

**The Story of Geneseo Youth Football  
(1958-1967)**

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# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

In the past there has been a good deal of criticism concerning sports below the secondary level. Through research and investigation the attitude is changing based upon proper supervision and certain recommendations. There are many sports in the junior high schools. There are also many sports programs outside of the schools for boys at an earlier age than junior high. Examples of these would be Little League Baseball, Little League Football sometimes called "small fry", "midget league" and Youth Football, Biddy League Basketball, Jr. Olympics, and various swim clubs. Some of these have caused a good deal of commotion. Some have been very worthwhile and successful.

The purpose of this investigation will be to study the functioning of an established youth football program. It is hoped that a study of this type will supply information to determine whether it has been successful and if it is worthwhile.

The present study is being undertaken because there has been no other study in this specific area and there is a felt need for compiled data of Geneseo Youth Football.

After selecting the problem for study the next step was to determine the availability of data. The following procedures were used:

1. Interviews written and oral with original organizers and coaches.

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2. Notes of annual meetings.
  3. Articles from local newspapers.
  4. Games programs.

#### DEFINITION OF TERMS

In this study:

Youth Football---"Football for boys age nine through twelve and fifth through seventh".

Little League Baseball---Baseball for boys nine through twelve".

Small Fry---"Football for boys in elementary grades".

Midget League---"Football for boys in elementary grades".

Biddy Basketball---"Basketball for boys in intermediate grades".

Jr. Olympics---"Track and Field for boys and girls age nine through sixteen".

Board of Directors---"Organization officers and members in charge of Youth Football".

Player Pool---"Boys who wanted to play football who either missed tryouts or were not selected because of numbers, and were ready to fill in when someone left an opening by quitting, moving or getting hurt".

## CHAPTER II

## HISTORY OF GENESEO YOUTH FOOTBALL

The apparent success or failure of an organization is usually discernable after a few years of operation.

Informally and unofficially Genesee Youth Football started over a cup of coffee and the usual social talk that goes with it. (2-6-29-1968) Ted Lawrence, the high school football coach and Gus Lohman, a real estate and insurance dealer, had become friends through sports. Gus Lohman and many others had successfully launched a Little League Baseball program in 1955 for the boys of Genesee age nine through twelve. Ted Lawrence came to Genesee in 1956 when the football fortunes began to decline. This was due not only to lack of victories but also a disinterest shown by the number of boys not going out for football. Ted was successful in encouraging a good number of boys out for football and highly successful in winning. His first year in Genesee the football team tied for first in the conference and lost only one game. Gus Lohman's interest in sports and following of the high school teams brought a friendship between the two.

Basically the ideas of Ted Lawrence and Gus Lohman expressed while drinking coffee at Baker's restaurant in the spring of 1958 led to other formal events leading up to the organization of Genesee Youth Football Inc.

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"One of the main things was the idea that Little League Baseball has worked so well, and presented very few problems. We felt that it was a shame to have a good program that wasn't carried over to a varsity sport in the school. We also felt that it would improve the caliber of football in the high school by getting the kids interested in football before other interests took over". (3-6-29-1968)

"We felt it would give boys in grades five through seven an athletic activity during the fall months". (2-6-29-1968)

"In April, 1958, we called a meeting at Joe Wright's house to explain the problem. We had gotten some basic information from the Pop Warner League on size, weight, and age restrictions. Some of the men attending were: Ted Lawrence, Gus Lohman, Joe Wright, James Wachtel, Gene Keag, Jim Terry, Gale Johnson, Roland Penney and others. We discussed it and decided to go ahead". (3-6-29-1968)

The men named represent some of the influential and active members of the community.

The next step was an organizational meeting at the Junior High School of interested business men, parents, and school people to elect officers and set up committees to check over such things as player restriction, uniforms, insurance, doctor opinions and such. (7-Jan. 1958)

The three biggest problems to start with were capital, land and labor.

The financing of the program started with sponsors and donations from local citizens. Originally there were five sponsors who paid \$200.00 each. (4-6-29-1968)

The original five were:

John Edwards-----Edwards Readymix Co.

Bill Hanford-----Hanford Insurance Co.

Art Sieben-----Sieben Hybrids

Jim Terry-----Genesee Republic

Bob Cherry-----Cherry Sporting Goods (See Appendix B,1958)

The number of sponsors increased to eight in 1959, down to seven in 1960, to six in 1961, and then in 1962 it was decided to cut the sponsors fee from \$200.00 to \$50.00 and let more help share the expense. In 1962 there were seventeen sponsors, in 1963 twenty sponsors, in 1964 nineteen sponsors, 1965 twenty-three sponsors, 1966 eighteen sponsors, and 1967 nineteen sponsors. Except for Sieben Hybrids, the other four original sponsors have contributed the entire ten years of Youth Football in Genesee. There have been a total of thirty-three different people contributing sponsor fees during the ten year period. (11-1958-1967)

As finances are a big problem in most enterprises, other innovations were needed besides the sponsor fees and local donations. Other ways of financing came about by planned house to house solicitations, a stag, a smorgasbord and gate contributions. In the beginning year 1958, \$3000.00 was raised in two weeks from local citizen donations, sponsorships, a stag and other events. In 1965 a smorgasbord took in a profit of \$600.00, so naturally it has become an annual event. (1-6-23-1958).



The expenses for 1967 to operate a four team league amounted to \$3000.00. (1-6-23-1968) It costs approximately \$36.00 to equip a Youth Football player. (See Fig.1, p.7) This includes helmet, shoulder pads, pants, knee, thigh and hip pads and game jersey. They furnish their own shoes (rubber or tennis type), supporter, sock and "t" shirts as well as their practice jersey, sweat shirt and mouth piece. Insurance costs, liability, equipment, etc., run approximately \$200.00 per year. The uniform and equipment issued each player is paid for by the league. The league carries insurance protection for all players and coaches up to \$5,000.00 with a \$10.00 deductible.

Another expense was the rental of the field to practice and play. It cost \$300.00 to rent Bellen Field, the same field used for Little League Baseball. This expense was cut down to practically nothing when the site was changed to the fall of 1967 to the Geneseo Athletic Field, the field vacated by the high school and used sparingly by the junior high. This was furnished to Youth Football Inc. with the only expense being the lights and janitorial fee. (8-Jan. 1967)

Due to problems of storage and loss of equipment which had been up to each team coach, a central storage area was provided in 1967 at a \$15.00 a month rental. (1-6-23-1968)

The officials at first donated their services. Now the officials are paid \$7.50.

The problem of land or a place to play was solved by the use of the already constructed Little League Baseball field.



League officials and backers make every attempt to eliminate the chances for injury to players by providing them with all the safeguards of regulation equipment and coaches who make every effort to give the proper training. Dennis Pearson, 11, practically turned his uniform inside out to demonstrate the protective padding available in the proper football uniform. The tennis shoes are required for League participants as a precaution against ankle injuries.

Figure 1 Equipment

This was used until the fall of 1967 when permission was given by the school board to Youth Football to use the Athletic field. This is a much larger and better conditioned playing field. Another area of land was made available for practice purposes by consent of Archie Sands. This was a lot just north of the Masonic Temple.

The problem of labor was solved by procuring the services of hundreds of dedicated individuals who have conducted Youth Football activities. The administrative offices, coaching personnel and the normal "behind the scenes" personnel are drawn from Genesee citizenry. There are no salaried personnel involved in the program except the game officials, who originally donated their services. All personnel have donated their time and effort.

There were other minor problems. One at first was public reaction. Some felt the boys were not well enough developed and would sustain injuries. Others objected to playing the games on school nights. Others felt the problems of money, land and labor would be too much of an enterprise.

An investigation was made concerning injuries by interviewing Jim Terry, a newspaper editor, Gus Lehman, who took care of the insurance, Joe Wright and Jamie Wachtel, who coached all ten years.

"No serious injuries that I can think of except a boy sustaining a cut on his face when his face bar broke".(4-6-29-1968)

"Major injuries--one broken ankle and a cracked rib. I am certain there are the only two of a major nature". (3-6-29-1968)

"A couple no more". (6-6-29-1968)

"Very few, shoulder dislocation this past fall". (5-6-29-1968)

At the organizational meeting at the Junior High School in April, 1958 a Board of Directors and officers were elected.

The officers were: (11-1958)

Art Sieben----president

Jim Terry-----vice-president

Gene Keag-----Secretary-Treasurer

Board members were:

John Edwards

Bill Hanford

Scott Larimer

Gus Lohman

George Pinks

Each officer was to serve for one year unless re-elected.

