

# Letters

## Fans blitz sports editor

Dear Sports Editor:

How disappointing to pick up the "local" paper and see headlines "Why Indians may lose on Friday Night." I could expect to read this type of headline in the L-S School Newspaper. But certainly not in our local paper.

Donegal's football team has a lot going for them this year and they are working together as a team and need the support of our towns in the district, not put-downs.

Dear editor:

After reading the article in your Oct. 19, 1977 edition about our local football team, the Donegal Indians, we found it quite evident that the Susquehanna Times is not a supporter of the team.

The article had many impressive things to say about the Lampeter-Strasburg and Annville-Cleona football teams, however, the Indians were clearly downgraded.

## Editor, caught in backfield, tries to throw ball away

The sports editor replies;

On top of these letters our office was bombarded with half-a-dozen angry phone calls after last week's football story appeared.

Donegal fans, we learned, are every bit as formidable as their football team. Their defensive speed rivals the Indians', their criticism is as accurate as Ney's passing, and their school spirit is as powerful as Splain's legs.

I must admit that the fans were right: I laid the gloom and doom on a bit too thickly in last week's story.

L-S may have won the game, but penalties and occasional, but unfortunately timed mistakes had a lot to do with the loss. L-S did outclass the Indians on Friday, but not by a big enough margin to prove that they are the consistently better team.

My honest opinion is that the teams are evenly matched — and that's what I thought when I wrote the story. The reason we printed such an unhappy

## Playground

Editor;

Over 150 children registered for the playground activities sponsored by the Maytown Civic Association this past summer. Ages ranged from five to eighteen. Facilities used were those of the former American Legion Home. Playground hours were 9:00-12:00, and 1:00-3:00, weekdays for the six week period beginning the last week in June through the first week in August.

Who are the "experts" referred to on the back page??? Donegal really doesn't get big writeup in the Lancaster Papers but on the other hand I haven't read any Lancaster articles quite like the one in your paper.

Let's start letting these kids know we are behind them and we do care about our players. Quite frankly, I didn't care who played for L-S, or statistics about any player. It takes 11 players to make a team and I feel each an every one are

Statements such as; "Underdogs at the top of the ladder; Indians lead section, but experts think they'll crumble next Friday," "In short, most football experts think L-S is going to win," "In spite of their less-than-par performance, the Indians won the game 22-16," were unnecessary. They showed no support of the players, who are having a fantastic year, their coaches, and Donegal's many loyal fans.

The Donegal Indians are

assessment before the game is simple; I'm superstitious.

I admit that only fools are superstitious, but, unfortunately, I can't help it.

Ever since the season began, I've been reading Mac Rutherford's predictions about Donegal's football games, and they were almost always wrong. He said they'd lose to Catholic E-town, Manheim Central, and Elco. They won.

He said they'd slaughter Solanco. They lost.

Last week, an informed source told me that Rutherford considered the game a toss-up.

I was panic-stricken. "What if he finally decides to favor Donegal?" I worried. "It might jinx the team. They always play best when they're supposed to lose."

I decided not to take any chances. If Rutherford wouldn't predict a big loss, I'd have to do it. At the time, it seemed like the best way to insure an Indian victory.

The most popular feature was the weekly swim session at the Mount Joy Pool with swimming lessons for beginners. A full bus load of about sixty children were taken to the pool each week. On non

The \$1625.00 spent was considered to be a well-swing days, forty to sixty children were supervised at the playground by two full time supervisors and others.

important.

I do realize that teams do have some outstanding players and deserve extra credit and this is great but but let's not forget it takes 11 to make a team click and Donegal has what it takes this year — a team that works together as a team.

Thank you for listening to me and printing this letter. Good luck to you, Indians!

sincerely,  
Richard J. Hoover,  
Mount Joy

fortunate that not every resident of the school district expresses the same lack of enthusiasm for the team that the Susquehanna Times has displayed.

sincerely  
Mr. and Mrs. Steven R. Hoover

Dear sports editor;

Your paper should be called "The Susquehanna Traitor."

— A Loyal Fan

I called my local experts [they do exist, but, since they try to be objective when they talk to me, I won't reveal their identities], and learned that they were frightened, too.

"There's no telling what Rutherford will do," one expert said, "but if he predicts an Indian win, we're in trouble."

[As it turned out, Rutherford predicted that L-S would win by 2 points.]

Anyway, my plan didn't work, because Donegal lost. That's the trouble with superstitions — they don't work.

