

O'Connell Ends Football Career; Elected President Lewis Ball League

Connie is giving up coaching football at Lowville academy! After twenty eight years of swings from the T formation to single wing back, double wing back, Notre Dame bucks and back to the T formation, Walter O'Connell is going to stick to baseball and basketball.

However the graying mentor will not be idle—Connie has been named president of the Lewis County Baseball league, the ten team loop that for the last three summers has furnished baseball for the fans of the county.

Acceptance of the new job was made at the same time Connie announced his withdrawal from active football coaching. Connie replaces Robert Jones, Copenhagen.

There are usually ten teams in the baseball league, eight have already signed up and there are four applications for membership.—Beaver Falls, Boonville, Constableville, Croghan, Glenfield, Lowville, Lyons Falls, and Port Leyden.

Henry Taylor, Constableville, was named vice-president of the league at the annual meeting held last Thursday at the Lowville American Legion home on Dayan street; Ezenor Andre is unable to serve due to illness.

Born and brought up in Concord, Massachusetts, Connie is practically one of the Minute Men. The family property is right where the boys first went to work on the Red Coats! Perhaps that's why he's such a died-in-the-wool Red Sox fan.

Following his education in Posee Normal school of Gymnastics in Boston, Springfield college and Harvard university, Connie spent a couple of years in World War I, with 19 months in France with a medical attachment.

Following the war he got a job teaching physical education and coaching at the Mexico, N. Y. high school where he met one Leon A. Davis. Shortly thereafter Davis went to Little Falls and Connie went to Western Reserve university in Cleveland, Ohio to teach physical education and coach freshman sports. This lasted two years.

Meantime, Leon A. came to Lowville and remembering Connie offered him a job at Lowville academy. Connie came here in September 1922.

"When I first came here," Connie recalled, "we were in the old building. The present one wasn't built until 1926. The boys changed their clothes in the school basement and we trooped over to the fair grounds to practice. We didn't have any lockers then. The boys took their clothes home. After the new building was opened in 1926, the football squad continued to play their games on the fair-grounds BUT they had what was the last word in luxurious lockers and equipment. (The gymnasium was the largest in Northern New York. Now it would probably make a fair sized swimming pool.)

"Why the first year I was here we only had a squad of 14 boys," he mused. He recalled that the most he ever had on a squad in the entire 28 years was 38.

"In the those days we played everybody—UFA, Ilion, Herkimer, Oswego, Fulton, everyone in the North Country too. The farthest we ever went was to Saranac Lake, and home basis each year," said Connie.

The coach stated that probably his six greatest football years were 1924, 26, 29, 34, 37 and 45.

"Speaking of 1926," Connie recalled that he was married on June 28, 1926 to Betty Martzloff, a school teacher at the academy. They have three children Jack, a junior at Colgate university at Hamilton, Jimmie a junior at the academy, and a daughter Jean, a freshman at the academy.

"Both Jack and Jimmie played and play varsity football at Lowville."

Of late years Connie has coached baseball, basketball and football, although in other years in his spare time he coached girls basket-



WALTER (CONNIE) O'CONNELL Lowville Leader Staff Photo



John J. Brennan of Cortland, will replace Coach Walter O'Connell as football coach at Lowville academy next fall. In addition to coaching football, he will also assist in coaching other sports as well as giving instruction in automobile driving.

A graduate of Vanders high school where he played football and pitched regularly on the baseball team, Brennan has become a certified driver education instructor, and a physical education instructor, ball, wrestling, boxing, track and cross country.

Eugene DuFlo, Lou Bush and Ken Ford have acted as assistant coaches at various times but most of the time Connie has carried on alone.

Connie reminisced about some of his football players that had made good in college football—Walt Matuzczak, Cornell, the late Dick Griffith, Union; Anthony Paczkowski, St. Lawrence; Pete Humphrey, University of Rochester; Lou Bush, Elliot Wornath and Carleton Virkley at Hamilton college; baseball, Charlie Peters at Syracuse; basketball Jerry Paris and Ted Tageras at Clarkson and in boxing Loren Schoff at Syracuse, to mention a few.