Officers were designated as board members also. The officers move up one place each year. The board members serve three years. The Board of Directors were in charge of rules governing the league. The president appointed such committees as felt necessary. These committees were: equipment, schedule and program, officials, grounds, finance, special events, and try-outs and drawings. (7-Jan. 1958)

The board of directors of 1967 were: (see appendix b, 1967)

Donald Grady-----President

Richard Dralle-----Vice President

Larry Shannon-----Secretary

Stan Thies-----Treasurer

John Greenwood

Hugh Skelton

Rev. Alfred Schubkegel

Darrell Walters

Ken Hamilton

John M. Nelson

It was decided to start the league with four teams. Each team was to play each other two times. Coaches were approved by the Board of Directors. The coaches had a great deal to say about the running of the program but decisions were made by the Board of Directors. The teams had sixteen players each the first year. The number has increased annually. At first they allowed a few boys nine years old and a few eighth grade boys to play because of numbers. Then in 1959 more boys turned out so it was changed to boys in grade five through seven.(11-1959) In fact enough boys that they increased the number from sixteen to twenty and had more than the twenty so they had a player pool of players waiting to get on a team if some one would quit, move or get injured. In 1962 the number increased to twenty-two on a team.(11-1962) In 1967 the number increased to thirty(11-1967) and to forty for 1968.

The four teams have annually been the Rams, Colts, Bears, and Lions. In order to stack the teams the first step was try-outs. This consisted of having the boys run, kick the ball, pass the ball and catch the ball. Then the coaches got together had a drawing and selected the players for each team. Once on a team a player remained unless he quit or moved ahead a grade to be too old. Each year the same process occurred, try-outs, selections and player pool for any not selected.

The rules were adopted by the coaches and league officials. The rules were based on the idea that boys of this age were two thirds developed so all the proportions of the game were reduced to a two thirds size. Example, the ball is two thirds the size of regulation, the field is 80 yards long and 44 yards wide or two thirds of the regulation. The rules were taken from Pop Warner football but modified to meet the local situation at Genesee. (2-6-29-1968) At least one difference is the limitation of size. According to Genesee Youth Football there is no height or weight restriction except that if they weigh over 120lbs., they may not play at an end or backfield position. This was decided for a safety factor. This kept the big boy from being lost in the program. (See fig.2, p.12)

At first the only printed rules were those on the program:

Rules and Regulations (11-1958)

All high school rules will apply in Youth Football, Inc., with the following exceptions:

1. Football is two-thirds normal size.
2. The field is 44 yards by 80 yards.
3. The kick-off is from the 35 yardline.
4. The crossbar is 8 feet high, instead of 10.
5. All boys must wear tennis shoes. Changed to approved shoes in 1964.
6. No boys over 120 lbs. may play in the backfield or at end.
7. All boys in the Genesee Unit District 228 are eligible, who will be 9 years old by Nov. 1, and not over 12 years old by Nov. 1. Changed to boys in grade 5, 6, 7, and not 13 before June 1.
8. Each quarter is 8 minutes in length, and half-time period is 10 minutes



Even though the Youth Football League is limited to players 10-12 years old, there's quite a range in size. Allen Plumley, who tips the scales at 150, is the league's biggest player and 53-pound Bob Subo is the smallest. Under league rules, however, no boy over 120 can play in the backfield or end on offense.

*Figure 2 - Big boy is  
not eliminated*

Because of coaches changing and a few incidents involving disagreements, it was necessary to print the rules and regulations in detail form so there would be no questions. (3-6-29-1968) In 1963 the by-laws were adopted. (see appendix C)

After try-outs were held, team members selected, rules agreed upon, practice started in the latter part of August. Games were played on Tuesday and Thursday to begin with. Later this was changed to playing both games on Thursday. The first game started at 6:30 and the second game shortly thereafter. The first game was played between the Colts and Lions September 16, 1958.

The Rams have been the most successful in terms of winning. (6-6-29-1968) Following are the winners each year:

1958----Rams

1959----Rams

1960----Rams

1961----Bears and Colts-tied

1962----Colts-undefeated

1963----Colts and Rams-tied

1964----Rams (See appendix D, Fig 1)

1965----Bears and Colts-tied

1966----Bears-undefeated (See appendix D, Fig 2)

1967----Lions-undefeated

The team coaches have usually been former football players who love the game and donate many hours of time toward training league players. Practice begins the latter part of August and continues every day throughout the season. The coaches work to inspire sportsmanship, physical fitness, fellowship with



other boys, respect of adults, ability to take adversity without complaint, rough and tumble play, remove fears of bodily contact by having needed contact, and early supervised training of basic football fundamentals.(See appendix A)

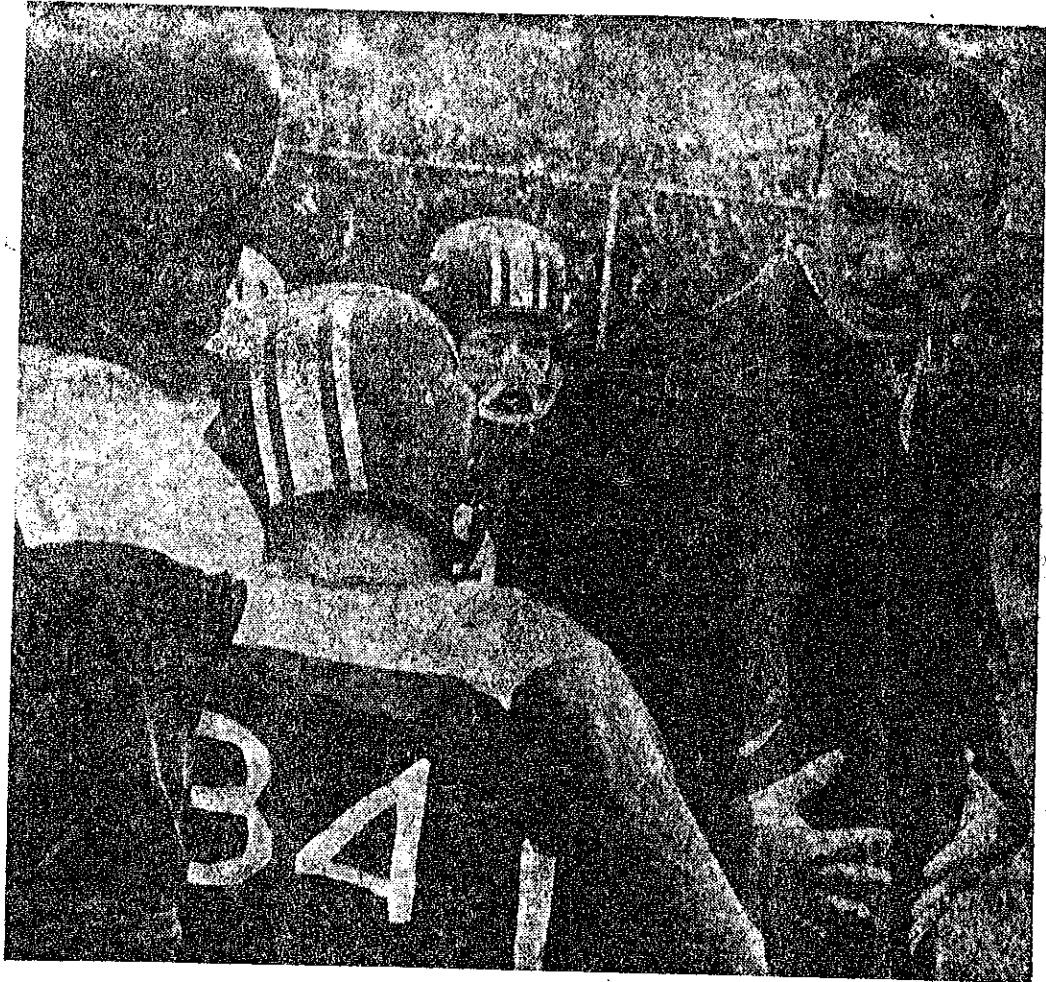
The four teams have had at least three coaches for each squad. The first coaches for the Rams were Joe Wright, James Wachtel and Gene Keag. The first two named have been coaches of the Rams all ten years. The first coaches of the Bears were Gus Lohman, Jim Gernant, Bill Rink and Harold Leamen. Gus Lohman and Jim Gernant have coached the Bears all ten years. Dan Morrissey came on the scene and served most of the ten years as a Bear coach. Gus Lohman was not only a high school football player but played college ball for Bradley University. The first coaches of the Colts were Gene Minnaert, Wayne Anderson and Irwin Borkgren. Many other individuals also have coached the Colts. Three who coached several years were Gale Johnson, an ex high school coach as well as ex college player, (See fig 3, p.15) R.C. Penney and Ivan Quayle. The first coaches of the Lions were Chuch Emerick, Tom Bartlett Leon Granck, and Cick Hunter. This team also had many different coaches. Three others who served several years were Gary Wahlheim, Walt Henry and Chuch Gernant. There have been thirty-six different coaches involved in the ten years. Present coaches are: (11-1967)

Rams---Joe Wright, James Wachtel, Elwood Marshall, Bill Vandemor

Bears---Gus Lohman, Jim Gernant, Dan Morrissey, John Hemmingsen

Colts---K.L.Hofer, Robert Swain, Frank Neff, William Hanford

Lions---Gary Wahlheim, Walt Henry, Grad Windisch, Dave Bernier



Gale Johnson, one of three coaches guiding the Colts, gestures as he conveys a point to his players. The earnestness behind the words of the coaches soon brings respect from their young charges.

Figure 3 - Coach Gale Johnson

As mentioned earlier the coaches are striving for many things. Winning was not mentioned, however, every one of the coaches want to win and instruct the players to win. In interviewing a few of the coaches concerning their thrills and satisfactions, winning was not mentioned.

