

# Dr. Maroon to Speak at OVAC Winter Fete

Dr. Joseph C. Maroon, one of the country's top neurosurgeons who is presently Chief of Service, Neurosurgery Department at Presbyterian University Hospital in Pittsburgh, will be guest speaker at the 34th annual winter dinner-meeting of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference.

The event will be held at Linsly Military Institute on Thursday night, Dec. 2, starting with dinner at 7.

A native of Bridgeport and a product of St. John's Central High School where he was an outstanding scholar-athlete, Dr. Maroon is regarded as one of the country's top experts in neurological surgery and for many years has used this knowledge in the field of sports medicine and the prevention of athletic injuries.

At St. John's Central, Maroon was an outstanding football player and led the Irish to some of their best teams in history.

He earned an athletic scholarship to Indiana University where he was a two-year varsity football performer and earned Scholastic All-America honors.

He earned his bachelor's degree in anatomy and

physiology in 1961 and his medical degree at the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1965.

He interned at the Indiana University Medical Center before doing his residency in general surgery at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D. C. (1966-67); in neurological surgery at Indiana University Medical Center (1967-68); in neurological surgery at Oxford University Hospital in England (1968-69); and again in neurological surgery at Indiana University Medical Center (1969-71).

In September of 1971, Dr. Maroon was a Given Scholar in microneurosurgery at the University of Vermont.

He was appointed assistant professor, Division of Neurological Surgery, University of Pittsburgh, in 1971 and also served as attending neurosurgeon for several Pittsburgh area hospitals.

Dr. Maroon, who has received numerous awards in his profession, has published many books and scientific papers. He has also conducted numerous symposiums on sports medicine and

the prevention and care of athletic injuries.

Football, cross country, Ohio-side golf and West Virginia-side girls' basketball champions will also be recognized, while special awards will be presented to Leo Keane of Bellaire, Orville Kiger of New Martinsville and Ray Rathbun of Wintersville.



DR. JOSEPH C. MAROON

## OVAC Dinner Goes On as Scheduled

Despite the heavy snowfall which struck the area overnight, the annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference winter dinner meeting at Linsly Military Institute will go on as scheduled tonight. Sam A. Mumley Sr., executive secretary of the OVAC, said this morning.

Dr. Joseph Maroon, former Bellaire St. John's Central and Indiana University halfback who has become one of the nation's outstanding neurosurgeons and who has a particular interest in football injuries, will be the principal speaker.

Dinner will be served is scheduled for 7 p.m., in smorgasbord style.

During the program, special service awards will go to veteran football and basketball official Leo Keane, father of the three famed Keane

brothers and an "old pro" in his own right, Orville Kiger, veteran official and school administrator from New Martinsville, and Ray Rathbun, long-time coach from Wintersville.

Football championship trophies will go to Woodsfield, Class A; Toronto, Class AA; Wheeling Central, Class AAA; and Wintersville, Class AAAA. John Marshall will receive the cross-country trophy and the Ohio-side golf championship award will go to Marietta.

Wheeling Park will get the women's fall basketball award.

Each of the championship teams will also receive pennants, with their coaches accepting.

The Ohio Valley Board of Approved Football Officials will present sportsmanship trophies.



*Football champions of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference were honored at the annual OVAC winter dinner meeting at Linsly Institute Thursday night. With the awards presented their teams are, left to right, Jay Circosta, coach of Woodsfield's perfect-record Class A titlists; Rich Wilinski, of double-A champion Toronto; Jim Thomas, of Class AAA kingpin*

*Wheeling Central; and Rich Saccoccia, of four-A champion Wintersville. The trophies were provided by WSTV-TV, Class A; Tri-State Asphalt, Class AA; Kelly Mike's Sports Center, Class AAA; and Kilcommons Steel, Class AAAA. Pennants were also awarded the championship schools, with the Ohio Valley Safety Co. providing them. (News-Register Photo—Matt Mumley)*