"There were more farm kids in the old days that drove in and stayed after school and played football," Connie concluded.

He mentioned also the fact that he used to attend football schools under Knute Rockne, McClary, Roberts and Sutherland among others.

TROUT SEASON TO OPEN

With the trout season opening in the very small hours of April 8 we are wondering who will be the first fisherman around here to catch the legal limit.

If you will bring them in, we will photograph them for use in next week's paper. We'll take the first three fishermen who make it. After that you are out of luck. Sorry!

Kiwanis To Help Young Folks Fund With Male Chorus

The Kiwanis club of Lowville is presenting the Watertown Male Chorus on Tuesday, April 11 at 8:15 p.m. in the Lowville academy auditorium, in behalf of its boys' and girls' work and underprivileged children's committees.

The Watertown Male Chorus is composed of 50 trained voices with George E. Hayes, conductor, Severien G. Meyer is accompanist and Sally Phillips Allard, soprano, will give a group of three numbers; Harold W. Munk, violinist, will play two violin numbers.

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The five courses in driver education which Mr. Brennan will instruct will be driver qualifications and responsibilities, how to drive, sound driving practices, advance modern age, and behind the wheel instruction. A dual control car, driving, will be supplied for use in equipped for proper instruction in behind the wheel instruction. A student must be 16 years of age to qualify for behind the wheel training.

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BY RICHARD BOYD

Using Utica free academy's million-dollar gym as a million-dollar setting, Lowville academy's million-dollar wrestling team became sole possessor of the million-dollar Section III Wrestling Supremacy trophy.

The Red and White emerged much the winning team Saturday, becoming Section III Champions over 13 other schools in one group of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

Section III is no small matter, since it includes schools in Jefferson, Lewis, Hamilton, Otsego, Chenango, Cortland, Onondaga, Oswego, Oneida, Cayuga, and Madison counties.

Coach Paul Mott's wrestlers became champions after 10 hours of wrestling, sweating, hoping and praying. The team scored 21 points followed closely by Auburn with 18.

The Lowvillians came home with three individual winners. The three were each awarded shields with the letters NYSPHAA and a certificate. In the 95 pound class Neil Parkhurst is the Section III Champ. Dick Ward, 103, and Wilbur Farney, unlimited, follow suit.

The champs were kept bright all day since they left Lowville for Utica at 7:30 a. m. The old saying, "the early bird captures the worm," certainly was true this time.

The Gardiner's Corners Grange No. 560 will hold a regular meeting Wednesday, April 12, at 8:00 p. m. at the Gardiner's Corners grange hall.

Picture below are the class winners and the entire wrestling team.

Left to right: Ward, Farney, and Parkhurst. Then in the picture at the bottom of the page are: Back Row: Wilbur Farney, William Stoffle, Fred Tabolt, Alex Hlad, Ambrose Andre, Paul Jantzi, and Coach Paul Mott. Front Row: William Raymond, Louis Chambers, Richard Ward, Neil Parkhurst, William McMillan, Richard Raymond. Both pictures are Lowville Leader Staff Photos.



MOTT'S VICTORY SMILE.

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In the finals Ward pinned Ralph Green in one minute and 33 seconds of the first period.

Starting the match Green picked up a take down Ward managed a reversal. Then Ward commenced to pin Green with a one half nelson, body press. Thus, Ward gained the championship.

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In the first period Carter picked up a take down. Carter started the second period on top and finished on top with no points being scored during the period.

In the third period Carter worked to an escape, then picked up a take down. Carter had the greater time advantage. Thus with 7 match points to 0, Carter gained the championship.

Bill Stoffle, Lowville 165, won a preliminary match but was eliminated in the quarter-finals. In the first match Stoffle pinned Pfeifer of Ilion in 25 seconds of the second period. In the second match Al Smith of Watertown pinned Stoffle in one minute and 49 seconds of the first period.