"I have been connected with Youth Football since its beginning, as an organizer and coach of the Bears. I have found these to be one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, from two standpoints:

1. First and probably most important; that it has given an opportunity to play football and compete in a competitive sport to those boys who will not later develop physically so they can play varsity sports.
2. Second, to have the feeling that you have contributed something when a boy turns out to be an outstanding performer, such as Dante Patterezzi, Ronald Meck, Jerry Kane, Roger and Barry Pearson, Frank Talbot, Steve Johnson, Joe Leaman and Todd Watson, all former Bears. (3-6-29-1968)

"Seeing boys that I have coached play on varsity teams". (5-6-29-1968)

"Working with boys. Seeing the results in high school teams and feeling you have had a part in the success of the total program and the cooperation of coaches and school officials". (6-6-29-1968)

In 1962 there was a milestone in that it was the beginning year of the Youth Football products. It also produced three of the largest class levels to report for football. It was also the fifth anniversary of Youth Football. (See Fig. 4-8, PP. 17-21)

The fall of 1967 was the tenth Anniversary of Genesee Youth Football. There was a special celebration the night of September 14. (See Fig. 9, p. 22) Ted Lawrence, assistant football coach at the University of Iowa, Iowa City was the featured speaker.

# 70 Boys Report for Frosh and 8th Grade Football; Upsurge Seen in Grid Play

Seventy boys have reported for the freshman and 8th grade football teams at Geneseo's junior high school, 34 on the frosh and 36 on the 8th grade level. These classes, along with the present sophomore class, are three of the largest ever to report for football at Geneseo.

Although it may be a little early to assess the benefits, it appears that Youth Football, Inc., may be responsible for the greater numbers reporting for football. At any rate, there seems to be a revival in football interest.

The freshman team has had the unfortunate luck of already having Ron Andrews, a fine backfield prospect, out with a compound leg fracture, and Mike Schallow with a bone separation of the wrist. Rod DeBlicke, Dan Alexander, Joe Green and Dave Johnson are also out for a week with minor injuries.

The freshmen do not have the all-round size of last year's team, but they are very competitive and willing to learn, which the coaches find is 90 percent of the game for the players. Vern Boelkens and Bill Marks are the freshmen coaches.

The freshman schedule follows:  
Sept. 17 — Sterling (Newman) there

Sept. 24 — Kewanee, here

Oct. 1 — Morrison, here

Oct. 8 — North Scott, here

Oct. 15 — Princeton, there

Oct. 25 — Bettendorf, there.

Players on the frosh squad are: Ron Andrews, Dan Alexander, Mike Buysse, Ron Campbell, Rod DeBlicke, Tom DeGroot, Tom Dollieslager, Aaron Egert, Bob Egert, Charles Farrell, Joe Green, Dave Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Marty Johnson, Tim Kemmis, Dick Lewis, Mike McAvoy, Dave Minnaert, Mike Minnaert, Leo Morrissey, Tom Neuleib, Dante Pattarozzi, Jim Powers, Jerry Pruett, Dan Rogers, Mike Schallow, Everett Schmoll, Paul Schmidt, Elmer Schwenger, Steve Sette, Arnie Snook, Dave Stone, Bob Wachtel, and Larry Watson.

The 8th grade football team is being coached by Mel Ong and Bruce Barger.

The schedule includes the following five games:

Sept. 20 — Bradford, there

Sept. 29 — Visitation (Kewanee), here

Oct. 4 — Kewanee (Reds) here

Oct. 11 — Kewanee (Blacks), there

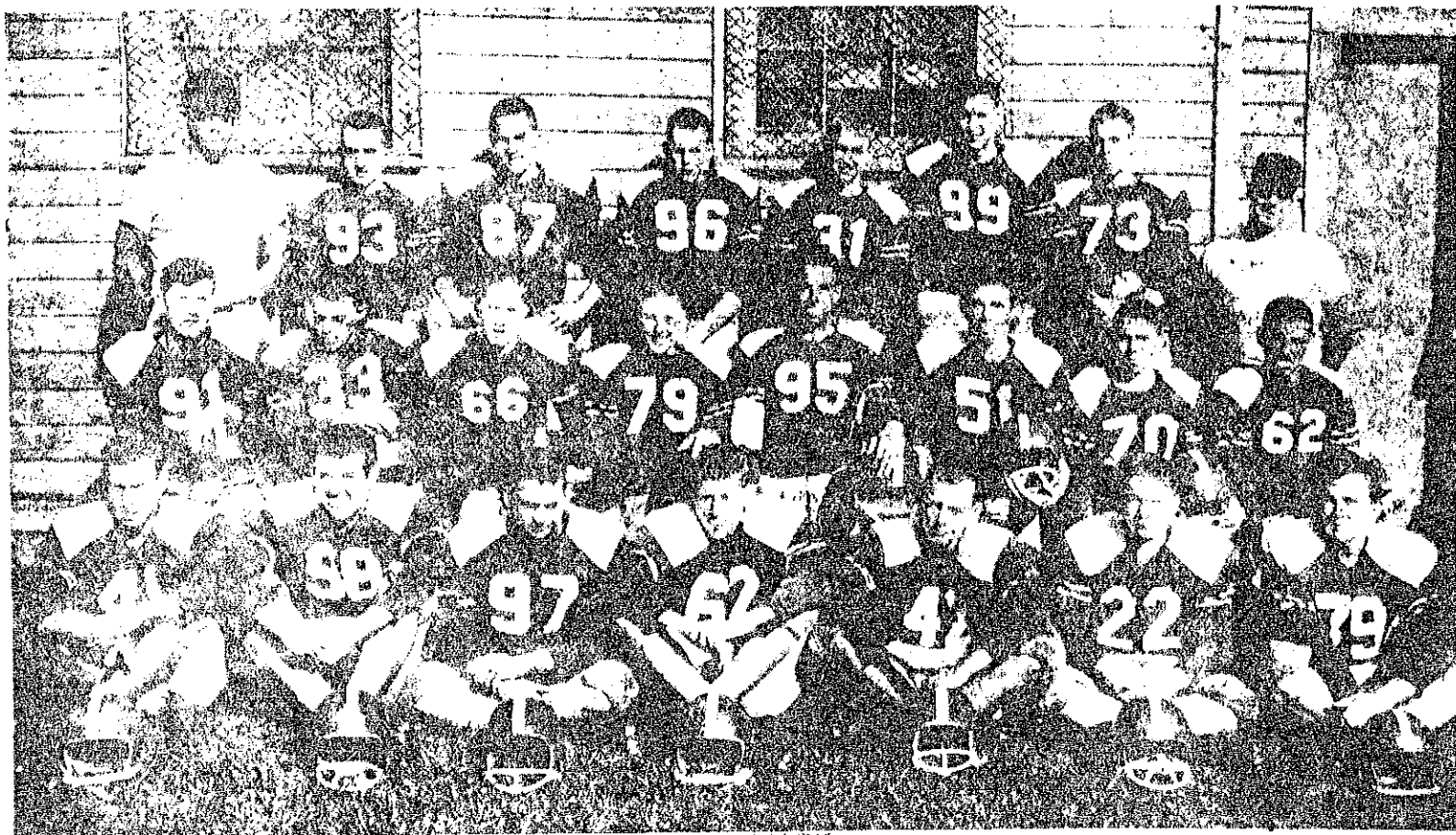
Oct. 18 — Wethersfield, here

Players on the squad are: Randy Barlow, Jeff Bestor, Steve Borkgren, John Brady, Dale Bush, Ken Collins, Reid DeGroot, Dave Dodge, Dan Ebright, John Edwards, Mike Egert, John Farber, Dan Griffin, Earl Hurseman, Sam Hurt, Steve Johnson, Mike Klemmer, Jim Larimer, Jerry Lauer, Dan Lenth, John Loucks, Rick Moburg, John Olson, Bruce

Palmer, Charles Palmgren, Roger Pearson, Bruce Pinks, Bill Pobanz, John Reschke, Larry Skelton, Steve Skelton, Curt Swanson, Paul Wentz, Brad Windisch, Cary Wright, and Dave Ziegler.