I admit that the article was lopsided, but I really was trying to help the team, in my own strange way.

Next week, Rutherford will predict an Indian victory. He will also predict that L-S will trample Lebanon Catholic, catapulting the Indians back into first place.

I hope he's right.

signed  
Rick Bromer

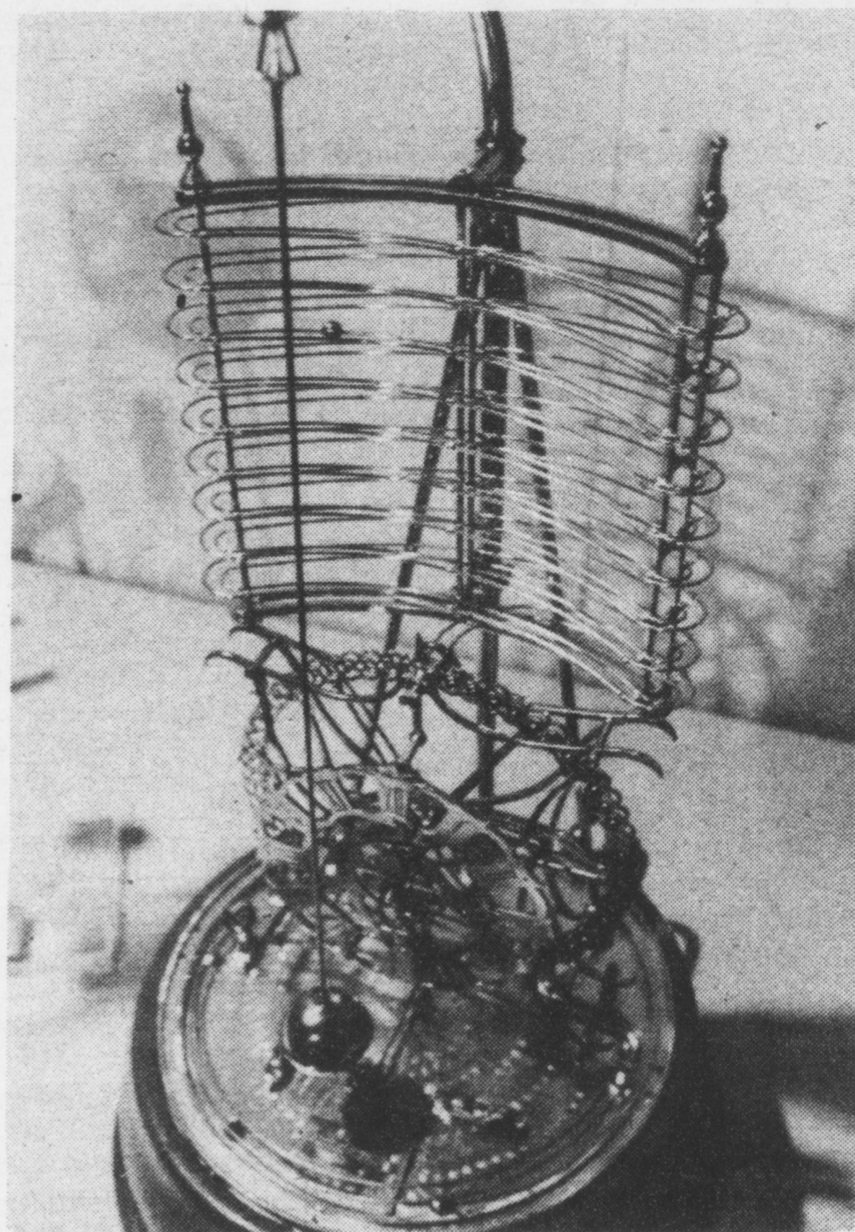
worthwhile investment in our youth. If there are any thoughts for the improvement of any of our services to the community, let us know. We are your Association.

You are invited to attend our full membership meeting at 7:30 on Tuesday, November 1, at the East Donegal Municipal Building, when our officers will be elected.

Ivan Hess  
Publicity Chairman

# Horology

## is thriving in our area



The top part of this clock is a two-wire rack. Balls are ejected at the top of the column and roll down the 15-foot rack one after another.

