eastern Ohio Athletic League titlists and took sectional and district tourney honors. This is Lazasz's thirteenth year as basketball boss at his home-town high school.

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