Figure 4

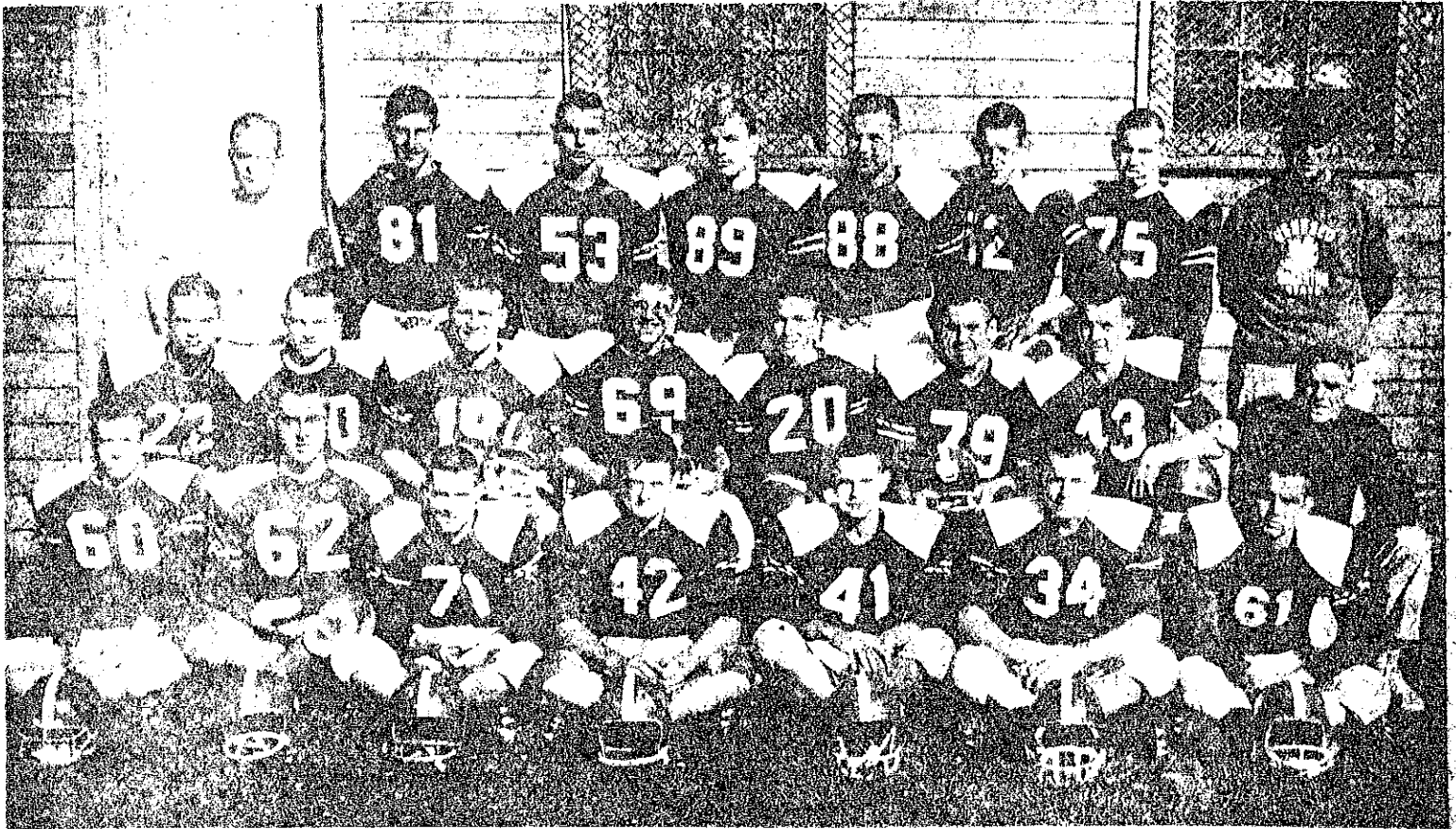
# Geneseo High Sophomore Football Squad



Top row, left to right: Coach Jim Johnson, Don Rice, Sid Koop, Gary Humber, Rudy Holmstrom, Bill Helm, and Maquerkurth, Joe Borkgren, Charles Wiese, Dave Berne, Lonny Firch; bottom row, Mark Smith, Jim Gunter, Bob Greg Shoemaker, and Assistant Coach Elmer Reedy; sec. Seel, Marian Mirocha, Larry Stark, Chuck Norton, and third row, Bob Curnyn, Jack Brown, Marty Sand, Dave Gerald VanDeWoestyne.

Figure 5 - Youth Products Names circled.  
Sept. 6, 1962

# Geneseo High School Varsity Football Squad



Top row, left to right: Coach Robert Reade, Henry Bowman, Steve Hawkins, Allan Shoemaker, Vincent Heller, Bill Rademacher, Crank Talbot and Assistant Coach John McCormick; second row, Jerry Kane, Hank Schmeltzer, Bill Klemm, Dave Dollieslager, Bob Baylor, Jim Chapman

Jim Evans, and Assistant Coach Dick Allison; bottom row, Larry Schuetler, Larry Lewis, Dave VanWinkle, Charles Shoemaker, Robert Frey, Dave Wright, and Larry Hines. Sid Kemmis was absent when the picture was taken.

Figure 6 - Youth Products names circled.  
Sept. 6, 1962

# League Goal Facing First Test

GENESEO — Directors and coaches of Youth Football League, Inc., here are apt to watch with interest the progress of sophomore varsity football players at Geneseo High School this fall — the first to have received experience in the League program.

Started in 1958, the Youth Football League program is designed to teach the basic fundamentals of the game to boys 10-12 years of age residing in the Geneseo Community Unit School District and to allow them the opportunity

of playing under competent supervision and with good equipment.

The League is annually composed of four teams — Colts, Lions, Bears and Rams — with a roster of 18-20 players per team. The season usually gets under way the second Thursday in September and continues for six weeks. Games are played as doubleheaders each Thursday night under the lights at Bollen Field here.

All high school rules apply in Youth Football Inc., with six ex-

ceptions: the football is two-thirds normal size; the field is 80x44 yards; kickoff is from the 35-yard line; the goal post crossbar is eight feet instead of 10 feet high; all boys must wear tennis shoes; and no boy weighing more than 120 pounds can play in the backfield or at end on offense.

With the exception of tennis shoes, used as an aid and precaution against ankle injuries, the players are issued regulation equipment. The uniform and equipment issued each player costs approximately \$29 per player and is borne by the league. Each player furnishes his own shoes and rubber mouthpiece. The league carries insurance on all of the players.

Not enough can be said of the team coaches — usually former football players who love the game and donate many hours of their time toward training League players. Practice begins the latter part of August and continues nightly throughout the season.

Officials for the games are usually young men breaking into the coaching field with an excellent knowledge of rules and regulations. Their time also is donated.

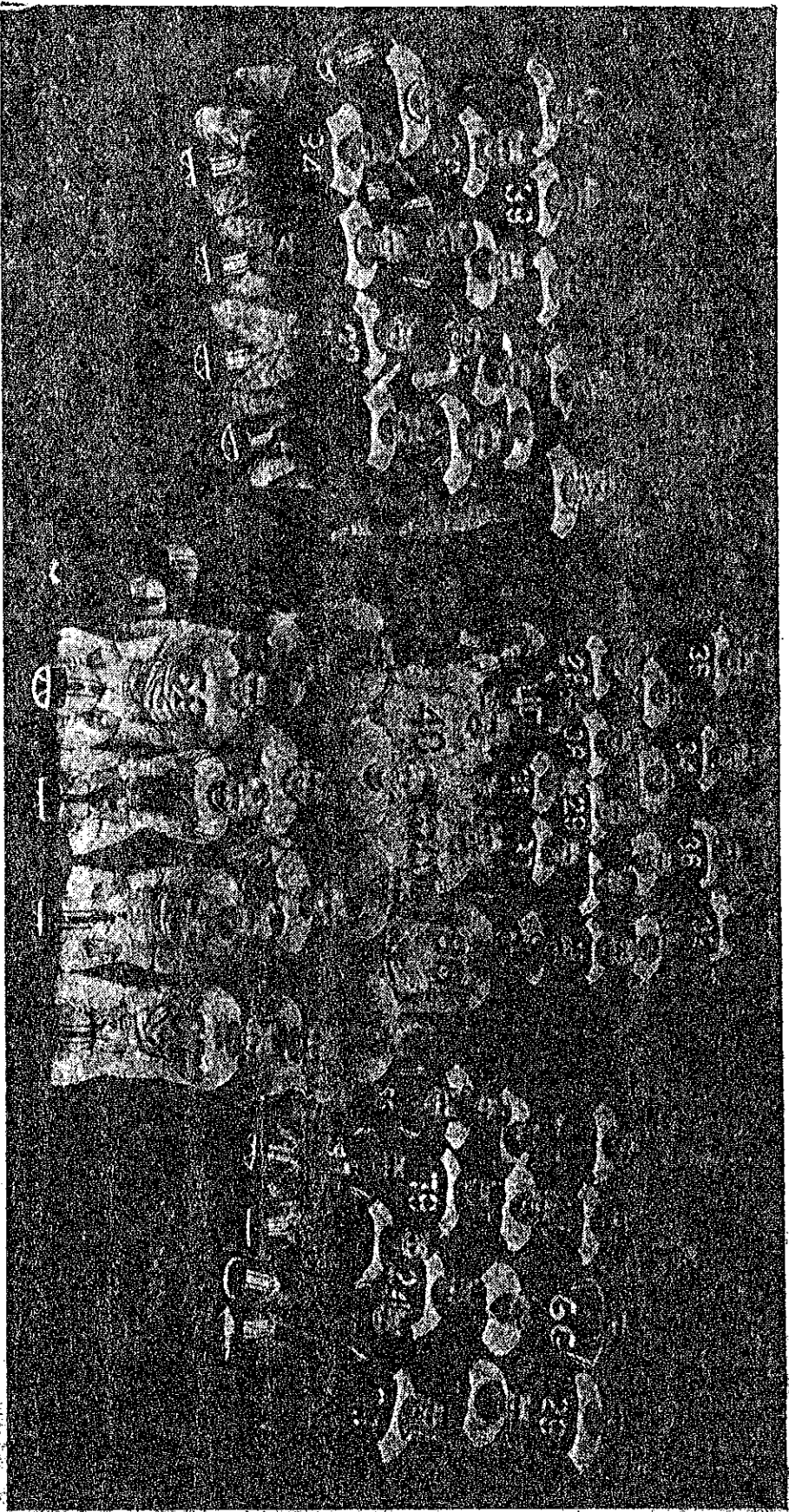
The major portion of the financing required to carry on the program comes from sponsors, not of individual teams, but who pool their \$50 fees toward the entire program. This year's sponsors include Hanford Insurance Agency, Geneseo Republic, Edwards Readymix Co., Swanson's Drug Store, The Red Mill, Sunshine Dairy, Erdman Construction, Hutchinson Farm Management, Pinks Bus Service, Geneseo Kiwanis Club, Geneseo Rotary Club, Pete Ross' Service, Columbian Feed Co., Nelson and Bollen Mill, Neuleib Insurance Agency, Cherry Sports Goods and Crowe Ford Sales.

