

THE SPORTS PROGRAM

At last able to resume a full pre-war sports program, the VHS athletic department has enjoyed a successful year. Local athletes also had the good fortune of again working under a full-time coach when John Williams took over the athletic department starting with the mid-term session.

Football, always a highlight at Van-Hornesville, started the season under Principal Robert Woodruff's direction. Local gridgers scored victories over Little Falls and Cooperstown and climaxed their season by holding Richfield to a 0-0 deadlock.

Wrestling also enjoyed one of its better years at VHS. In this sport victories were won over Norwich and Richfield Springs. The Ithaca YMCA provided two exhibition meets against the school team. At the annual wrestling tournament conducted at Norwich the locals placed second out of the 14 contesting schools. "Bill" Sywetz again won the heavyweight championship class and set a new tournament record by winning championship honors three years in a row. Climaxing the wrestling season, the locals journeyed to the New York Military Academy for a meet in March.

As warmer weather prevailed and outdoor sports again were in style the varsity baseball team worked out on an adjoining field. This year the team again entered the Cherry Valley league. Coach Williams was in charge with "Prof" Woodruff supervising the track team. The sprinters entered the Cherry Valley league and sectional meets again this year.

Skiing under the able supervision of Waldemar Romeling took all the spare time of the energetic skiers who took second place in their class at a sectional meet at Sharon Springs in February. Miss Edna Austin, girls' physical ed. instructor, again directed girls' sports. In the fall soccer was enjoyed, and softball was on the list of spring activities. Several play days were also enjoyed with neighboring schools.

Due to the athletic field being under construction, some spring sports had to be limited, but in coming years home football games, and an enlarged athletic schedule are anticipated.



WRESTLING

Left to right, first row—Fred Herron, Alan Hoke, Carlton Dingman, William Sywetz, John Elwood, James Nestle, Russell Roof. *Second row*—Coach Williams, Steven Richvalsky, Vincent Stallone, Jarlath Perkins, Stanley Witkowski, Robert Collins, John Malinowski, Principal Woodruff.



SKIING

Left to right, first row—Robert Fahey, Duane Aney, Helen Wichowsky, Lorene Fikes, Jay Walrath, Mr. Romeling. *Second row*—William Homiack, Mortimer Robertson, Harvey Tennant, Lucius Hardy, Ellis Elwood.