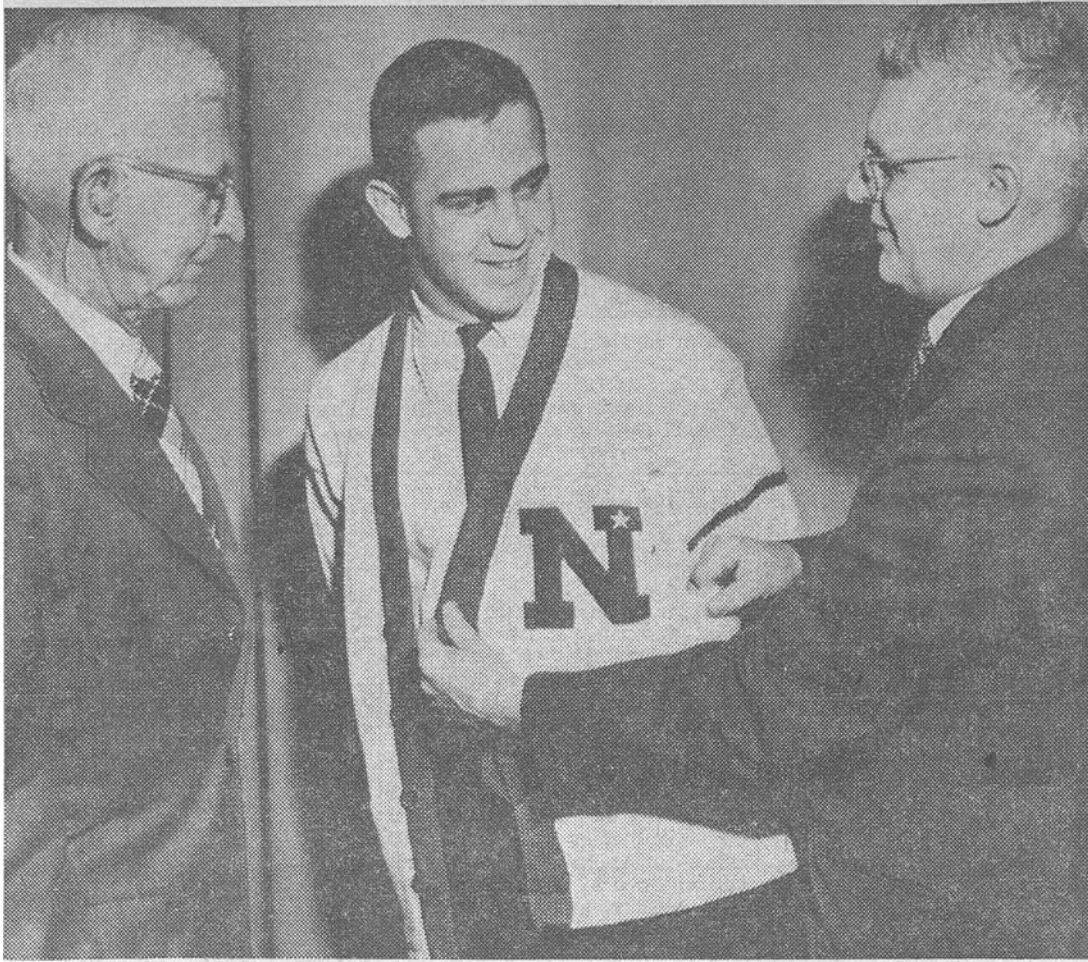


## Quarterback Is Center of Testimonial Huddle



Stewart Percy, quarterback of the undefeated and untied Norristown High School football team, models his 'gold star' sweater during last night's testimonial to the first perfect season in 34 years. At right is Wilmer D. Cressman, *Jr.*, general chairman for the sponsoring Central Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, and looking on at left is Harold I. Zimmerman, former N. H. 6. athletic great and coach of the unbeaten and untied 1922 eleven.

