

## ★ LAKE SHORE TO HOST WRESTLING SECTIONALS

Lake Shore Central has been selected to host the Section VI Class A Wrestling Championships for 1974. The sectionals will be held this Saturday, Feb. 23, in the senior high gym, Beach Rd. Preliminary rounds are scheduled to begin at 12 noon, with the semi-finals slated for a 2 p.m. starting time. The consolation round begins at 6:30 p.m., with finals at 7:30.

Besides our Eagles, other schools competing for individual and team honors will be Niagara-Wheatfield, Clarence, Williamsville South, Tonawanda, Lewiston-Porter, Orchard Park and Lackawanna. "This is the

toughest by far of all the sectional meets being held," states head coach Norm Backus. "People attending are in for some exciting wrestling competition."

This is the first time since 1962 that the sectionals are being held at Lake Shore. Winners and runners-up in the fourteen weight classes will go to Sweet Home for the state qualifying meet next Saturday. Winners of the state qualifier will represent Section VI in the state championships to be held in the War Memorial Auditorium in Syracuse in March.

Chairman of the Class A tourney is Fred Snyder, assistant high school principal.

## WRESTLERS DEFEAT ONCE-BEATEN OLEAN

The Lake Shore varsity wrestlers were down 24-16 going into the 180 lb. weight class Thursday evening against visiting Olean. Since Olean was forfeiting the heavyweight division to Paul Stebbins, the score was actually 24-22 and a win by either a fall or decision was needed by Vic Stepankowski to insure the victory. Stepankowski came through with a two-point takedown with only four seconds left in the match for a 7-5 individual triumph and a gratifying team win over the previously once-beaten visitors from the southern tier, 25-24. Powerful Eisenhower, Pa. had been the only team to defeat Olean up to last week.

Lake Shore was down 24-6 at one point in the competition, and the comeback was a fantastic exhibition of determination on the Eagles' parts. "The crowd that witnessed our match certainly got their money's worth," commented coach Norm Backus, whose forces now own a won-10, lost-5 overall record, and are 8-2 in ECIC Division III competition (good for second place).

Other important wins for Lake Shore were: 101 lbs. - Tom Wood (10-5 decision); 115 lbs. - Steve Funnell (4-2); 148 lbs. - Randy Gostomski (16-14); 158 lbs. - Pete Caldwell (6-0); and 170 lbs. - Tom Caldwell (17-4 superior decision). The B squad also edged Olean, 30-29, on the strength of forfeits in the heavier weight classes.

Last Tuesday, Pioneer Central, powerhouse among W.N.Y. wrestling schools, crushed Lake Shore, 45-6. Tom Wood won an 8-6 decision at 108 lbs. and Vic Stepankowski scored a tremendous 7-1 upset at 180 lbs. for the only two Eagle wins. The B team was also beaten, 39-12.

This week the Eagles go against Frontier Central and then will be busy preparing for the sectionals, which will be held at Lake Shore this Saturday, Feb. 23.

## EXECUTIVE FORMS CO. ENERGY OFFICE

County Executive Edward V. Regan has announced the establishment of a County Energy Conservation Office and an Erie County Energy Conservation Advisory Committee. He has named Eugene R. Mruk, formerly a principal member of his Executive Office staff, to serve as chairman of the Advisory Committee.

The group's purposes will include monitoring federal and state activity, suggesting plans to avoid shortages in this area, and assisting in developing long-range solutions for the conservation of scarce energy resources.

The County Energy Conservation Office will be headed by Alfred Retter as director. He is now serving as administrative officer in the County Natural Disaster and Civil Defense Agency.