





West Lawn Captures State Legion Crown

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West Lawn jumped into a five-run lead in the first inning and held off a determined Lansdale rally yesterday to capture the 37th annual Pennsylvania American Legion baseball championship with a 7-6 victory.

West Lawn, coached by Dick Correll, captured its first title with some lousy hitting and loose Lansdale playing in the opening inning.

More than 2,000 fans were on hand for the championship tilt at Coplay.

But it was reliever Tom Lucas who saved the day for the Owls. Lucas came on in place of starter and winner Bill Maurer, in the seventh when Lansdale scored four times to close the gap to the final margin.

Lucas came on with two out and none on after Lansdale catcher John Corrado lashed a two-run double to center field

but was out over - running second. Joel Barbalock greeted Lucas with a single but Lucas got out of the inning by forcing losing pitcher John Mack to hit into a fielder's choice play.

Lucas set Lansdale, the Section 2 champions, down in order in the eighth but the first man to face him in the ninth Russ Battavio was safe on first baseman Tom Frister's error. A sacrifice bunt by Steve Jar-

ko advanced Battavio to second but Lucas struck out Ray Wentz and got Corrado, who had three hits in four trips to the plate, to ground out to second.

The Section 3 champions, who were awarded the Championship Trophy after the game by Mrs. Alvin Bailey of Meadville, Legion Auxiliary president, scored five times in the first inning on five consecutive singles, two passed balls, a wild pitch and Lansdale's lone error.

The tourney favorites, who finished with a 5-1 mark in the double-elimination tournament, sent nine batters to the plate in the big first and scored four of the runs before a batter was out.

Farrell Franks started the game by singling to left and stealing second. Jay Lord's single to center scored Franks and Bill Degler followed with a sin-

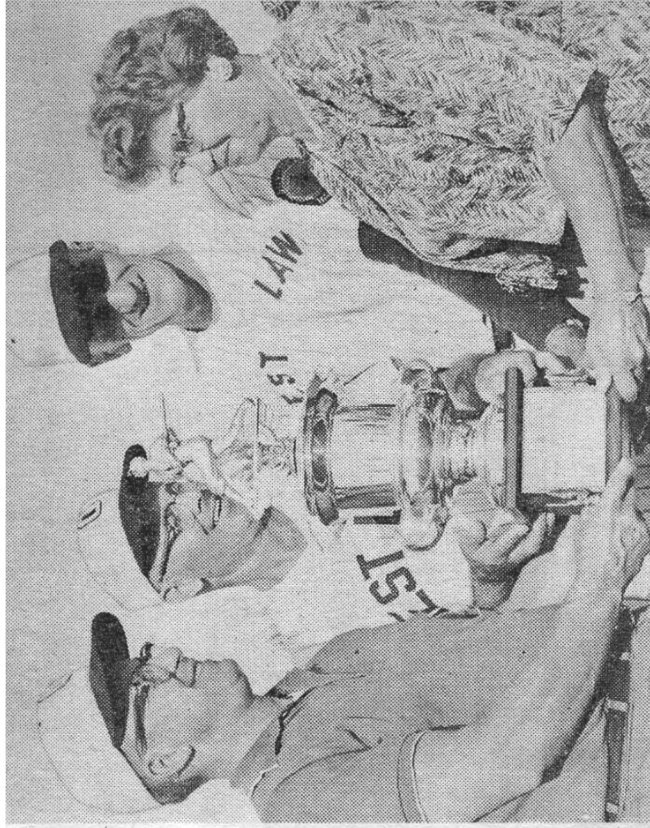
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Big Day for Berks

West Lawn	ab	r	h	bi	Lansdale	ab	r	h	bi
Franks cf	3	1	2	0	Battavio 2b	4	0	1	0
Degler ss	4	3	1	1	Wentz lf	4	1	0	0
Kopp c	4	2	4	0	Corrado c	4	1	3	2
Maurer p	4	1	1	0	Balock cf	2	1	1	0
Lucas p	0	0	0	0	Mack p	3	0	1	0
Smith lf	5	0	1	1	Briglio ss	4	1	0	0
Wagner 2b	3	0	0	0	Gulich 3b	4	1	0	0
Szalora rf	5	0	1	0					

Totals	38	7	13	4	Totals	34	6	9	5
West Lawn	501	000	100	7	Lansdale	501	000	400	6
Maurer (7) and Kopp: Mack					Maurer: U-Siemer, AC				
Kerman, DiSalvatore.									