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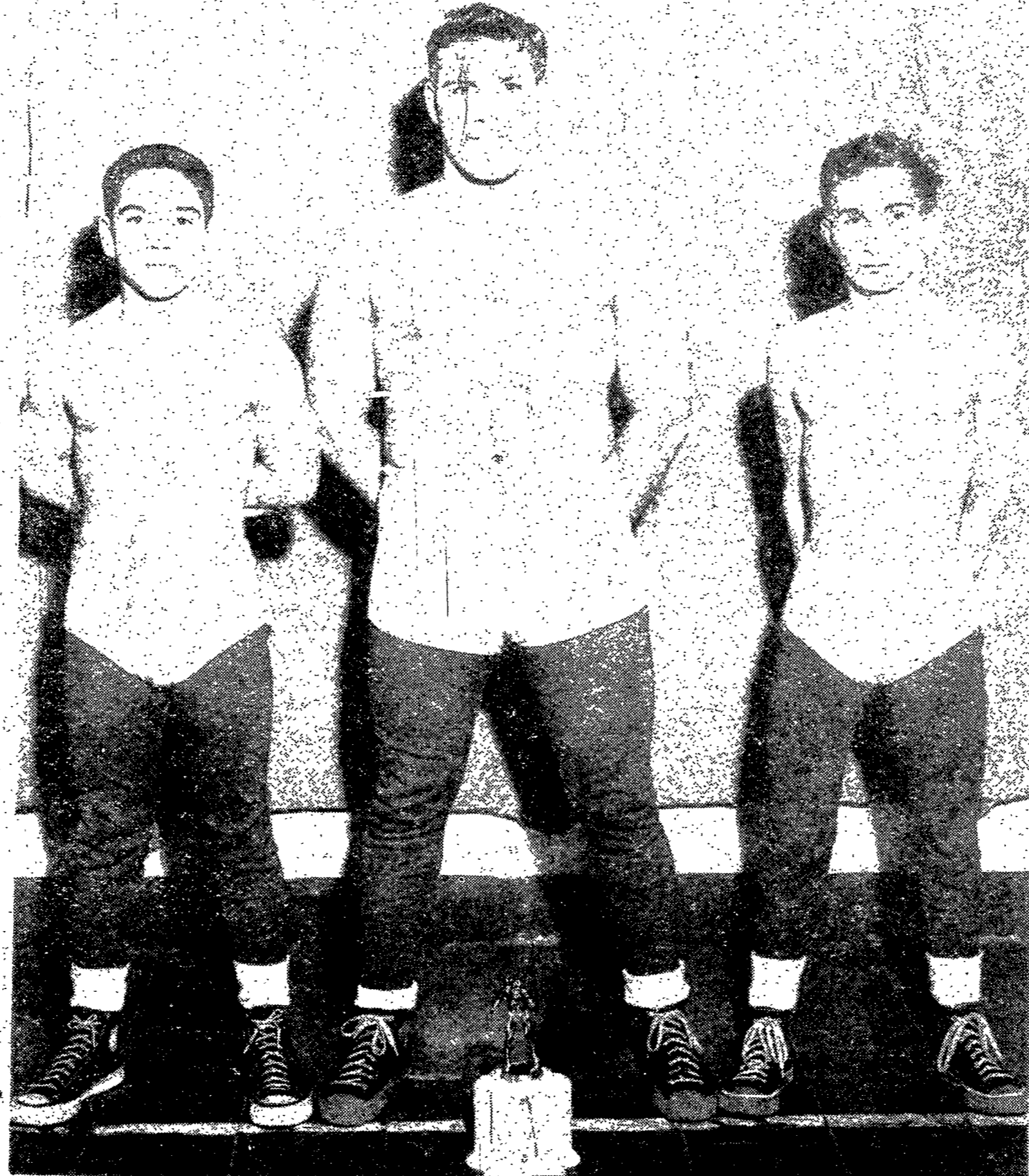
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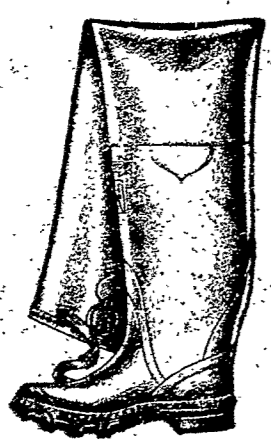
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