Any fund deficit is normally made up by sponsoring some fund raising project or a direct solicitation house-to-house or by mail.

Robert Reade, in his first year as head coach at Geneseo High, has said that "Some of this year's sophomores will play on the varsity, but whether they are just an exceptional group or if it steps back to earlier training is something I cannot definitely pinpoint at this time."

However, Reade also said that "Even familiarizing boys with the various positions, names and duties is bound to assist in future coaching."

And just how much an assist Football League, Inc., proves to be is something its promoters may well get to find out, is something its promoters may be curious about, but aren't really sweating — not if this year's sophomores can match the heads up play Football League coaches are gunning for this season.



Some 30 youngsters are gaining a sound foundation in the fundamentals of football through the Genesee Youth Football program.

The four teams, which meet once a week at Bollen Field, are Colts (left), Bears (rear), Rams (Front) and Lions (right)

Figure 8  
Sept. 14, 1962



# 2 Games Thursday Open

## 10th Youth Football Year

GENESEEO -- Geneseo Youth Football, Inc., will celebrate its 10th anniversary with two opening games Thursday night prior to special anniversary festivities Sept. 14.

In the opening games the Bears will meet the Rams in the first game at 6:30 p.m. and the Colts and the Lions will clash in the second game.

Games, which have previously been held at the Bollen Field, will be played in a new location, the old Geneseo High School Athletic Field.

A special program to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the corporation will be held between games Thursday night, Sept. 14. At 6:30 the Colts will tangle with the Bears, and the Rams will meet the Lions in the second game, after the program.

The Rev. Alfred L. Schubkegel, pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, will deliver the invocation. Howard DeBates, former officer of the corporation, will act as master of ceremonies.

Ted Lawrence, assistant football coach at the University of Iowa, Iowa City,

will be the featured speaker. Lawrence is a former football coach of Geneseo High School and Jefferson High School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He will be accompanied by his son, Larry, who played football in the youth football program during its opening season ten years ago.

Robert Reade, high school varsity football coach, will deliver the main address, and the high school pep band will present special music.

Original players, former coaches, officials, and officers will be honored guests.

The Geneseo Youth Football, Inc., was formed in 1958 by local sports enthusiasts. At that time approximately 70 boys played on the four teams. Ten years later, 120 boys, 9 through 12 years of age and in grades five through seven, are participating in the program. In addition to the 30 boys on each of the four teams, 27 boys form a player pool. Members of the pool play on the teams in case of injury or absence of team members.

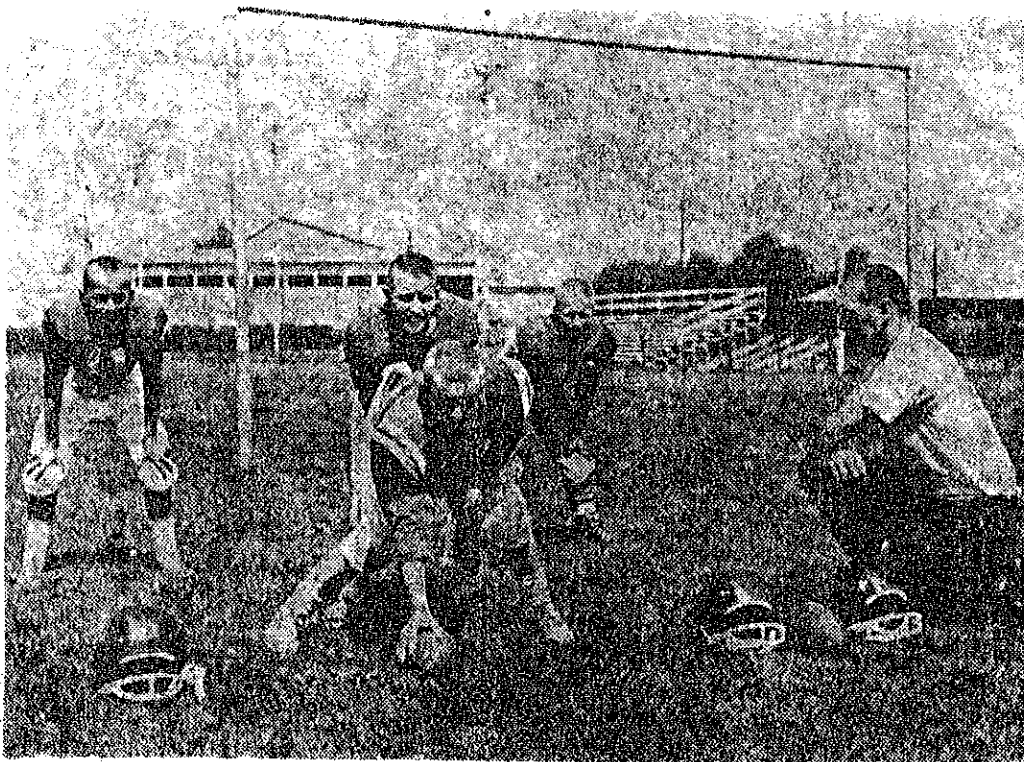
Officials said that the number

of boys in the player pool, and growing interest in the program will lead to an anticipated expansion from four teams to six, with approximately 22 boys on each team. This expansion would eliminate the need for a player pool, and would give a larger number of interested boys a chance to play, they said.

All 12 games of the 1967 season will be played on Thursday nights unless cancelled by bad weather. Two games will be played each night with the first contest at 6:30.

Officers of the corporation are Don Gradert, president; Richard Dralle, vice president; Larry Shannon, secretary; Stan Thies, treasurer; and board of directors members John Greenwood, Hugh Skelton, Rev. Alfred Schubkegel, Darrell Walters, Ken Hamilton, and John M. Nelson.

Sponsors for this year's teams are Hanford Insurance Agency; The Red Mill, Inc.; J. R. Hutchinson Farm Management; Hedman - Anderson & Co.; Ace Hardware; Emil Klingler & Son; Geneseo Republic; Cherry Sporting Goods; Edwards Ready - Mix; Pinks Bus Service; Geneseo Kiwanis Club; Geneseo Rotary Club; Columbian Feed Co.; Neuleib Insurance Agency; Central Company; Ward Drug Store; National Bank; Arnold Cattle Trust & Saving Banks; Farmers and North Side Rexall Drugs.



Members of the Lions team, one of four teams of the Geneseo Youth Football, Inc., receive pointers from coach Gary Waldheim, far right, during practice in preparation for opening night action of the 1967 season Thursday. Bob Ready is set to snap the ball to

Roger Thies, and Dick Schwening and Darin Dralle await the pass from Thies. The Bears will meet the Rams at 6:30 Thursday evening, and the Colts and Lions will tangle in the second game. The games will be played at the old high school athletic field. (Edmunds Photo)

Figure 9  
Sept., 1967

Ted Lawrence departed from the football picture in Geneseo at the conclusion of the 1959 season. During his four years in Geneseo he achieved great success in winning and encouraging boys to go out for football. The 1959 football team was undefeated. Ted went to Jefferson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa to accept the challenge of bringing that school out of the football doldrums. Jefferson had been losing most of their football games for several seasons. He brought about even more success at Jefferson by having many outstanding teams and elevating Jefferson to the number one ranked team in Iowa. From there he went to the University of Iowa where he is now an assistant coach. He left behind him in Geneseo an established Youth Football program.

In the seasons of 1958-1962 the won lost records were:  
(10-1959-1968)

1958---5 wins, 3 losses, 1 tie

1959---8 wins, no losses, 1 tie

1960---1 win, 8 losses

1961---0 wins, 9 losses

1962---4 wins, 5 losses

Total--18 wins, 25 losses, 2 ties.