NICE GOING—Mrs. Alvin R. Bailey of Meadville, state legion auxiliary president, presents the championship trophy to West Lawn Manager Dick Correll (left) and his two coaches, Ralph Leiminger and Brevard Lord, after their team downed Lansdale, 7-6, in the tourney final.

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gle through the infield to score Lord. Bill Kopp followed with single between shortstop and third and Maurer dropped a bunt single to load the bases.

Then the real troubles began for Lansdale, Lord scored when Mack unleashed a wild pitch and catcher Corrado threw wildly to Mack in an attempt to nab Lord. Mack then struck out Fisher but Corrado lost the ball and Kopp scored on the passed ball with Fisher taking first. Then with Jerry Smith batting, Maurer came in on another passed ball and Maurer had 5-0 lead to work with.

West Lawn added single runs in the third and seventh to clinch the victory. In the third, Kopp, who went 4-for-4, laced a ground-rule double down the rightfield line and came in on Smith's single center. In the seventh, walks to Degler and Kopp, a fielder's choice play and Fisher's single to right accounted for the final Owls runs.

Lansdale, which finished with a 4-2 tourney mark, scored twice in the second inning on only one hit and added four more in its big seventh on three hits and two West Lawn errors.

Barry Troster slashed a two-run single threw the middle with Carrado and Barbalock on base for the runs in the second but Maurer got out of the inning when Jerry Bonfiglio lined to the pitcher and he doubled up Troster at first.

Bonfiglio started Lansdale's seventh with a single to right and Bob Greulich was safe on Degler's error at third. After Maurer struck out Battavio, Jarinko singled to left for one run and Greulich came in when Wentz was safe on shortstop Lord's error. Then came Cor-

rado's base-clearing double.

West Lawn loaded the bases in the eighth on an infield hit, Kopp's second double of the game and an intentional walk to Lucas, but Mack got Fisher to hit a pop out to second.

Mack, in losing gave up 13 hits and struck out seven while walking five. Only four of West Lawn's runs were earned. Mack also hit a batter.

Maurer hurled 6 2-3 innings for the win and struck out six and walked three. Lansdale had eight hits off Maurer and one against Lucas.

State Legion Commander George Bruno of Fountain Hill, tournament committee chairman Harry (Haps) Benfer, legion commander-elect Louis Greco of Wyoming, Pa., and auxiliary president-elect Mrs. William Todd of Springfield, Delaware County, were speakers in pre-game ceremonies along with state activities director George Bellis.

After the championship game it was announced that the Shadyside Boys Club of Pittsburgh was presented the sportsmanship award.

I

The Owls and Ralph Leininger went to Coplay
In a Wilson High School bus;
They took their hats, and of course their bats,
With which rivals' ambitions to muss.
Ralph looked out at the stars around,
And sang to a small guitar,
"O Lucas and Maurer, fine hitters abound,
I hope that good pitchers you are,
You are,
You are,
I hope that good pitchers you are."

