

# The Curtis Field Times

Curtis Field The Home Of The Petoskey Northmen

## MORGAN CURTIS GIVES ATHLETIC FIELD TO SCHOOL

Petoskey Evening News  
September 16, 1925

High school athletic activities were given a pleasing boost at the Wednesday meeting of the Rotary Club at the Perry Hotel, where announcement was made of a gift to the school of the site for a new athletic field, the donor being Morgan Curtis of this city. The new site, which is located south of the city on the west side M-13 and near the Block Factory, contains ample room for a gridiron and track.

Mr. Curtis gave the land outright to the school board, together with an assignment of a lease secured from the Pennsylvania railroad for a strip adjoining the Curtis land.

COMMITTEE NAMED IN 1924

A committee was appointed in 1924, by George W. McCade, who was president of the Rotary Club at the time, consisting of Robert Tripp, Arthur Trelour and Norman Wells and their activities together with the interest and generosity of Morgan Curtis resulted in the new ground, which will be the basis for one of the best high school fields in Northern Michigan.

It will undoubtedly be known as the Morgan Curtis Athletic Field, the club having passed a resolution requesting the school board to so designate the property. President Homer Sly of the school board, on behalf of the full school board present, accepted the gift and thanked Mr. Curtis for his demonstrated generous public spirit. The new field assures Petoskey High School athletes of a level and smooth turf for a gridiron with an outdoor oval for track meets and fills a long felt want in the student body.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The committee's report as made at the Rotary meeting Wednesday, follows: About one year ago, President George McCabe appointed the undersigned committee to secure a suitable athletic field for Petoskey. While a considerable time has elapsed since the committee was appointed, we now report, with a great deal of satisfaction,

that an athletic field in Petoskey is a reality.

Your committee spent considerable time in investigating different propositions, but its work was made very easy by the generous public spirit of one of our Rotarians - Morgan Curtis - who has presented us with a deed, free of all charges, to a fine piece of land containing several acres, on the Clarion Road, just south of Bear River.

Not satisfied with giving this parcel of land, Morgan secured a lease on another small strip of land, from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, so that the athletic field might be plenty large enough for all future purposes. This deed and lease are in the name of the Public Schools of Petoskey.

Your committee recommend that they be turned over to the Board of Education of the Public Schools. We further recommend that this field be named "The Morgan Curtis Athletic Field". As our work is done, we ask that our committee be now discharged, Signed:

Bob Tripp, Norm Wells, Art Trelour

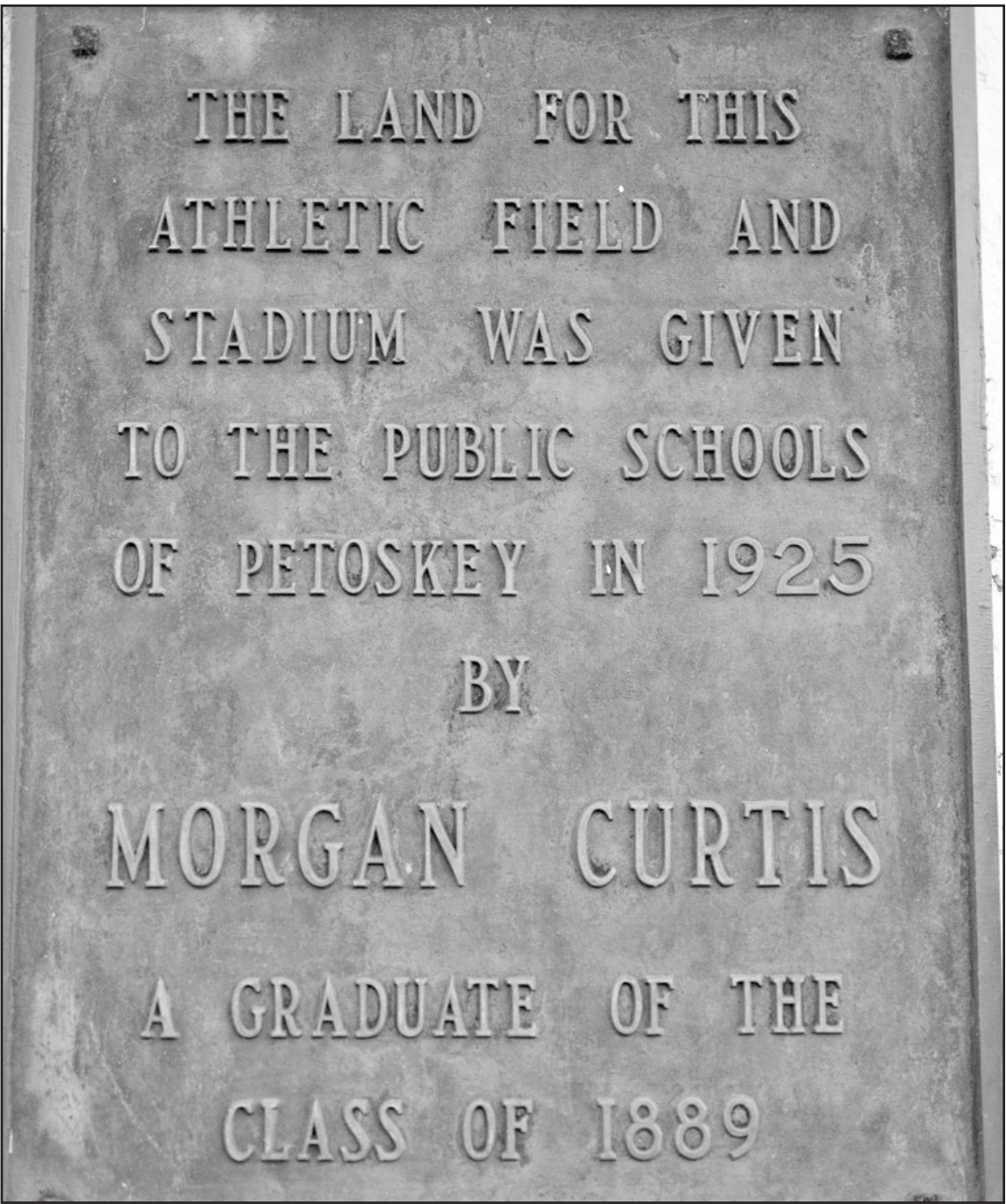
NAME SUGGESTED

The resolution accepting the land and suggesting the name follows:

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Whereas, the Committee on Athletic Field has made its final report - therefore be it resolved: That the report be accepted and its recommendations be approved and that the deed and lease on the proposed field be turned over to the Petoskey Board of Education, with the request that the field be named, "The Morgan Curtis Athletic Field"

Be it further resolved that the Rotary Club tender a vote of thanks to this committee and to Rotarian Morgan Curtis, for this generous gift, which will mean so much to the young people of this community for years to come.



Lucky 13 Photo - Shawn Clanin

Dedication plate outside Curtis Field.



Old Emmet County Courthouse. The clock was given to the county by Morgan Curtis and his wife. Clock is now located on the clock tower at the water front.

## MORGAN CURTIS BUSINESSMAN AND COMMUNITY LEADER

Morgan Curtis was one of Petoskey's most prominent citizens for over a half century.

As vice president and director of the First National Bank of Petoskey for 40 years and as a lender in other business enterprises, Mr. Curtis played an important part in the building of Petoskey. He gave the land on which the Petoskey High School stadium is built and planted trees along the road between Petoskey and Bay View as just two of his many civic contributions.

Born July 25, 1871, in Richland, Michigan, the son of William and Mary

Curtis. His grandfather, for whom he was named was one of the pioneer settlers of Kalamazoo moving there in 1832.

On September 25, 1882, the Curtis family moved to Petoskey where Morgan Curtis graduated from high school. He attend Alam College and after graduation operated a branch of the Petoskey City Bank from two years. He was then associated with Thomas Forman in the firm of Forman and Curtis in Petoskey. He was owner of the Harbor Springs Lumber Company throughout its 20 year existence.

Mr. Curtis was vice president of the Michigan Tanning and Extract Company for many years. In addition Mr. Curtis was a director and vice president of the Petoskey Grocery Company.

In 1917, Mr. Curtis bought the Michigan Lime Company property and continued to operate it as the North Line and Stone Company.

Mr. Curtis was a member of the Rotary Club and was a trustee of Lockwood Hospital and was president of the board for many years.



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# EDITOR NOTE AND THANK YOU

Dan Ledingham  
Petoskey Football Boosters

Eighty-eight years ago, the Curtis Family gave Petoskey Public Schools a gift that would end up being a community symbol and landmark for many of us. We are incredibly fortunate to have traditions that run so deep in Petoskey. The support the football program has received through the years has been second to none. On behalf of the Petoskey Football Booster we "Thank You" for your support, as well as your continued support as we move to the community's new sports complex. A special thank you to Matt Berger for not only founding the idea of the Curtis Field Times, but seeing it through the research, development and publication. We look forward to the next 88 Years! ! May the tradition and spirit of Curtis Field live on wherever the



Lucky 13 Photo

Northmen play. Go Northmen!

Please Note: Many of the photos and stories that appear in Curtis

Field Times were taken directly from student publications, newspapers and yearbooks and may not have reproduced at the greatest resolution. We hope you agree

that the best way to tell the story of Curtis Field was to use the words and images of the people who were there at the beginning.

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# FOOTBALL TEAM BEGINS SEASON FIRST GAME AT NEW FIELD



Petoskey High School students were enthusiastic yesterday, when called on to cheer for the football team, which tomorrow tackles Gaylord on the Petoskey field. There seemed considerable confidence that home boys, supported by a large crowd of fans, would come through Saturday's battle with flying colors.