In the seasons of 1963-1967 the won lost records were:

1963---6 wins, 2 losses, 1 tie

1964---6 wins, 3 losses

1965---8 wins, 1 loss

1966---9 wins, 0 losses

1967---9 wins, 0 losses

Total-38 wins, 6 losses, 1 tie

In the ten years of Youth Football a total of 824 boys took part. (11-1958-1967) Of the 824 there have been 469 different boys. Many boys were in the program three years. of the years 1962-1967 there were the following number of boys out for high school football. (10-1962-1968)

1962---34

1963---51

1964---70

1965---76

1966---84

1967---95

In 1962 and 1963 the high school was a three year school. In 1964-1967 it included four years. In the year 1962-1967 there were 157 boys out for varsity football. Of these 108 took part in Youth Football. There are now 189 boys who played Youth Football below the varsity level. The fall of 1967 found the following Youth Football products:

Varsity squad---19 of 31(See Appendix D-Fig 3)

Sophomores-----14 of 29

Freshmen-----21 of 29

8th Grade-----34 of 50

Total of 88 of 139

There were 105 boys who had the opportunity to play football in the Youth program but did not play football in high school.

In the years 1958 to 1962 eight boys were all-conference. Two were named to the Little All State team. From 1963 through 1967, twenty eight were all conference. Twenty-one of these

Had played youth football. Ten were all-state.(10-1959-1968)  
 Eight of these had played youth football. Two former youth  
 football players were named to the All-American prep grid  
 team. One was Larry Lawrence who followed his father, Ted  
 Lawrence, to Jefferson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa where he was All-  
 State quarterback two years and prep All-American in 1966. The  
 other was Steve Penney prep All-American in 1967.(See Fig. 10, p.26)

Many of the youth products have gone on to college.  
 Some of the most recent being Barry Pearson, athletic scholarship  
 at Northwestern, Steve Penney, athletic scholarship at  
 University of Iowa, (See Fig. 11- p.27) Rennie Meek at Iowa  
 State, Todd Watson at Lamar Tech, Larry Lawrence at University  
 of Iowa, Steve Skelton at Illinois Wesleyan, Roger Pearson  
 at Dartmouth, Steve Johnson and Danny Rogers at Illinois State  
 University.

Following are some interview statements by Ted Lawrence,  
 Jim Terry and James Wachtel in regards to the program.

"The program was very successful because of the  
 type of community. Little League Baseball was  
 well established and the idea of youngsters having  
 supervised sports was encouraged". (2-6-29-1968)

"I believe the boys we start with mature because in  
 the first year they are still almost babies and they  
 sure learn to take knocks and hurts in a hurry. It  
 build character and helps for better teams in high  
 school". (5-6-29-1968)

"It has been a benefit to the community with very  
 few problems". (4-6-29-1968)

Youth Football in Genesee is continuing to grow. At the  
 January meeting of the Board of Directors two plans of ex-  
 pansion were discussed. Plan "B" was adopted. (See Appendix H)

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# Steve Penney is Named to All American Grid Team

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Steve Penney, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Penney of Geneseo, and a halfback on Geneseo's 1967 football team, has been selected as one of the 100 best high school football players in the nation by Coach and Athlete Magazine.

Penney played on the undefeated and untied Leaf eleven which has a string of 22 straight victories extending over more than two seasons. The information for selection of the 100 best players is taken from sports writers, college scouts and high school coaches. Forty-five states were represented on the roster of 100 best players. Four were selected from Illinois.

Penney is a 205-pounder who was selected by most major newspapers for all state honors in 1966 and 1967. In 1967 he had a total offense of 1332 yards. He carried the ball 103 times from scrimmage for 1188 yards for an average of 11.5 per carry.

This is the first time that a Geneseo player has made the coveted all American selection.



Steve Penney

Figure 10



## Penney Signs Iowa Letter

Ray Nagle, head coach at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, congratulates Steve Penney for signing a letter of intent to attend the University of Iowa on a football scholarship. The occasion was when Coach Nagle and his wife drove to Geneseo April 11 when they had Steve and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Penney of Geneseo as guests at a dinner at The Cellar.

"Penney is one of our top prospects," Coach Nagle said, "because of his size, speed and scholastic record. We hope

to use him at fullback," Nagle said that Iowa has letters of intent from 29 of the 31 boys that they have contacted. Penney is a strong runner at 205 pounds and 6'2" tall, and deceptive moves once he gets into the backfield of the opposition.

Penney has been the running mate of Barry Pearson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Pearson, who has signed letters of intent with Northwestern and Kansas. Pearson was also widely sought by colleges from many parts of the country.

Figure 11

Other decisions at the January meeting were as follows:

(9-Jan. 1968)

A. EQUIPMENT:

1. Purchase of new equipment to meet the needs of expansion were approved. Estimate \$700.00
2. Repair services needed to maintain serviceable equipment was approved. Estimate \$125.00
3. The perpetual inventory of all equipment has been completed. The evaluation of this equipment is \$7,321.00 and the amount of insurance based upon depreciation has been set at \$4500.00 for the coming year.
4. We are still in need of folding chairs that are serviceable, a weight in scale, filing cabinet, one more serviceable table. If any of you can supply a source for these items please contact any Officers of the organization.

B. League Offices:

1. Offices and equipment rooms for Genesee Youth Football, Little League Baseball and Youth Basketball are in operation above the Genesee Bakery.
2. The meeting rooms are large and very serviceable for any organizational meetings of these organizations.
3. Keys may be procured for meetings by calling Dick Dralle, Connie Spanton or Dave Rash. Keys to other Officers will be passed out soon.

C. General Business

1. The High School Industrial Arts classes will build two new bleacher sections for next year for baseball and football. We hope to have these in time for football.
2. New Amendments to our Constitution and by-laws, approved during our winter meeting are being prepared and will be added approved as read. Copies will be sent to the coaches of each team.
3. Starting date for the coming season will be Thursday September 12th.
4. First practice date will be Monday, August 26th.

5. Try outs will be Monday, August 19th for 5th graders and Tuesday, August 20th for surplus 5th and new 6th and 7th graders. Time-4:30 at the Athletic Field.
6. Player pool draft will be Wednesday, August 21st at 7:00 P.M. in the Youth Football meeting rooms. If necessary, the following evening may be used to complete the draft. Remember! Each team this year will have approximately 40 boys.
7. Weigh In and Equipment Distributions:
  1. Thursday, August 22nd at the Youth Football rooms. Time-4:30 P.M. This date for returning veterans of the four teams of Youth Football.
  2. Friday, August 23rd, same place & time for all New Youth Football boys.
  3. A personnel record will be kept of each boy and the equipment issued to him. Changes in equipment may be acquired through the Equipment Manager whenever necessary during the season.
  4. Coaches may change equipment among their team personnel to adjust to the needs of the Varsity & Jr. Varsity squads.
  5. Upon completion of equipment distribution, each team will be given a copy of the team equipment inventory issued. Other equipment will remain in inventory in the equipment room for stock replacement.
  6. All equipment issued will be returned at the end of the season. Each year the unserviceable equipment will be discarded and new equipment ordered. This method of stock replacement will insure better equipment for all teams at all times.

#### D. Officials:

1. The new schedules for Youth Football have been completed. Mr. James Johnson has been placed in charge of this committee and will be in charge of procuring all registered & certified officials for Youth Football games. Officials will each be paid \$7.50 per evening services.
2. Local area officials will be used exclusively.

#### E. Coaches:

1. A special meeting with all coaches shall be held soon, meeting with the Coaches Committee and Mr. Johnson to discuss mutual problems and areas of concern.



2. Head coaches must turn in list of new coaches, resignations, etc. before Monday, August 26th.
3. Any additions, alterations or changes in team personnel must be reported by September 3rd, in order for programs to be printed correctly for the opening game.

F. Special Events:

1. Work date—Monday, April 22 at 7:00 P.M. at Youth Football offices for all officers and board members of Youth Football. "Lets finish the job."
2. "Parents Night" set for Thursday, Sept. 26th between games.
3. Youth Football Smergasboard set for Thursday, Oct. 31, at the Genesee Moose Lodge. Tickets will sell for \$1.50 adults, .75 for children.

G. Committees:

Finance: Dralle, Shannon, Hamilton

Equipment: Shannon, Dralle, Walters

Grounds: Walters, Thies, Wirth, Coonfield, Nelson

Weigh Ins: Gradert, Wirth, Thies

Equipment Distribution: Hamilton, Abbot, Dralle, Coonfield, Nelson, Schubkegel, Walters

Try-Outs: Gradert, Thies, Wirth, Coonfield, Nelson

Publicity: Hamilton, Dralle

Special Events: Dralle, Hamilton

Schedules, Programs, etc.: Shannon, Thies

Coaches & Officials: Walters, Thies, Abbot, Johnson

Officials Procurement: Johnson, Shannon

Other cities around Genesee are being influenced by its Youth Football program. Cambridge, Rock Falls, and Sterling are now starting Youth Football Programs.

## CHAPTER III

## SUMMARY, CONCLUSION, RECOMMENDATIONS

Through the study conducted it was found the program was started informally as a result of Little League Baseball success and for the purpose of a supervised sport which would carry over into high school. As a result of efficient leadership it developed into a highly organized program with a league of four teams which is continuing to expand and may have more teams in the future.

The major problems of money, land and labor were dealt with and as a result of community cooperation have for the most part been solved.

The coaches have worked with many boys and have started them on their way in many aspects such as fundamentals, sportsmanship, rough and tumble play, citizenship, and the desire to win.

One way to measure success is through winning. It is not the only way. It is also to be noted that many things bring about winning such as material, coaching, hard work and luck or the breaks of the game which the good teams seem to make the most of.