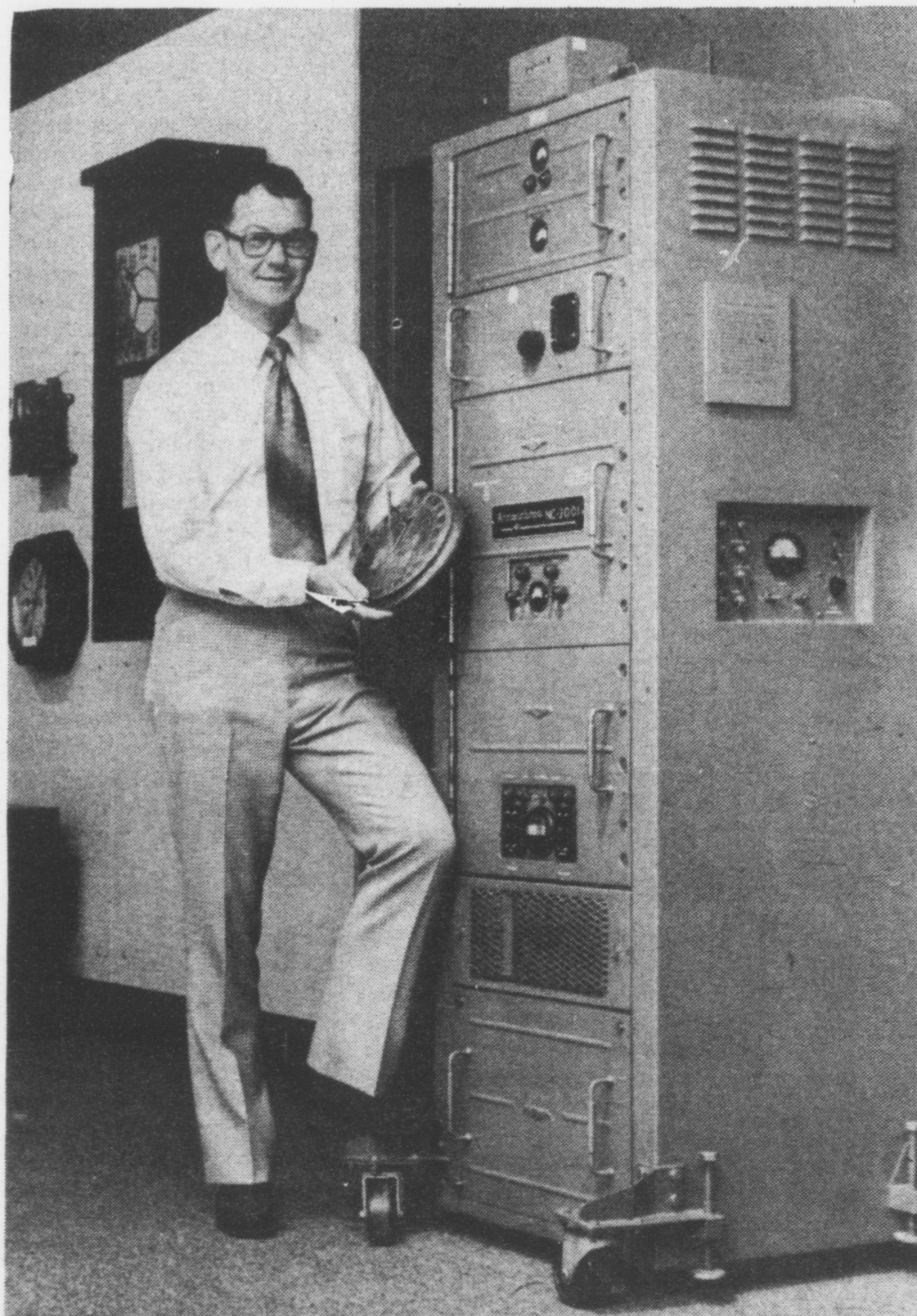
Lancaster County has been a center of clock and watch making since Colonial times, and the Donegal area has had a lot to do with it. Here is a report on timekeeping in our corner of the Garden Spot County.

While Lancaster County has Bowman Tech Clock-making school and Hamilton Watch Co., as well as HMW, the nation's center of horology (clock study) lies just over Chiques Hill from Marietta, in Columbia: the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors.

The Association's national headquarters there, at 5th and Poplar, house a library, a public museum (which rivals the exhibits at the Smithsonian and the Metropolitan Museum in New York), and the editing offices of a bi-monthly magazine for the 30,000 members of the group.

The Times last week visited Mr. Stacy Wood,

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Stacy Wood poses with the old and the new: He holds a sundial, first made in prehistory, and on his right is the atomic clock, which loses one second every 30,000 years