II

Losers said to the Owls, "You elegant fowls,
How charmingly well you play."
But title hopes tarried, when Shadyside harried
The Owls on that gloomy Thursday.
They hastened away, but came back the next day
At the team from the land of Pitt;
And out on the mound did Fisher astound
As he gave rival batters a fit,
A fit,
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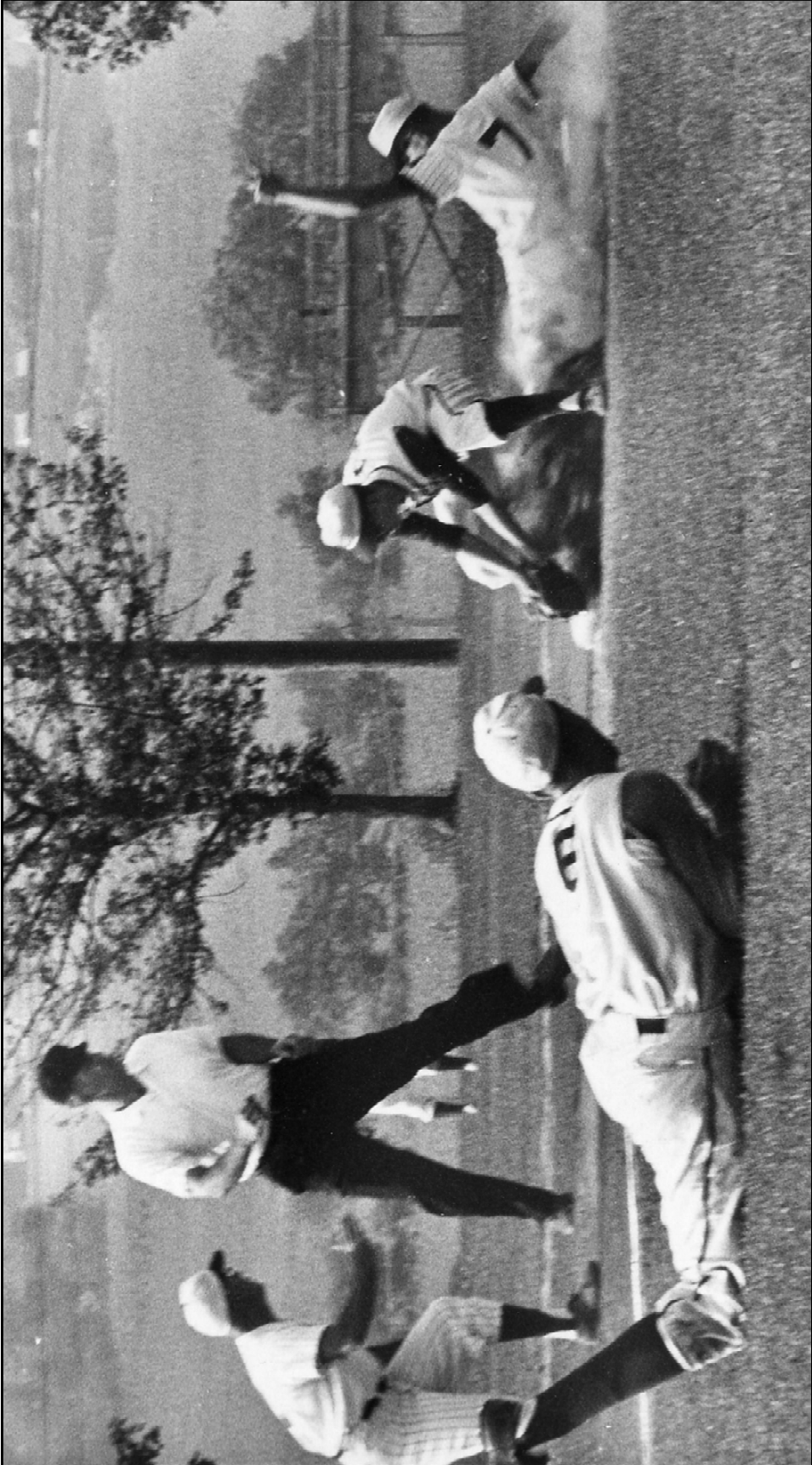
III

"O Lucas, are you willing to make a real killing
In the final?" Said Tommy, "I will."
So he took it away in the seventh next day
Aiding Maurer to win on the hill.
They're not dining on mince, or the slices of quince
Lear's pets ate with a runcible spoon;
But it's quite safe to state, on the tourney's last date
Owl fans danced by the light of the moon,
The moon,
The moon,
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THIS IS THE PLACE—West Lawn delegation inspects one of the two signs erected along Route 422 in West Lawn by the local Lions Club in honor of the 1962 State Legion Baseball champions. Left to right are Ralph Leininger, West Lawn Owls coach; Gerry Smith, outfielder; Nevin Beard, vice president of the West Lawn Lions Club, and Richard Correll, team business manager.—Eagle Photo.