## Tribute and Awards Bestowed On Unbeaten N.H.S. Gridmen

Community Testimonial, Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce, Honors Perfect Season;  
Eastwood and Knerr Cited

Ringling tribute to schoolboys who fashioned long practice hours and football thrills into Norristown High School's first perfect season in 34 years was paid the 1957 varsity in testimonial last night at the school.

More than 400 diners joined in salute to the team which ran up nine consecutive gridiron victories. A dinner program in the cafeteria was followed by awards presentations in the auditorium.

Foremost among last night's "Rooters" were members of the unbeaten and untied Norristown High teams of 1922 and 1923, headed by the coach of that 1922 squad, Harold I. Zimmerman, West Chester.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of sweaters to individual members of the Varsity, and presentation of testimonials to Coach Roy Kent and his aides, Irving Hess, Paul Zdanowicz and Leon Martz.

Capt. Robert Eastwood was singled out as recipient of the Ray Musselman Memorial Football Award, presented for the 11th year by John (Barney) Marberger in memory of his late classmate, Lt. Ray Musselman, Class of '40, who was killed in the European Theatre during World War II.

Eastwood, who broke precedent when he received the Musselman Award as a junior last year, again 'broke precedent last night when he became the first football player to win the award twice.

The trophy is based on football ability, leadership, sportsmanship and, academic, progress.

The N Club Award, based on similar principles, was presented to Phillip Knerr, center on the unbeaten team. The presentation was made by Lawson S. Earl, faculty manager of athletics at Norristown High and advisor to the N Club.

Paul M. Shellenberger, quarterback of the 1922 team and now a borough councilman, presented a citation to the team from official Norristown. The citation was accepted by Eastwood.

Capt. Eastwood, president of the N Club, presented a gold championship football and honorary club membership to Coach Kent and his assistants. The players had received their gold footballs from the school at a recent student assembly.

The testimonials to the coaching staff were presented by the chairman of the awards committee, Robert I. McCracken, vice president and general manager of The Times Herald.

Coach Kent made the presentation of sweaters, introducing each member of the varsity eleven as that player received his award.

Principal speaker of the evening was Bill Leckonby, coach of Lehigh University, winner of the Lambert Cup and Eastern small college championship.

There were brief remarks from Judge William F. Dannehower, speaking for the community, and by Lewis V. Kost, high school principal, speaking for the school.

Introduced from the head table was Dr. George A. McCormick, superintendent of Norristown schools, and Leroy P. Lewis, athletic director.

Invocation was pronounced by the Rev. J. Edmund Lippy, Eastern Field Secretary, Board of National Missions, United Church of Christ. He is a father of a member of the honored football team.

Members of the honored team were:

Robert Eastwood, captain; Roger Adelman, Theodore Avery, Eugene Bishop, Frank Bishop, Joseph Bono, Michael Branca, captain-elect; Richard Daddona, Richard Detwiler, Omerod Duckworth, William Glazier, Charles Holmes, Robert Hopple, Robert Johnston, Phillip Knerr, Blaine Lawson, Robert Lee, Edmund Lippy, Robert McInick, Stewart Percy, Lee Phillips, James Shells, Robert Spence, Willie Suber, Jay Brunner, manager.

Wilmer D. Cressman, Jr., served as general chairman of the testimonial committee. Wilbur G. Steinbright, president of Central Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, delivered the address of welcome and introduced the toastmaster, Red McCarthy, sports editor of **The Times Herald**.

Members of the committee were: D. Rae Boyd, John M. Banzhoff, Melvin L. Carl, Thomas W. Faulkner, Jr.; Charles Hood, Lewis V. Kost, Leroy P. Lewis, John (Barney) Marberger, Robert I. McCracken, Red McCarthy, C. Rodney Morris, Gilbert R. Rendle, John G. Schott, Wilbur G. Steinbright, Louis A. Tose, Maurice A. Ziegler, secretary.