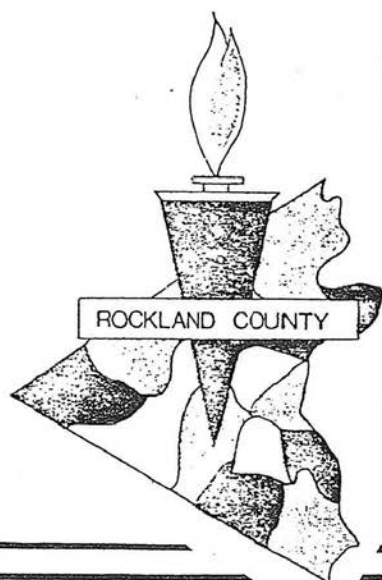


# ROCKLAND COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME



## 2nd ANNUAL AWARD DINNER - DANCE

SATURDAY - 8:00 P.M.

MARCH 15, 1975

SINGER'S HOTEL  
Spring Valley, New York

THE MENU

PINEAPPLE BASKET OF FRUIT

CELERY	OLIVES	RADISHES
GARDEN VEGETABLE SOUP		TOSSED CAESAR SALAD
STRING BEANS ALMONDINE		STUFFED POTATO
PRIME RIBS OF BEEF		
CHOCOLATE MOUSSE		FRENCH PASTRIES
COFFEE		TEA

DINNER PROGRAM

Call to Order and Welcome .....	Chairman Joseph Holland
Pledge of Allegiance ...	Chairman Holland and the Assembly
Pre-meal Prayer .....	Monsignor James Cox
Introduction of Master of Ceremonies .....	Dick Yerg
Dinner .....	Eat, Drink and Socialize

INDUCTION PROGRAM

Roger Brown .....	Dick Yerg
Joe D' Auria .....	Joe Grasso
Bill Drescher .....	Francis X. Gannon
Bill Hogan .....	Norman Baker
Donald 'Pop' Sherwood .....	Jack Pesner
Concluding Remarks and Thanks ....	Chairman Joseph Holland
Closing Prayer .....	Monsignor James Cox

DANCING

Music by ..... Hal Prince Orchestra

IN MEMORY OF...  
ARTHUR D. HOPPER





Football fans from throughout Rockland County remember the name ROGER BROWN, usually with fear and trepidation as they recall the Nyack tank that couldn't be stopped. A 245-pound fullback, he led the Rockland Public School Athletic League in scoring in 1954 and 1955. After a college career at Maryland State College, he was drafted by the Detroit Lions and had a 10-year career in the National Football League with the Lions and the Los Angeles Rams.

A defensive tackle who played at 300 pounds in the pros, he was the NFL "Lineman of the Year" in 1962, was named All-Pro four times and played in the Pro Bowl six times before retiring after the 1969

season. At Detroit, Roger was a member of one of the most famous defensive front fours, known as the Fearsome Foursome, along with Alex Karras, Darris McDord and Sam Williams. In 1967, the Rams gave up their first three draft choices for Brown, who joined a quartet that became even more publicized with the same name, including Merlin Olsen, Deacon Jones and Lamar Lundy.

Brown is now the president of Afri-Kingdom, a firm which he founded, which operates a chain of fast-service fried chicken restaurants in Chicago.



#### THE LATE BILL DRESCHER OF CONGERS

He left behind a reputation as a man of humility and warmth. He was an all-around athlete at Congers High School, played basketball, soccer, volleyball and track in addition to baseball. He won a scholarship to Villanova which he turned down. Bill played with the Congers Liberties, then signed up with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1940; played with the New York Yankees as a catcher for 3 years, 1944-46; and was good enough to play basketball with the New York Knicks in

1940. Bill Drescher died at the age of 46 and left behind a string of records.

JOE D'AURIA is a Sparkiller, born and bred, and still calls the hamlet his home, at age 36 the youngest of the five inductees this year into the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame. Joe was awarded 17 varsity letters at Tappan Zee High School, in track, bowling and golf in addition to football, basketball and baseball. From there he went to Tusculum College in the 1950's, where he played basketball and baseball and made the All-Smokey Mountain Conference team in both sports for three straight years. In recent years he's continued to be one of Rockland County's top amateur golfers. In



Tappan Zee football game against Pearl River, Joe set the county PSAL record for points scored by a guard when he grabbed 45 all for himself. It still stands. In his junior year at Tusculum, he was second in the nation in free throw percentage, making 89.5 per cent of his foul shots. In football, he made the All-Rockland team as a running back in 1953 and as a quarterback in 1954.

He was a third baseman and pitcher in baseball and won the PSAL batting title at .375 as a senior.

Since 1962 Joe has been a junior high history teacher in the North Rockland School District, where he has coached football and basketball. This spring he will begin his second year as high school varsity golf coach.

Orangetown's BILLY HOGAN is Rockland County's claim to fame in the canvas arena, winning more boxing titles than any other local contender.

Listed in the 1930's as one of the top ten boxers in the United States by

"Ring" Magazine, he began his career as a teenager in 1927 at the new Gus Wilson training camp at the corner of Routes 303 and 340 in Orangeburg.

After several local bouts, he entered the New Jersey tournaments and, in 1931-32, he won the National A.A.U.

junior lightweight crown, the Metropolitan lightweight, New York State and Golden Gloves titles. His final amateur achievement was winning the

Inter-City (New York and Chicago) Golden Gloves championship. His amateur career included 84 fights, of which he won all but six.

His first professional fight was July 15, 1932, which he won in a six-round decision. His professional career included 51 bouts, of which he won 32, drew 7 and lost 12.

Retiring at an early age from boxing (ask his wife why!), he turned to food (don't all boxers?) and was soon famous as the proprietor of Billy Hogan's (restaurant, bar, diner, take your pick). He's currently situated on Route 303 in Orangeburg, a block from his former training camp, and looks forward to chatting about old times over a "draw one!"

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DONALD R. (POP) SHERWOOD of Spring Valley is supposed to be the "non-participant" nominee to this year's Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame, since he has been best known for his articulation in covering sports as columnist, sports editor and editor of the former Sherwood Newspapers.

While that's true, for a 30-year period of his

life, he was also an active participant before that. He began his career on the baseball and basketball teams at Spring Valley High School, graduating in 1915. He then became an official at the same games, while also continuing to play in Sunday and semi-pro leagues for several years. Pop first attempted retirement from sports just before World War II, but kept returning, out of habit, desire and need, until his "final" retirement in 1965. No longer an attendee at games, he nevertheless follows sports actively on radio and TV and in the newspapers, paying particular interest to the fortunes of his favorite "Tigers."

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- A. Attain prominence in either professional or amateur sports as a player, coach, manager, official, owner, writer or broadcaster.
- B. Have been a resident of Rockland County at the time of his or her prominence.
- C. Be a person of integrity and good character.
- D. A period of 5 years shall have elapsed since he or she gained prominence.

Nominations for consideration by the Hall of Fame Committee are solicited from the general public. Nominees are reviewed by the screening committee and then voted upon for enshrinement by the entire committee.

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