In the study it indicated an influence upon the winning seasons of 1963-1967, thirty-eight wins, six losses, one tie, of the 108 Youth Football products from the 167 varsity boys as opposed to the 1958-1962 record of 18 wins, 25 losses, 2 ties and no Youth Football products. During the period 1963-1967 twenty eight boys were good enough for all-conference and some attained all-state and even all-american. This indicates good material.

Maybe Youth Football helped the material, maybe the material would have succeeded anyway we cannot tell. During the period of 1962-1967 Bob Reade came to Geneseo as coach. Bob might be considered the "Vince Lombardi of high school football", in regards to organization, work and a winning record. His Geneseo teams have won 42 lost 11 and tied one, in addition to just completing two seasons undefeated. Good coaching is evident. The hard work by all is indicated by the winning success.

The study shows that Ted Lawrence and Gus Lohman were responsible for starting an organization that has made an impact on Geneseo. Many more boys are interested and take part in football in Geneseo than at any other time in the history of Geneseo. Many people in the community have sacrificed, donated, cooperated and worked hard for the Geneseo Youth Football Program.

In the opinion of the writer it might be stated the Youth Football Program in Geneseo has been a good one because it has presented an opportunity for many boys to play football, it has shown good results in high school, it has been well organized and supervised, and kept under control.

In conclusion, the Geneseo Youth Football Program could be used as a model by cities wanting to start a similar program.

APPENDIX C

BY LAWS

## GENESEO YOUTH FOOTBALL, Inc.

### By-Laws

#### Purpose

The object of Geneseo Youth Football is to inspire boys to practice the ideals of sportsmanship and physical fitness, to teach them good habits of fellowship with other boys, to respect adults, and to develop the ability to take adversity without complaint.

#### Officers, Board and Annual Meeting

1. Officers shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. They shall be elected at the annual meeting which shall be held during the month of January. Each officer shall serve for one year unless re-elected.

2. Officers shall be members of the board of directors. In addition, two board members shall be elected each year to serve for terms of three years. The retiring president shall be a member of the board for one year.

3. Before each annual meeting, a nominating committee of three men shall be appointed by the president to nominate the four officers and two board members. A notice shall be mailed to all those interested at least seven days in advance of the annual meeting.

4. It is recommended that officers move up one place each year, so that the president may have the benefit of considerable experience when he holds office. Other nominations may be made if desired.

5. An annual report shall be made at the annual meeting by the president, and the treasurer shall make his annual financial report.

6. Additional meetings of the officers and board of directors may be held from time to time as the need may arise.

#### Committees

1. The president shall appoint committees necessary for the efficient functioning of the Youth Football program. These should include Equipment, Schedule and Program, Officials, Grounds, Finance, Special Events, Tryouts and Drawing, and any other deemed necessary.

2. The Weather committee shall consist of the four officers. Any one of the officers shall have the power to decide if games shall be played in the absence of the other officers.

## Organization of Teams

1. The Youth Football program shall consist of any number of teams the board finds is feasible because of numbers of players and the ability of sponsors to provide excellent equipment.
2. Each team shall consist of not more than 30 players.
3. All boys in the Genesee Unit District 228 shall be eligible who are in grades 5, 6, and 7, except any boy who is 13 years old on June 1 shall be ineligible.

## Registration

1. Each coach shall submit to the secretary a roster of his players and their birth dates before tryouts, and also list all players lost from the preceding year. This will show what players he will begin the season with and how many he must replace.
2. All boys who wish to try out, or become a member of one of the teams, must register before try-outs. Adequate notice of registration and try-outs shall be given.
3. The league secretary shall be custodian of registration cards.

## Try-Outs and Drawing

1. Try-outs shall be held not later than August 12, on dates selected by league officials. No player shall be allowed to try-out who is not registered. Two try-out dates will be held two weeks apart.
2. Try-outs and drawing shall be presided over by league officials.
3. Any player who is away at the time of try-outs will be treated as a special case. His weight, age, name, parents and a athletic experience must be submitted for the inspection of all coaches. He will then be drawn in the regular manner or placed in the player pool. If this is not done and his name is submitted too late for the drawing, he will be placed in the player pool.
4. Players for the various teams shall be chosen at a drawing by the method suitable to league officials and coaches. League officials shall have the final decision in this matter.
5. Any coach having a son eligible for selection shall automatically receive his son as a second round pick. If he does not select his son on the second, then the son becomes eligible for picking by any other team. If more than one coach has a son eligible, the pick shall be second round, third round, etc.

6. The drawing shall be at a time set by league officials, but it shall not be later than August 20.

7. It shall be the duty of the committee in charge of player selection to balance teams as to age, to the best of their ability so that no team is loaded with an unfair preponderance of 12 year olds.

8. Coaches may trade players, but all trades must be completed with the knowledge and approval of the League officers.

9. Each team must fill its roster at the drawing, if enough boys are available.

#### Player Pool

1. All players who are not selected for a team at the drawing shall be placed in the Player Pool. No boy who has not registered shall be placed in the player pool.

2. No team may add any player except through the league officials by selection, in turn, from the player pool. All teams must maintain a full roster.

3. Any boy lost to the squad shall be reported and replaced within 48 hours.

4. No new boys may be added to the player pool after the date of the first game.

5. Any player who quits or is dropped from a team, shall not be allowed to enter the player pool for the remainder of that season. No boy shall be dropped without board approval. In subsequent years he shall not be eligible for any team other than the original team on which he was chosen. Any variation from this rule must be passed on by the board of directors.

#### Weighing-in and Practices

1. A weighing-in shall be held at least 7 days before the first league game. This shall be conducted by at least three authorized league officials, either officers or members of the board.

2. No boy or team shall be excused from the weighing-in other than for sickness, and in such cases a doctor's verification must be submitted, then weighing-in must be done by three league officials at the time and place they select.

3. All team coaches must be notified at least five days in advance of the weighing-in date.

4. Boys in the player pool shall weigh in at the same time as team players. The same scales shall be used for all weighings.

5. All boys must be weighed in stocking feet, shirt and trousers.

6. New boys to the community who register and enter the player pool before the first game must be weighed by league officials.

7. No boy weighing more than 120 pounds shall play in the backfield or at end on offense, who exceeds the weight limit at the weighing-in date. There shall be no further checking of weights required during the season. Boy weighing 120 may kick extra point, but may not run with ball.

8. Practice shall not begin sooner than 20 days before the first scheduled game.

9. The date of the first league game shall be decided by the board, but it should be as early in September as possible, preferably not later than September 12.

10. After teams are selected, each coach shall submit a list of his players to the league secretary, along with their ages, weights, and their parent's names.

#### Coaches

1. No team shall have more than four coaches. All coaches must be active; that is, working at the job of coaching. No honorary coaching positions shall be allowed.

2. Coaches must indicate their bonafide intentions of coaching a team, or continuing to coach, by June 1, each year, so that a full and adequate coaching staff may be obtained well in advance of each football season.

3. All coaches must agree to abide by board decisions in all cases, and continue to handle their squads and coach their players in the best interest of the boys involved for the full season.

4. Coaches who plan to resign, at the end of each season, should notify the league president by letter.

5. Coaches shall refrain from the following practices:

A. Bawling out players in a loud, boisterous manner at games. This is injurious to the boys, lowers the stature of the coach, and offends parents and fans.

B. Baiting officials and disputing their decisions.

C. Walkie-talkie coaching moving up and down side-lines. It indicates lack of confidence in players, tends to break down game and field discipline, and causes needless quarrels between coaches.

D. Using profane language at any time in the presence of the boys.



- E. Practicing later than 6 P.M.
- F. Permitting excessive "sweating down" for a boy to make weight.
- G. Using any tactics during games or practices which would set a bad example for boys.

### Playing Rules

- 1. All high school rules shall apply with the exception of points covered herein.
- 2. Football is two-third normal high school size.
- 3. The field is 44 yards by 80 yards.
- 4. The kick-off is from the 30-yard line.
- 5. The crossbar is 8 feet high.
- 6. All boys must wear tennis shoes or approved rubber-cleated shoes with soft uppers.
- 7. Each quarter is 8 minutes in length, and halftime period is 5 minutes and 5 minutes between games.
- 8. All boys are required to wear approved mouthpieces for all practice and games.

### General Rules

- 1. The board shall arrange for adequate insurance.
- 2. No boy shall be allowed to practice with any squad or play with any team unless he has been addepted as a registered Youth Football player. This is for insurance protection.
- 3. No awards shall be given to any player for his participation in Youth Football.
- 4. Genesee Youth Football, Inc., teams shall not engage in post season games or inter-city games of any kind.
- 5. No Youth Football banquets or honors shall be allowed.
- 6. Youth Football, Inc., shall not sponsor trips by any teams or players.
- 7. No All-Star teams shall be selected or allowed to play.
- 8. Individual coaches may have team-parent dinners, potluck, or panquets at their own expense. Other post-season activities are discouragen, since some coaches may not fall financially able to provide for the boys. It is not for the glorification of officials, sponsors, or coaches.

9. The best officials possible shall be obtained, and when paying them is necessary, it shall be done, if finances permit.

