

# RURAL SCHOOLS WILL OPEN FOOTBALL SEASON

## DALLAS TOWNSHIP MAY ENTER COUNTY LOOP WITH K. T. H. S.

A taste of brisk fall weather this week presages the renewal of competition in the rural scholastic football league, with the battle for the championship centering about Kingston Township High, winners of last year, Dallas Township and Lehman Township.

For the past two seasons, coach Walt Hicks' K. T. H. S. eleven has dominated the local football spotlight, winning the rural championship in '37 and again from Lehman last Thanksgiving.

## Tavern Team Reaches Finals

### Defeats Cybuch Twice; Opponent Undecided

The Town Tavern team reached the finals in the West Side Merchants' Softball League championship race this week, while their opponent for the league crown was still undecided.

Behind the pitching of Johnny Dorosky, the Tavern team won their second and deciding game from the Cybuch Grocers, 4-0, Dorosky allowed six hits and Kester, pitcher the Cybuch Grocers, 4-0. Dorosky Walsh was outstanding at bat for the Tavern and Brennan for Cybuch.

For the second time, the game between Ferraro's Truckers and Lloyd's Provision was called on account of darkness. Both times, Ferraro's were leading when the dusk fell.

At the same time, Kingston Township has done well in the Luzerne County League, ending midway down the list last year.

The Orange and Black is favored to take the local crown again this year, despite the graduation of eight regulars and three subs.

Lehman will be handicapped by a change of coaches. Malcolm McCulloch, last year's football mentor at Lehman, was given a gym instructorship in Wilkes-Barre City schools last winter.

Coach Thorwald Lewis, whose Dallas Township gridders open their season against Edwardsville September 16, lost nearly the entire varsity line and half the backfield through graduation, and must mold his new team from a much lighter squad.

Both Dallas Township and Kingston Township have been practicing for a week in preparation for unusually early opening games.

The only bright spots in the Dallas lineup are Jim Knecht, full-back, and Ted Szela, quarterback, only veteran backs on the squad this year, and Bert Burnell and Robert O'Boyle, returning varsity linemen.

Whether Dallas Township will compete in the Luzerne County League, along with Kingston Township, has not been decided. Four conference teams are already on its schedule and a vacant date on October 21 leaves room for a fifth. League rules require five conference games.

Dallas Township schedule: September 16, Edwardsville, away; September 23, Exeter, away; September 30, Jenkins Township, away; October 7, Taylor, home; October 14, West Pittston, away; October 21, vacant; October 28, K. T. H. S., away; November 4, Tunkhannock, home; November 11, Lehman, at home.

## BOWLING

With the St. John's alleys resurfaced and the entire auditorium newly painted, the 1939-40 bowling season starts Monday night at 7:00 p. m. Businessmen's League will open the season and continue to bowl every Monday evening for thirty weeks.

West Side Merchants' League opens Wednesday evening at 7:00 p. m. with a thirty-three week schedule on Wednesday nights.

The Junior League will open Friday night at 7:00 p. m. and bowl every Friday night.

From last reports Buddies Shop will be absent from the Businessmen's League. Buddies, the pioneers in the league, had a team in the league each season, but this season are expanding and will place their teams in out-of-town leagues.

Joe Banks will pilot Bon-Ton Men's Shop, replacing Buddies. Bill Micholson had a team in the Luzerne League since its organization many years ago. Last season Bon-Ton was out due to inability to get a team manager.

Bruno Spinicci is another expander. Bruno will have a team in the Merchants' League in Luzerne and one in the Holy Trinity League in Swoyerville. Bruno will also bowl with the Piledgi Tavern in the Businessmen's League.

Polly Tomek will roll them with Luzerne Anthracite this season. Luzerne Anthracite Outside team will be represented in both senior leagues.

Sponsors who have signified their intention of joining the Merchants' are requested to have their franchise fee paid in order to be sure of a berth in this league. Nearly twenty teams will apply for season's berths. Only twelve can be used.

Torchy Wilson will trot out his Carverton Wild Cats in the Junior League. Torchy claims his 200 scores will offset any low scores that his teammates make. This is Bowling, Torchy, not base ball.

The boys in the back room of Wheeler's are working on George to put in a Wheeler's Juniors this season. A good idea.

Blight Bros. will have Andrew Leandri on their team in the Juniors. Dizzy will have the team originally with the Keystone Barbers.

Hank Comorosky has moved his business across the street and will always be at home to his bowler friends.

Wheeler's Grand Opening last week attracted many bowlers from the Luzerne and surrounding leagues.

A new bowling season is upon us. To the confirmed bowler the opening of a new season is anticipated with unbounded enthusiasm. Experience has proved to him that no other form of recreation can produce as genuine satisfaction as American Ten Pins.

Putting a team curtailed by the absence of two players on the field, Hunlock's defeated Wilkes-Barre, 9-0. Now the city team is threatening to protest the game. Why, we don't know. Maybe the score would have been even more one-sided if Hunlock's had had a full team on deck.

The only trouble with Hunlock's, claims Charlie Lawson, league president, is that they never get going until it is too late to do much good. The fact of the matter is that most of the rural team's players go to college during the winter, and are never able to get around to the games until June.

After that Hunlock's always goes to town. On various occasions they have even reached the championship playoffs after losing most of their early games.

## WINTER BOWLERS PRIMED FOR GAMES NEXT WEEK

First matches in the Businessmen's Bowling League will be rolled at St. John's Alleys, Monday night, with the West Side Merchants' League scheduled to begin Wednesday, and the Junior League next Friday night.

John Soback, newly elected president of the businessmen, will welcome the bowlers and officially open the winter competition by rolling the first ball down the reconditioned alleys at 7 p. m.

The opening games will be at 7:00, with the West Side Ice opposing Bill Search's Brokenshire Tavern team. Joe Banks and his team will oppose Pete Smith's boys, and the Luzerne Anthracite Outside force will face Johnny Rosnick and the Luzerne Anthracite Office force.

At 9:00 p. m., Luzerne Anthracite Truckers will meet Steve Novak and his Piledgi Tavern team. John Rahl and his boys will face George Wheeler and his Standard Tru-Age Beer team. Stegmaier's, under the leadership of Hank Comorosky, will face Charlie Kurpis and his Greenwald Furniture team.

While most of the teams will have their last season's bowlers in their lineup again, many new faces will be seen in the league.

President Bruno Spinicci will formerly open the West Side Merchants' League next Wednesday evening by rolling the first ball.

All teams of this league are not yet lined up, but all will be on hand when the season opens next Wednesday night.

The Junior League will open its season a week from tonight and

## Vernon Ties Series, Beats Meshoppen, 2-0

Their series knotted, Vernon and Meshoppen will meet at Meshoppen Sunday to decide the finalist in the Bi-County Baseball League championship playoffs.

The winner will oppose Carverton for the league championship in a three-game series.

Recovering from a blanket defeat in the first of the semi-final series, Vernon trounced Meshoppen, 2-0, Sunday on the Vernon diamond before a large crowd.

Novack held the Meshoppen players to four hits while his teammates garnered seven safeties from Newhart to gain their triumph.

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5.50-18	14.35	7.18	21.53	7.17	5.25-17	9.50	4.75	14.25	4.75
6.00-16	17.40	8.70	26.10	8.70	5.50-17	8.65	4.33	12.98	4.32
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## SPORTS REVIEW

A YOUNG FELLOW who used to burn up the sand lot leagues in Luzerne—and not so long ago, at that—has been promoted from the Minors to the Majors. And no wonder.

For Mickey Witek, who lives with his mother on Walnut Street in between the summer baseball yards and is the idol of Luzerne youth, was purchased from Newark, International farm for the Yankees, by the New York Giants last week on the basis of one of the most brilliant records ever made by an Anthracite region ball player.

He hasn't been in organized ball long—only since 1935—but his steady progress towards the top has been punctuated by batting and fielding that eminently bears recounting.

His first venture into professional baseball was with Bassett in the Bi-State League. He played second base for the Bassett people, and batted .319 and fielded .946 his way to a place on the Bi-State All Stars.

THE OWNERS of Norfolk of the Piedmont League, who knew a good thing when they saw it, employed Witek in '36 and '37. Mickey batted .314 the first year and .320 the second, to win a place on the Piedmont All Stars and in the hearts of the Norfolk fans.

The next year he went with Newark, played as brilliantly as before, considering the higher grade of competition, and has been chosen for the last two years as the best second baseman in the International League.

His .326 batting average for the last 139 games he has played with the Bears and a likely .966 fielding average won the attention of the Giants, who bought him to aid their ailing infield.

Mickey will join the Giants at the end of the International League season unless the Bears gain the playoffs, and start on the most brilliant phase of an All Star career.

WHILE WE'RE on the subject of baseball, we might as well touch on the situation down at Hunlock's Creek.

The Hunlock's A. C., which plays in the Senior A Division of the Susquehanna Baseball League, has ended the season far down the list.

But just to show the boys that they still have what it takes, Hunlock's wound up its schedule with a seven-man triumph Sunday over the third place Wilkes-Barre Grays.

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**FOR SUPERIOR COURT:** The Honorable J. Harold Flannery, repeatedly the prime choice of the majority public for the office of Congressman; a lawyer of the temperament perfectly suited to handle the affairs of the people in the high appellate court.

**FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** Edward F. McGovern, trained by tradition and experience for his pronounced success in law.

**FOR SHERIFF:** Lester Thomas, a man risen from the ranks of toil, an industrialist, a student of industrial and business progress, one whose career bears the brand of good reputation.

**FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** John A. Riley and Stanley Janowski. Mr. Riley has earned reelection by painstaking attention to duty, by accessibility to all the people all the time, by devotion to economical use of the county's resources to the end that the taxpayers have received a full return on every investment. Mr. Janowski has been identified with business since his early manhood.

**FOR REGISTER OF WILLS:** Ralph Gitz, a citizen unblemished in character, one of the most widely known residents of the county.

**FOR RECORDER OF DEEDS:** Joseph "Jobey" Bialogowicz. As President of the government of his home community, he initiated its greatest program of modernization, debt-reduction and tax-saving. A farmer, miner and businessman.

**FOR TREASURER:** John Kridlo, actively associated with the welfare and advancement of great groups among the county's people. Tried, tested and true.

**FOR CORONER:** Stanley M. Leonard of Pittston. A life-long citizen of Luzerne County, a professional man reared in the traditions of hard work. As a man associated with the business of mortician he pledges his full attention to the Coroner's duties.

**FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR:** Steven Guido, of a family known to the affairs of Luzerne County for many years.

## A Ticket Representative Of All Public Interests

These are the men chosen by the committees elected by the Democratic voters to administer party affairs. They afford distribution of choice over all seven legislative districts and among all large classifications of the county's people.

With confidence they are submitted to the Democratic men and women of Luzerne County for endorsement at the Primary Election, September 12.

LUZERNE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE,  
James J. Law, Chairman.