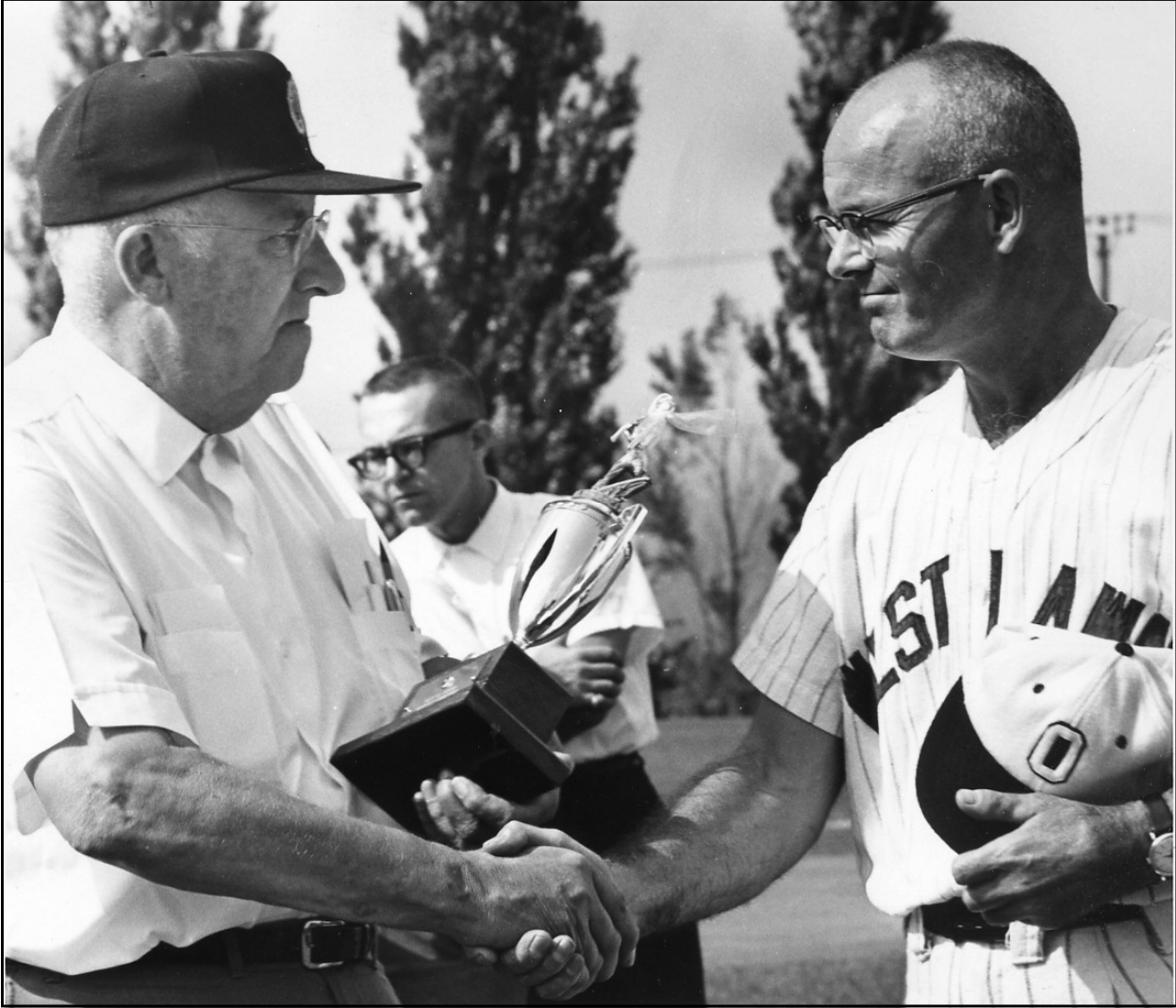


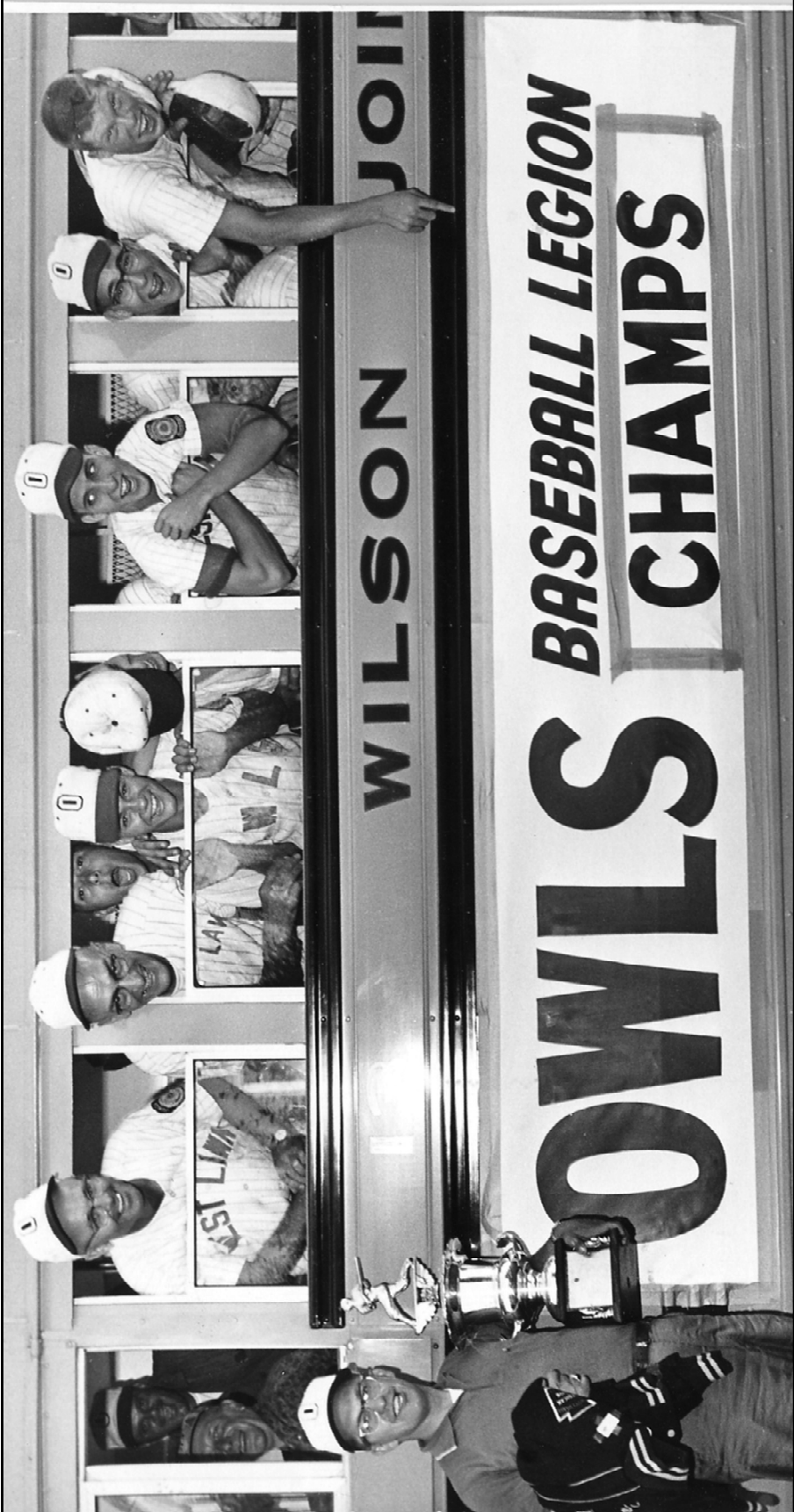






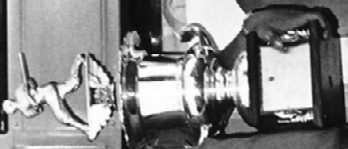




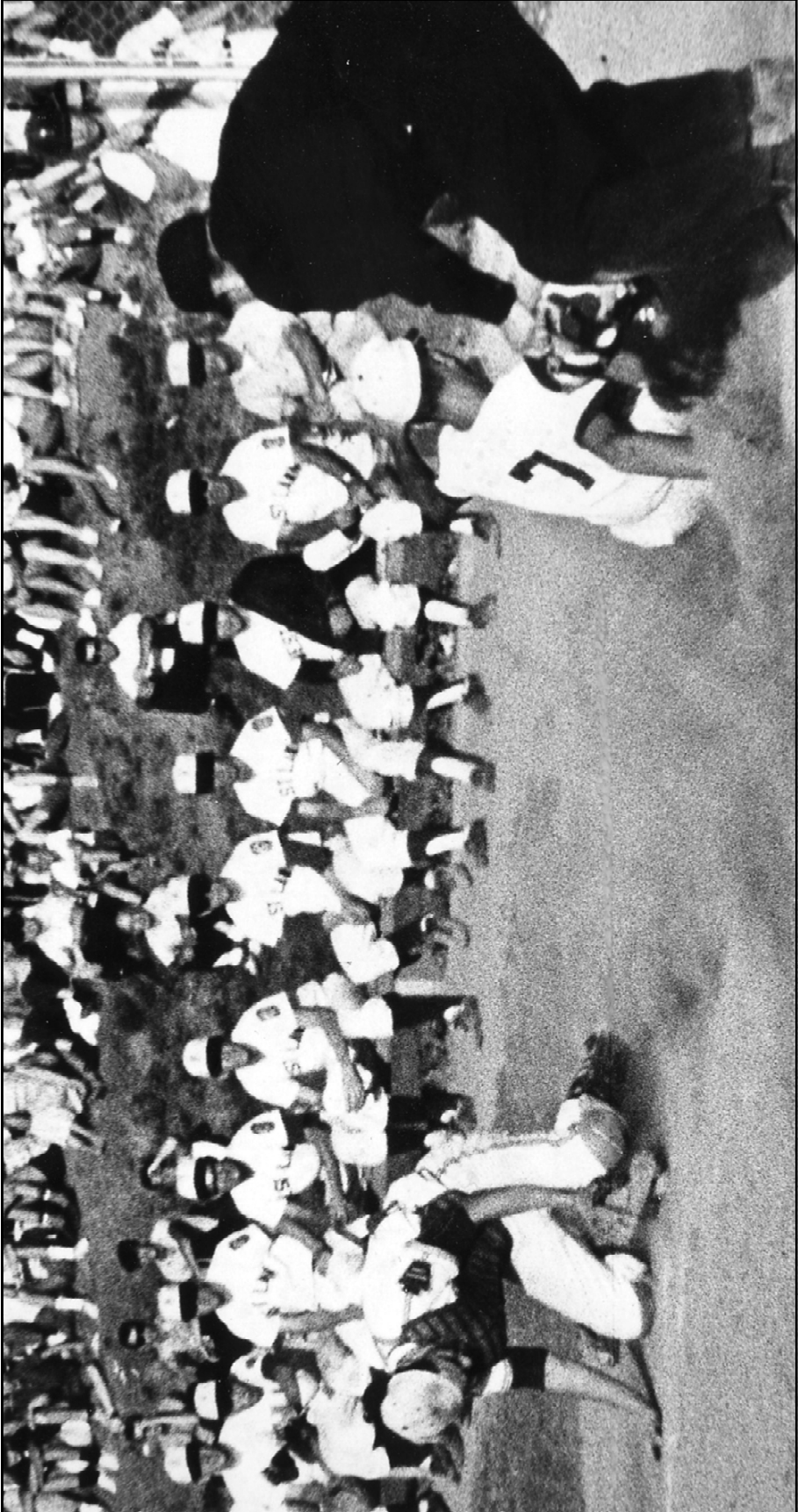


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Mr. Richard Correll,
111 Intervilla Avenue,
West Lawn, Penna.

Dear Dick:

Again congratulations to you and your team
on winning the American Legion Championship.

Won't you express my congratulations to
your Post for sponsoring such a fine group of young
men who came to Allentown and came out on top because
of the splendid leadership they had and the fine
sportsmanship displayed throughout the Tournament?

Enclosed are additional certificates you may
want to use.

If at any time we can be of service to you or
your Post, do not hesitate to call upon us.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


GEORGE E. BELLIS
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

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