10. Everyone connected with Youth Football, Inc., is urged to remember that the program is for the fun and value that it provides for the boys. It is not for glorification of officials, sponsors, or coaches.

11. At the end of each season, coaches shall notify players to clean or launder jerseys and pants and turn them in to the coach. An equipment check-up should be made at this time, and next year's equipment recommendations reported to league officials.

12. The board of directors may suspend any rule or regulations covered by these by-laws, if it feels that there is just cause and circumstances appear to make it necessary for the fair and proper functioning of the league.

13. Games will start at 6:30 P.M. with second game to follow.

APPENDIX E

ENROLLENT CARD

GENESEO YOUTH FOOTBALL  
Enrollment Card

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPATION LAST YEAR? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE IN SCHOOL NEXT FALL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENTS INDICATING APPROVAL OF SON'S PARTICIPATION IN  
GENESEO YOUTH FOOTBALL.

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APPENDIX H

EXPANSION PLANS

## PROPOSALS FOR EXPANSION: 1968

Plan A: 6 Teams

1. 6 teams with approximately 22 boys on each team.
  2. Four present teams allowed to freeze 11 players.
  3. Two new teams allowed to choose from others to make up beginning nucleus of team.
  4. Draft of remainder and tryouts in favor of new teams.
  5. Play 3 games on Thursday evening beginning at 6:00 P.M.
  6. Reduce quarters to 7 minutes.
  7. Reduce time between games, have teams warming up in advance.
  8. Increase fee of officials to cover extra game.
  9. Area for practice fields for two teams available at High School, West Field (Girls P.E.)
10. Advantages:
- (1) Same scheduling situation in past except for playing one extra game on Thursdays.
  - (2) Everyone maintains varsity status, coaches same distinction.
  - (3) Better attention to fewer boys.
11. Disadvantages:
- (1) Boys now part of an organization changed to new teams because of player draft to provide rosters for two new teams.
  - (2) Cost of equipping two new teams more than filling out equipment on old teams.
  - (3) New teams will have initial disadvantage in inexperienced personnel.

Plan B: 4 Teams with Junior Varsity Teams

1. Approximate use of 40 boys on each team, one varsity and one Jr. Varsity near equally divided.
2. Division of coaches for both teams.
3. Maintain present Thursday night schedule for Varsity.
4. Play Jr. Varsity schedule on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, after school at athletic field at 4:40 P.M.
5. Coaches and other league help to officiate Jr. Varsity games.
6. Jr. Varsity comprised on those not of varsity caliber, regardless of age, grade, weight or size except limitation of extremely large boys.
7. Boys may be moved from Jr. Varsity to Varsity and vice-versa except that they cannot play in two games per week.
8. Varsity, Jr. Varsity teams should be chosen in general by first week, cut downs and changes by end of second week of practice prior to first game.

9. Advantages:

- (1) Maintenance of present schedule of four teams and two games on Thursday evenings.
- (2) Division of personnel should provide for more attention of coaches to individuals in program.
- (3) Jr. Varsity schedule provides competition for more boys.
- (4) Non loss of personnel within teams to new teams, still four teams by name and numbers.
- (5) Equipment purchases simplified.

10. Disadvantages:

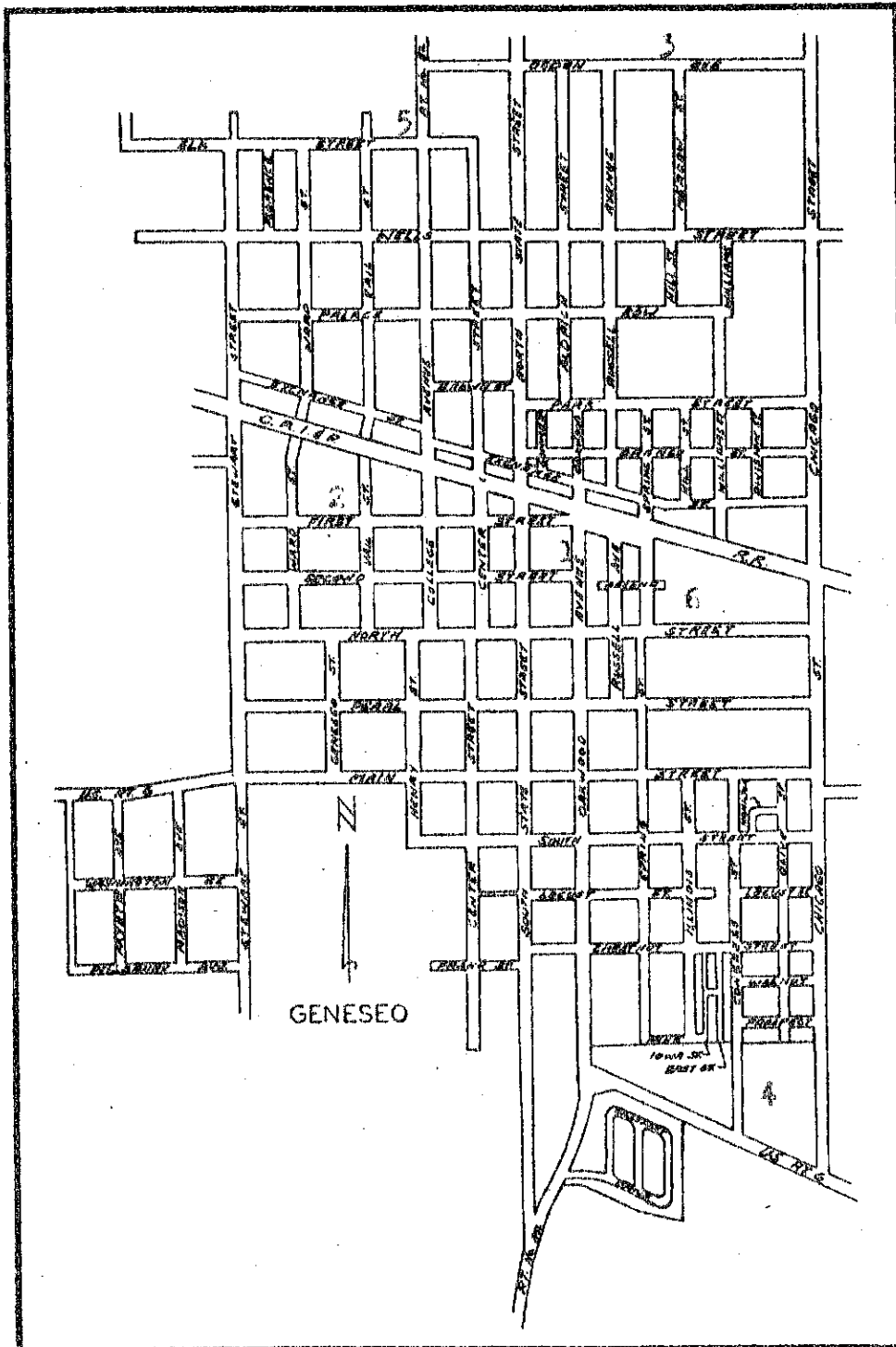
- (1) Loss of varsity status as playe@s on a team.
- (2) Difficulty of coaching assignments.
- (3) Procurement of extra officials for Jr. Varsity schedules.
- (4) Eventual expansion to six teams perhaps inevitable should we prepare for it now?

APPENDIX I

MAPS



# City Map Geneseo, Illinois



- 1958
1. Baker's where Ted Lawrence and Gus Lohman had coffee
  2. Joe Wright's house.
  3. Jr. High School where organizational meeting was held 1968-1966
  4. Bollen Field practice and game field.
  5. Archie Sand's lot available for practice.
  6. Athletic Field-New Game site as of fall of 1967.

Compliments

## Geneseo Telephone Company

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4. Jim Terry, Geneseo newspaper editor, original Board of Directors and financial sponsor every year. June 29, 1968.
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6. Joe Wright, Coached all ten years, helped organize program. June 29, 1968.

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Problem: The selection of the problem first started with the area of sports.

Subject: The next step was narrowing it to the particular sport of football.

Purpose: The purpose of this study is to determine if the Geneseo Youth Football program is worthwhile and if it has been successful.

TITLE: The Story of Geneseo Youth Football (1958-1967)

DOCUMENTATION:

Primary:

Interviews

1. Dick Dralle

2. Ted Lawrence

3. Gus Lohman

4. Joe Wright

5. Jim Terry

6. Jamie Washtel

Newspapers

7. Geneseo Republic

8. Moline Dispatch

Annuals 1959-1968 and 10. Game Programs '58-'67

Secondary:

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Present President of Youth Football
- 2. Originator of the program.
- 3. Originator
- 4. Coach of one of teams all 10 years
- 5. Sponsor
- 6. Coach
- 7. write-up and pictures
- 8. write-up and pictures
- 9. Names of players awards of player records of teams
- 10. original programs

CRITIQUE OF DOCUMENTS:

Interviews were with people responsible for starting and continuing Geneseo Youth Football, Newspapers, programs and annuals contained first hand information of beginning, continuation, and results.

TEXT HIGHLIGHTS:

It was found there was a degree of success of the program as a result of leadership, organization and community cooperation

Remarks: