

Don Watkins MVP In Two Sports

Bolivia Bears Honored At Athletic Banquet Tuesday

By JIGGS POWERS
LELAND — Bolivia High School's Bear athletic teams didn't have an official "Athlete of the Year" during 1970-71, but Don Watkins, he of Bruin basketball and baseball fame, is holder of the "unofficial" honor as top athlete of his school.
For Watkins, a 6-1½, 165-pound star, won trophies as the Most Valuable Player in both varsity cage and diamond action at the Bolivia High School Athletic Banquet, held at Harold's Fish Camp, Monday night.
Nelson Best, principal of Leland High School, and a former athletic mentor for some 14 years, was the banquet's principal speaker. He is the brother of Bolivia Coach Joe Best, who sponsored the banquet.
Others receiving major

awards at the fete were Miss Linda Rife, as Outstanding Cheerleader of the year, and Mike Simmons, who won the trophy as batting champion of the 1971 baseball team at BHS.
Honored at the dinner were the members of the 1971 Brunswick County Champion baseball club from Bolivia, also its varsity and junior varsity basketball teams and its cheerleading squad.
Coach Best especially commended the Bear baseball team that won the Brunswick title for the time in 10 years.
Nelson Best, introduced by Coach Best, spoke of the close-knit ties between himself, his family and Bolivia, even though his own school—Leland—and the Bear institution are arch-rivals in sports.

"Athletics" said Nelson Best, "is a great institution. You young folks who participate are the 'cream of the crop' at Bolivia High, you are students of today, the leaders of tomorrow. You parents who allow your children to participate have sacrificed for them to do so, but you can live with the memory that your kids are learning to lead and be top citizens of tomorrow."
Best told of several items a person and a team needs to be a "winner, a good athlete, a fine student...to succeed." Among them he said a "must" included these ingredients, "Character, Willingness to Sacrifice, Enthusiasm, Dedication, Concentration, and Unselfishness."
Best also said that other important things athletes, and all students, should put near the top in their everyday life were:
"Education; Religion, and Preparation, Readiness to 'win' or succeed." And, as a

final thought and punch-line he added, "One final thing you students need to do is to thank your parents for the chance they've given you to become students, to become athletes..."
Billy Gilbert, a member of

Spaghetti Dinner Served Saturday

The Southport Jaycees will sponsor a spaghetti dinner featuring the authentic Roma Clement sauce.
Again this year, the Daughters of America have offered their building for this event. Jaycees and their wives will begin serving at 4:30 and continue until 9 p.m.
This yearly event is just one of the many fund-raising Jaycee activities which help provide the money needed to support little league baseball, Christmas lights, fireworks, Easter egg hunts, Miss Fourth of July and many other community activities.

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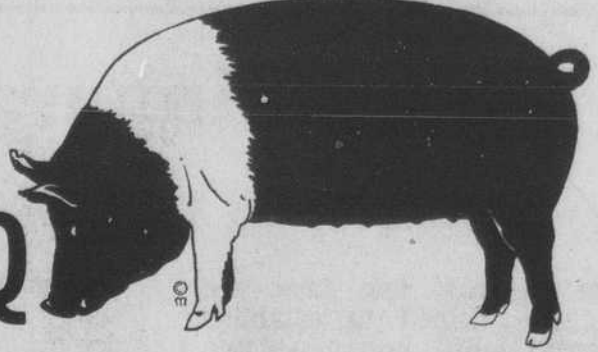
the Bruin basketball club, was master of ceremonies for the banquet, at which delicious seafood dinners were served. Aaron Wescott, a combination Bear basketball-baseball performer, welcomed the gathering and short talks were given by the following members of their respective sports groups:
Miss Linda Rife, "What Cheering has meant to me this year!"
Don Watkins, "What Basketball has meant to me this year!"
George Irving, "What Baseball has meant to me this year!"
Harold Williams gave the invocation after first challenging the senior members of the groups present to remember as they went out in life, the Biblical Psalm words, "The Lord Is My Shepherd I Shall Not Want!"
Miss Aleta Knox, captain of the Bolivia High School Cheerleaders, presented Coach Joe Best with a gift of appreciation.
Dinner was followed by introduction of the speaker, Nelson Best's message to the group, and the presentation of Awards by Coach Best, assisted by Nelson Best. Service awards were also presented to the cheerleaders, the varsity

basketball team, and the baseball team. The jayvee basketball club-members were also recognized.
Coach Best also recognized special guests, and thanked them for services rendered

during the year; among them Ronnie Benton, Rudy Sullivan, Harold Williams, Benjamin Thomas, Ed Maulsby, also the parents of the group; and Mrs. Best for "putting up with me during

the year!"
Principal Wayne Duncan of the Bolivia school made remarks that included thanks to all persons helping to make the year at the school a successful one.

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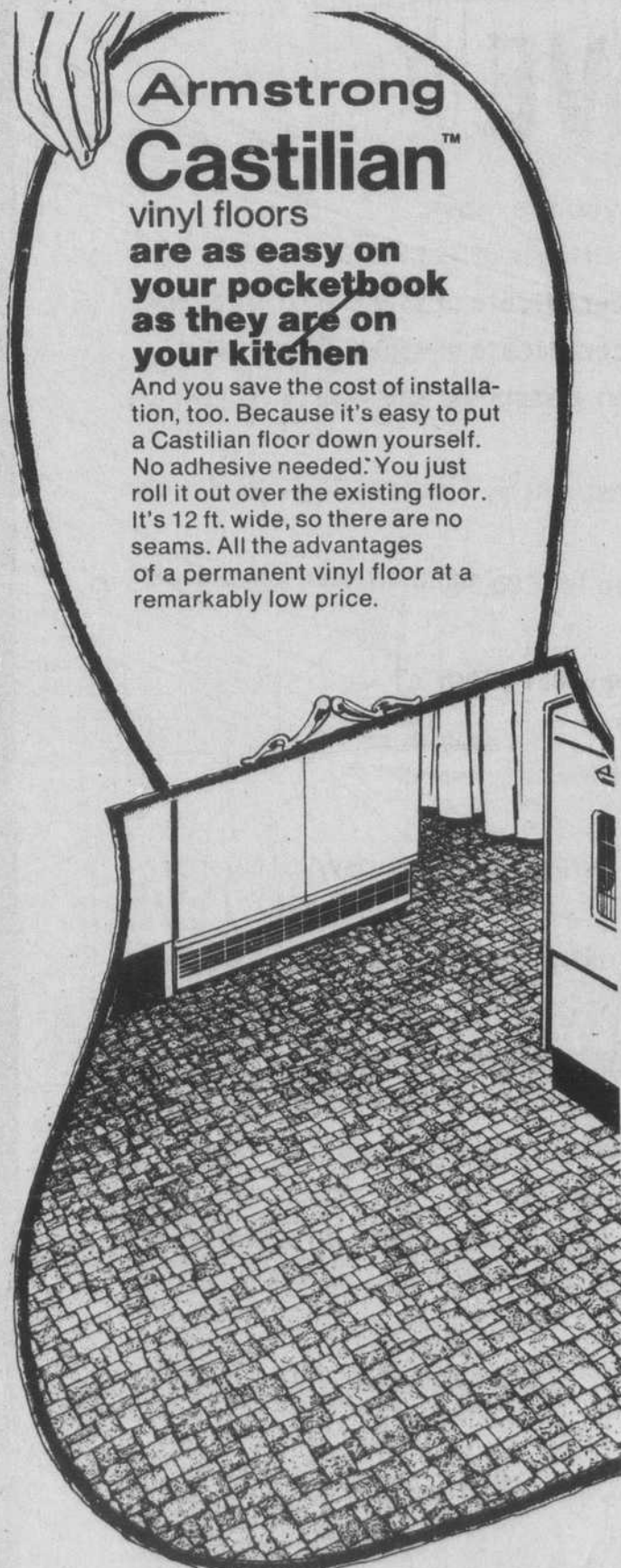
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