Coach LaCronier and the team members also were confident in this first battle, but not so confident that they did not expect some stiff opposition and perhaps to have the visitors score. The game will be at the new athletic field in the south part of the city and will be the first athletic event there.

The new stadium also will be ready and used for the first time.

Petoskey will take the field tomorrow with only two letter men on the line, Woodruff and Stafford, but will have four lettermen in the backfield, Menzel, March, Wells and O'Donnell. Coach LaCronier has not indicated his starting lineup nor said how long he was going to keep his starting outfit together as a unit. The six men named are almost sure to start, unless something unforeseen develops. Ends will likely be picked from Locke, Coveyou and Curtis; while the tackles are expected to be King and Critchell or Tillotson. Rehkopf of Guleserian will likely be the other guard.

The officials will be Smith of Grayling, referee; Cushman of Grayling, umpire ; Fullerton of Harbor Springs, head linesman.

The visiting team will have its "dugout" on the right front of the left front. Each team will have the left front. Each team will have its own heated dressing rooms and showers. The stadium centers on the 50 yard line of the field.

# PETOSKEY'S NEW ATHLETIC FIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION

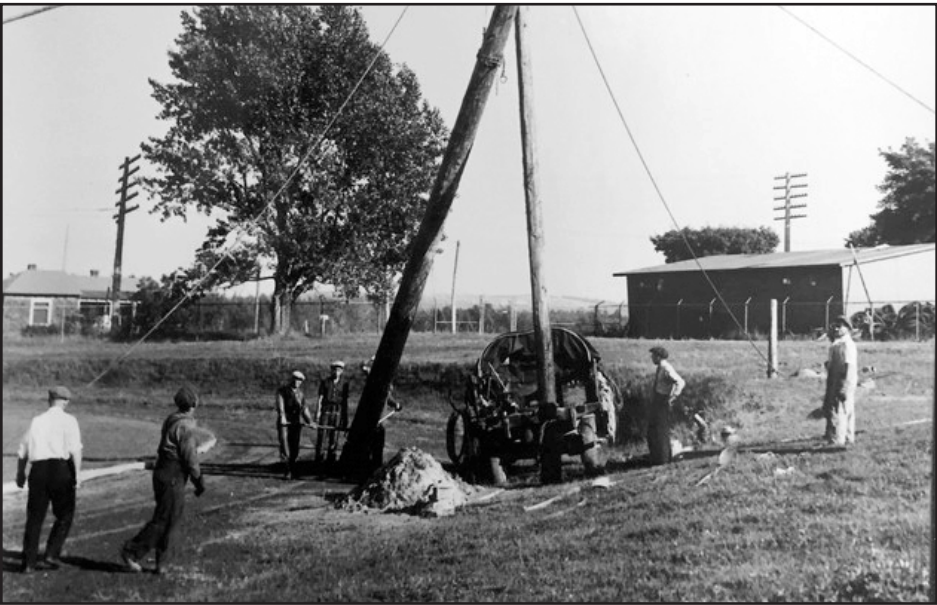
## Students Rejoicing

Petoskey High School Student Newspaper October, 1925

Petoskey High School is at last to have an athletic field. Sometime during the month of September, the Rotary Club announced, at one of their weekly luncheons, the gift of Rotarian Morgan Curtis, of a fine tract of land to the Petoskey High School. The land is located just south of Petoskey on M-13 about one mile from the high school building.

The land, having been accepted by the board as eminently suited for an athletic plant, the Rotary Club appointed a committee with Owen McMahon as chairman to arrange a plan of financing the building plant with tentative suggestions as to the plan to be followed out.

Plans as laid out, call for a grading and sodding of the entire field, and the laying out of a quarter mile cinder track around the gridiron. Extra space calls for a practice field for baseball and football practice. Steel and concrete construction bleachers are called for in the preliminary plans with seating capacity of 1,500. These bleachers will be stationary and will be placed on one side and will provide seating arrangement for the fans of the visiting teams. Field houses, with showers and adequate dressing rooms for two football squads, and a steel fence enclosing the entire field complete the preliminary plans.



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### Workers Raise A Pole As Construction Begins At Curtis Field In 1925

Ground was broken last Monday and by the time winter sets in for certain, the new field will be graded to level and seeded. The cinder track will be staked off and as much work on it as possible completed this fall. With the coming of spring the entire field will again be seeded and

construction work on bleachers, field houses and fence started. It is the present plan to have the field completed by the fall of 1926.

Petoskey High School students are rejoicing over the new and are very grateful to the Rotary Club and to Mr. Curtis for their fine gift.

# PETOSKEY HIGH STADIUM ASSOCIATION FORMS

plan called for a cinder block running track, seating for 1,500 spectators, dressing rooms with running water and heat and if possible a baseball field.

In October the Stadium Association started to seek funding for the stadium improvements with a plan that showed the faith and believe in the project. They issued and sold private bonds in the amount of \$18,000. These bonds were not backed by any governmental body

or taxes, they were backed by the personal funds and promises of the businessmen who made up the Petoskey High Stadium Association.

(Remember these were 1925 hard earned pre-depression dollars. If this doesn't demonstrate a belief and commit to community nothing does.)

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GRID YEAR OPENS WITH VICTORY

Petoskey Evening News  
Sept. 26, 1927

Playing before a brilliant assembly of Petoskey and Northern Michigan people numbering fully one thousand, the Petoskey High School open her football season with a decisive 30-to-0 victory over the plucky Gaylord High School Team Saturday afternoon. The game marked the opening of the new high school athletic field and stadium which the



Team Captain  
Menzel

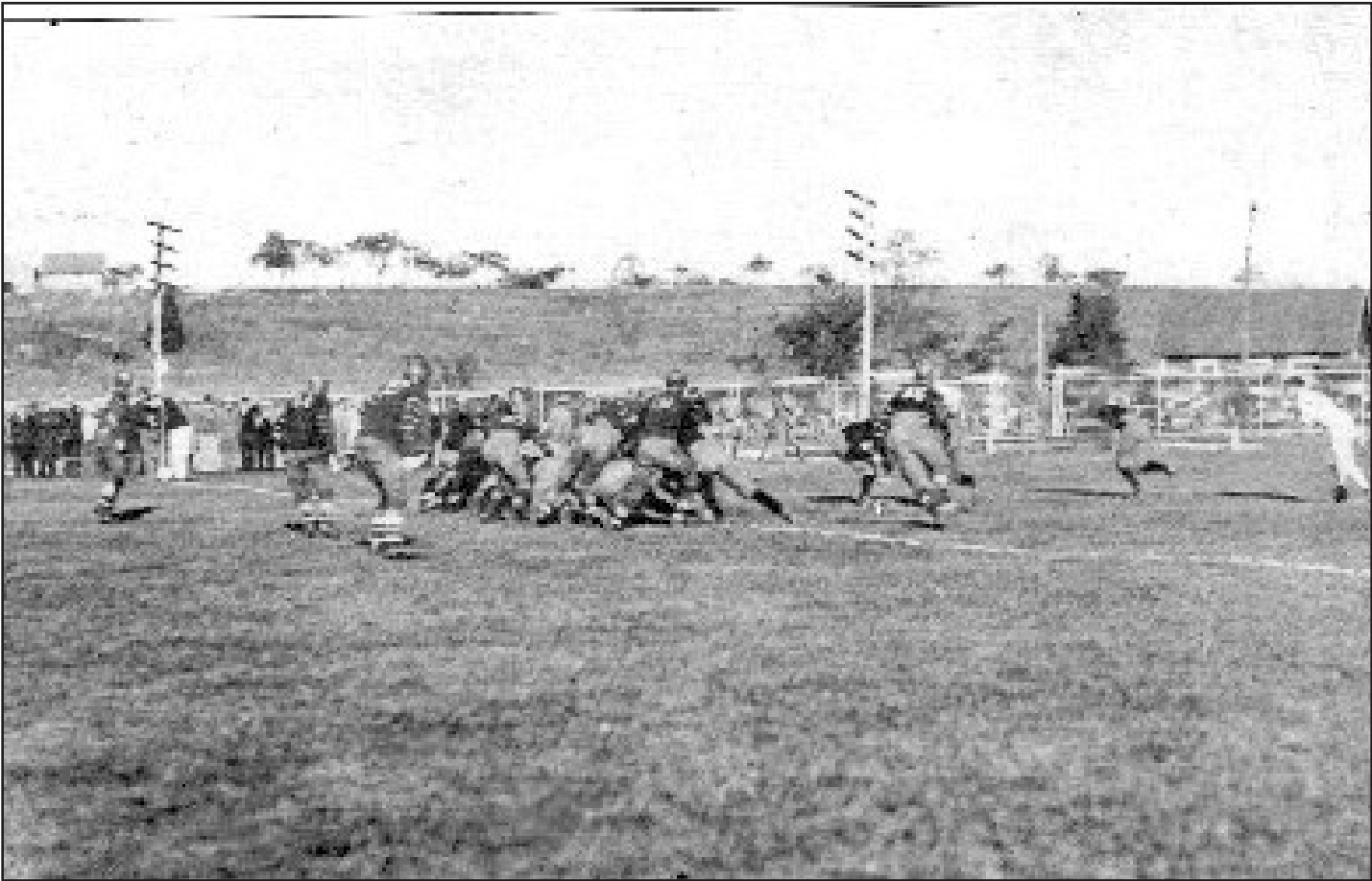
local and visiting fans and teams found entirely to their liking. It also marked the first appearance of the Petoskey High School uniformed band at a football games and the music played a large part in the successful entertainment.

Particularly impressive was the flag rising in military fashion, just before the opening of the game. The band marched in mass formation from in front of the stands to the flag pole at the east end of the field where Stuart McIntyre and Robert Miller, head of the council and pep club, Superintendent H.C. Spitler and Principal H.S. Bates officially raised the flag, the gift of Homer Sly, president of the board of education. During the ceremony the band played "The Star Spangled Banner" as the spectators stood with bared heads. It is the plan of the management to make this a feature at each game, adding new parts to the program from time to time. Its planned to have uniformed Boy Scouts assist and perhaps to have the two teams march with the band to positions of honor about the pole before the flag is sent skyward.

The ball used in this opening game was the gift of Charles McCarthy, of Mac's Baber Shop, one of the team's most loyal supporters. The ball was one of the finest money can buy.

Wonderful Backfield

The game disclosed that Petoskey's backfield is one of the best ever turned out at the local school and probably without a peer in an opening game at Petoskey. With Wells added to O'Donnell, Menzel and March, the team backfield play was at mid-season form, speed and endurance. Wells is the new man. He shows great speed and dodges well. Two very good tackles were shown in King and



Petoskey High Year Book 1928

An action packed game at Curtis Field 1927

Critchell, both new to the work, but heavy, fast and powerful. Fans predicted that they would class favorably with and pair in the Petoskey territory this season. They weigh about 175 pounds each and Critchell is porbably the fastest tackle in Northern Michigan. He won a lot of points on the track and field team last spring. Curtis, who went in for Coveyou, showed the effects of his training of last year, and should develop into one of the best ends of the region. He is a deadly tackler and not easily blocked out or sucked in on fake plays. Locke, playing the other end, is green but the three should

develop into lively players. None is heavy. Curtis and Locke being 150 pounds each and Coveyou 145.

Stafford at center passed accurately and timely and only his lack of weight, if anything, will keep him off the top round this season. He fights well and if he weighed 30 pounds more would be the class of the region. At guard there

were Woodruff, from last year's fighting team and Rehkopf, the latter a 200 pounder and Tillotson. Woodruff appears to be a fixture and the other two will likely both get their chance.

While Captain Menzel was the punter used in the opening game, Coach LeCronier will use both March and Wells in that position as the season progresses, giving him three triple-threat men. All can pass, punt and run. Wells pulled the run gag for 30 yards in the first quarter Saturday.


The battle marked the first contest of the men trained by Coach LeCronier and local fans appeared well pleased with the way his boys handled themselves. The players showed they had been drilled into a playing unit, had their signals down very good for the opening contest, tackled and blocked much better than had been anticipated. The new coach is having trouble getting a line down to veteran type to go along with his all veteran backfield. Charging, tackling, blocking, following the ball are

four things being strongly stressed in the afternoon practice sessions and should help greatly in turning the tables on other Northern teams. Both fans and team show confidence that Petoskey will have another glorious season, winning every possible game or going down to a fighting defeat, as the fates may decree.

GAYLORD THREATENS EARLY

Gaylord made a very good impression at the start of the battle. They grabbed a Petoskey fumble on their own 35-yard line, punted 40 yards and recovered, getting the ball on Petoskey's 24. A short pass, two plays through the line put the ball on Petoskey's 5-yard line, but here March intercepted a pass and Wells on a fake punt ran the ball out of danger. They worked the ball back after a punt to midfield, but here Menzel intercepted a pass and raced 70 yards for Petoskey's first touchdown of the season. Gaylord never threatened again.

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BIG EVENT AT LOCAL  
HIGH SCHOOL IS MAIN  
ATTRACTION TODAY.  
EXPECTED TO DRAW  
RECORD ATTENDENCE

Petoskey Evening News  
October 7, 1927

With indications that the weather man would have compassion and hold off the rain that has been almost a daily occurrence, Petoskey has made final plans this morning for the formal dedication of the new high school athletic field which takes place this afternoon. Interest in the game with Harbor sending to the field an admittedly weaker team, would probably be less than usual in the annual affray, but expressions of pride in the new athletic field knows no bounds among the local followers.

Interest has continued to increase with each succeeding game and the comments of visitors who have inspected the new quarters have confirmed the belief that other cities and even universities nothing more complete to offer.

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Little Traverse History Museum

Petoskey Stadium on dedication day 1927

with Petoskey-made cement the stadium has been the constant pride of Robert Tripp and William Wilcoxon of the Petoskey Engineering Company, general contractors. No effort was spared on their part of the undertaking. The equipment supplied by the Petoskey Gas Company, McCade Hardware and other local businesses was the best that money could buy.

It was a big day, too, for the members of the Petoskey Stadium Association, which has watched the stadium proposition grow from idea to

a reality and which has predicated the ready response which came from local investors when the notes were offered for sale.

The addition of the alumni memorial gateway, which is now erected, will add the final touch to what observers agree is the finest high school stadium in the state.

Business places were closed in the afternoon and early indications were for a crowd that would fill the new stadium to its capacity.

GRID YEAR OPENS WITH VICTORY  
FIRST GAME AT NEW STADUIM

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Wells place-kicked for the extra point after the touchdown, giving Petoskey 7, Gaylord 0.

Starting the second quarter Petoskey took the ball 54 yards for a touchdown in just four downs, using off tackle plays. Menzel went around right end for the marker and Wells again place kicked. Petoskey 14, Gaylord 0.

Gaylord started using cross field in the quarter and made two first downs. Petoskey got the ball on her 25 yard line on a punt and Wells shirted left end for 30. The ball was on Gaylord's 5-yard line as the half ended.

Petoskey worked the ball to the 20-yard line only to lose it on a pass on fourth down to open the second half. Menzel returned a punt 15 yards to his 40-yard line and Wells immediately rounded right end to the Gaylord 36-yard line, crossed back of the Gaylord backfield and scored. Wells' place-kick was low. Petoskey 20, Gaylord 0. As the last quarter opened Menzel repeated on the same

kind of a play in the same way and scored. The place-kick was outside. Petoskey 26, Gaylord 0. A bit of bad luck for Gaylord paved the way for another Petoskey marker. With Rowlinski back to punt Streeter made his only bad pass of the day, putting the ball over his fullback's head. Being a fourth down the ball went to Petoskey on Gaylord's 22-yardline. Wells ran left end for 15 and then went over the die for the touchdown and place kicked the goal. Petoskey 33, Gaylord 0. Just before the game ended Menzel went around right end for 58 yards and a touchdown. wells place-kick hit the bar and bounced back. Petoskey 39, Gaylord 0.

GAYLORD BOY HURT

Only one injury marred the game. Meyers, crack halfback of the visitors, got in the way of Roylinski's powerful boot and had his jaw badly injured. He was blocking off a tackler and fell just as his own fullback was booting the ball. He was carried from the field to the dressing rooms. A physician was summoned and the

Final Score  
Petoskey 39  
Gaylord 0 First  
Game At Curtis  
Field

wound dressed and stitched up.

The two teams took to the new dressing rooms like ducks to water. After being forced to spend their rest periods in sheds or right out the field and to dress at the high school and ride to and from the field in trucks, the heated, lighted and equipped dressing rooms right at the field were certainly greatly appreciated by the players. The showers were just right and the boys were quickly dressed after the battle and up town to enjoy the rest of the afternoon.

The Petoskey police department sent traffic officers to handle the parking and traffic at the game so there was no confusion.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE BAND!  
MARCHING BAND MAKES  
ITS FIRST APPEARANCE

The Petoskey Marching Band made it's debut on September 25, 1927 as it lead the whole town through the gates of Curtis Field on its opening day.

All 28 members of the marching band dressed in full uniforms of bright white with blue capes and blue hats lead a parade of people from the high school downtown (Central School) into the stadium.

Here is the description on the 1927 marching band as it appear the "Petosegan", the Petoskey High School yearbook:

Our band members have firmly established their reputation as music makers in Petoskey. Every athletic contest and activity of importance to the townspeople found our band present to enliven the occasion and cheer the people with its snappy marches and concert music.

The band has made itself very popular, and the dignified and mighty Seniors unbent long enough to let the harmony gang know that they enjoyed its music, their only regret being that they will not be present to hear it next when it blares forth to help out athletes achieve victory.



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The first fully uniformed Petoskey High School Marching Band

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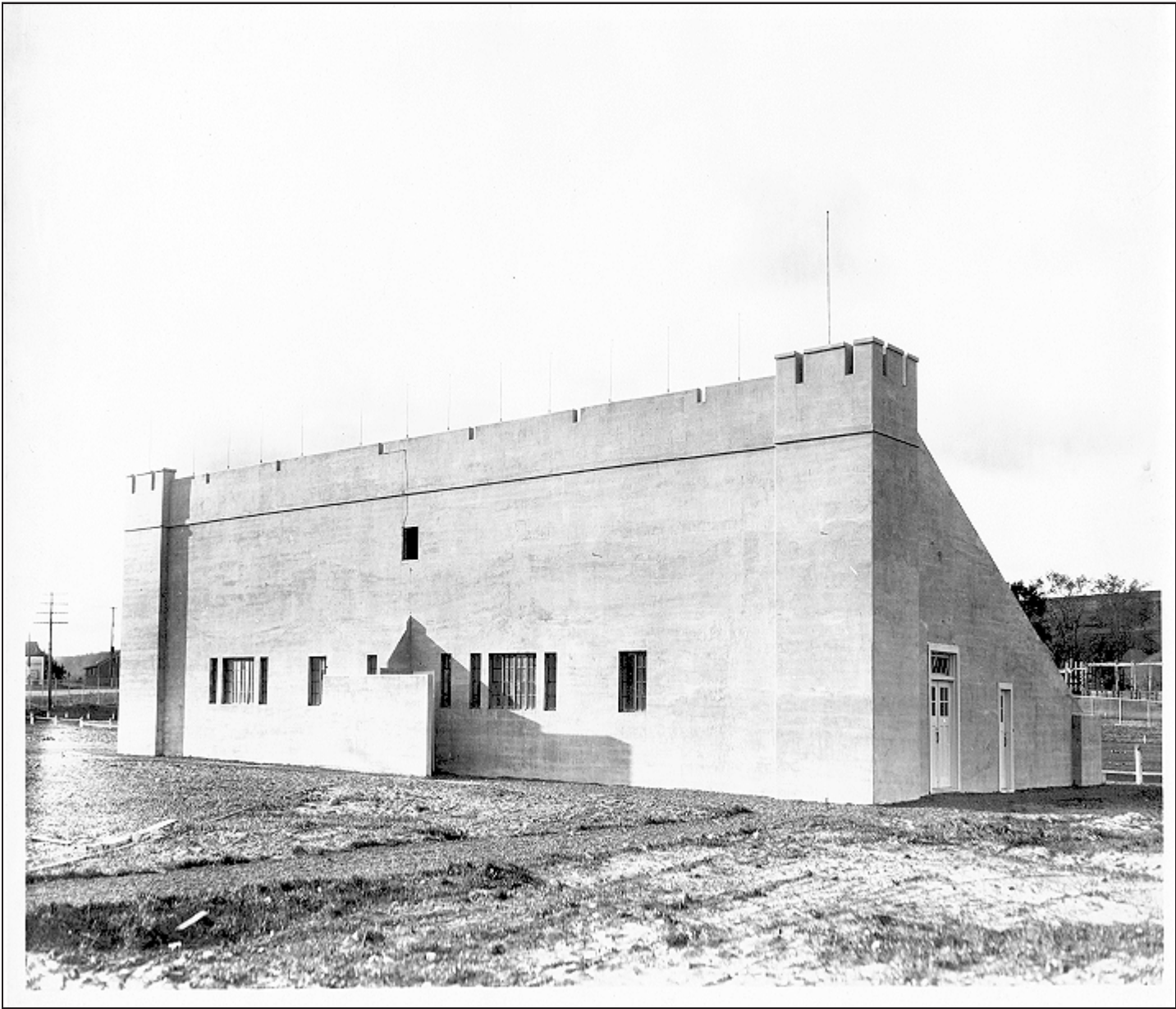
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Curtis Stadium on opening day October 8 1927. Stadium had seating for 1500 fans and dressing rooms complete with running water and heat. Photo provided by The Little Traverse History Museum.



# 2000 ATTEND STADIUM DEDICATION

## Petoskey Evening News October 8, 1927

In a bright sunshine which followed the threatening weather of the morning, the formal dedication of Petoskey High School's athletic field and stadium was held Friday afternoon before a crowd which overflowed the spacious stadium and brought the total attendance practically to 2,000 mark. The festivities started down town, the high school uniformed band playing several elections in the business district and leading the parade out Emmet street to the field.

With the speakers grouped about him on the platform in front of the stadium, George W. McCade, president of the Petoskey Stadium association, presided as master of ceremonies and introduced as the first speaker, Homer Sly, president of the board of education. Mr. Sly, in dedicating the stadium, compared the field of some years ago at Recreation Park near Bay View, to the present magnificent structure.

Mayor W.G. McCune alluded to the works of Alladin in commending the work of the stadium association, the generosity of Morgan Curtis in donating the site, the willingness of the citizens in financing the improvement and the unselfish co-operation of the many others who had a part in the undertaking. The spirit of the local team themselves has also played no small part in making the new field a reality, he declared.

STATE DIRECTOR SPEAKS  
A.W. Thompson, state director of athletics, congratulated the community on being able to have built a plant, one unsurpassed in the state in the completeness of equipment, he said. He urged at

the same high standard of sportsmanship be maintained in the stands that is expected of the players on the field.

To the music of the national anthem, played by the band, the flag was raised. Mr. Thompson, Mr. McCade, Robert Miller, president of the Pep Club, assisting in part of the Student council and Stuart McIntyre, president of the Pep Club, assisting in the ceremony as the spectators stood with bared heads.

When the teams took the field, Harbor Springs appeared lighter and the local fans seemed satisfied that it would be an easy contest., over confidence, however, seemed to be instilled too in the blue and white eleven and they were unable to get away for any material gains in the game and were unable at first to fathom Harbor's quick plays and cross backs.

FIRST QUARTER SCORELESS  
Neither team scored in the first quarter, but Petoskey started after exchanging goals and took the ball to Harbor's 25 yard line. On a hike pass Menzel ran 25 yards for the first score of the game. On the second play following, Wells broke through the line and brought the crowd to their feet as he sped for the 60 yards to the goal line. The third score came when Menzel intercepted a Harbor pass and ran 40 yards through a broken field.

Petoskey scored twice in the second half and Coach LeCoronier, in the final quarter, replaced five of the regulars with substitutes.

The game was cleanly played through-

out , with no serious injuries and Harbor fought gamely against the odds which they faced. Petoskey's back field had little difficulty after the first quarter and the line solved the trick formations of the gold and black, allowing few first downs for Harbor.

PLAY BY PLAY  
Petoskey won the toss and chose the north goal with a favorable wind and Menzel kicked off. the ball rolling over the goal line. Harbor received the ball on the 20 yard line. Grimes lost a yard and Johnson failed to gain in two tries. He punted to Menzel in the wind who returned 23 yards. On an end around on the next play he added 12 more. On off tackle plays, Wells and "Irvie" added three more but the locals were penalized 15 yards for holding, making it 4th down, 18 to go. A pass Menzel to wells made 10 yards, but Harbor received the ball on their own 16 yard line.

Johnson lost a yard where March broke through and on a delayed cross buck, Grimes gained 6. Using the same formation, Johnston ran 23 yards to his own 40 yard line. Two line plays and an incomplete pass left 5 to go on 4th down and Johnston punted to Petoskey's 38 yard line, where the ball was downed. Wells on two plays and Menzel on one made only 6 yards and the latter punted to the goal line.

Harbor made 9 on the first play but were penalized 15 yards for holding. A line play failed and Johnston, on hurried punt, sent the ball only to his 32 yard line.

Petoskey made but three yards in two tries and received a 15 yard penalty on the last play before the quarter ended. Score. Petoskey 0, Harbor 0.

SECOND QUARTER  
Petoskey's ball on own 45 yard line, first down and 23 to go. Menzel made 10 around right end and Wellls 11 around the other end. On a fake forward pass. Menzel got loose and romped 25 yards. With only inches to go he carried the ball over on the second play for the first score of the game. Wells' kick was wide.

Harbor kicked to Menzel who returned 20 yards to his 40 yard line. Harbor was off side and the play was called back. Howse kicking from the 35 yard line. Menzel returned this time to his 38 yard line after an 18 yard run. Time out for Tillotson, Harbor tackle. On the next play Wells broke through at right tackle and made a beautiful run of 62 yards for the second counter. The kick for the extra point failed.

Menzel kicked off to McBride, who ran 5 yards to his own 30 line. Grimes and Johnston in 3 plays made 7 yards and Johnston punted outside on Petoskey's 24 yard line, a 40 yard kick. Menzel made 1, March 6 and Wells failed to gain. With 3 to go Menzel punted to Harbor's 35 and the ball was downed Grimes made a yard. Johnston 2 and then attempted a forward pass which Menzel intercepted, running 40 yards for a touchdown. Wells' third try at goal failed.

Menzel kicked to Campbell, who ran 10 yards to his 30 mark. The line held and Johnston punted, the ball rolling to Petoskey's 5 yard line, the half ending before the next play was started. Score, Petoskey 18, Harbor Springs 0.



# 2000 ATTEND STADIUM DEDICATION

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### THIRD QUARTER

Petoskey returned to the game in a fighting mood. Menzel's kick rolled over the goal and was put in play by Harbor on the 20 yard line. Three tries made but 4 yards and Johnston punted to the center. Menzel returned 20 yards Wells made 15 yards off tackle but the play was called back and the locals penalized 15 yards for holding. A pass, Menzel to March, was good for 30 yards and on the next play March broke through and ran 18 yards for a touchdown. Wells kicked goal.

Campbell returned Menzels's kick to his 35 yard line. Three tries lost 5 yards and Johnston punted to the center, March made 8 through the line, Wells 1, and Menzel broke away on the next play for a 40 yard run to the goal. The kick for point by Wells looked good from the stands but was not allowed. Taylor returned the kickoff to the 25 yard marker. Line plays failed and O'Donnell received Harbor's punt in the center of the field, returning to the 42 yard line. Petoskey penalized 15 again on the first play. March made 10 and Menzel 5, then punting over the goal line in the next play. Harbor made only 2 yards from the 20 yard line and punted. It was a poor punt and went outside at the Harbor 32 yard line. wells made a yard on a cross buck. On the next play March fumbled but recovered as the quarter ended. Score, Petoskey 31, Harbor 0

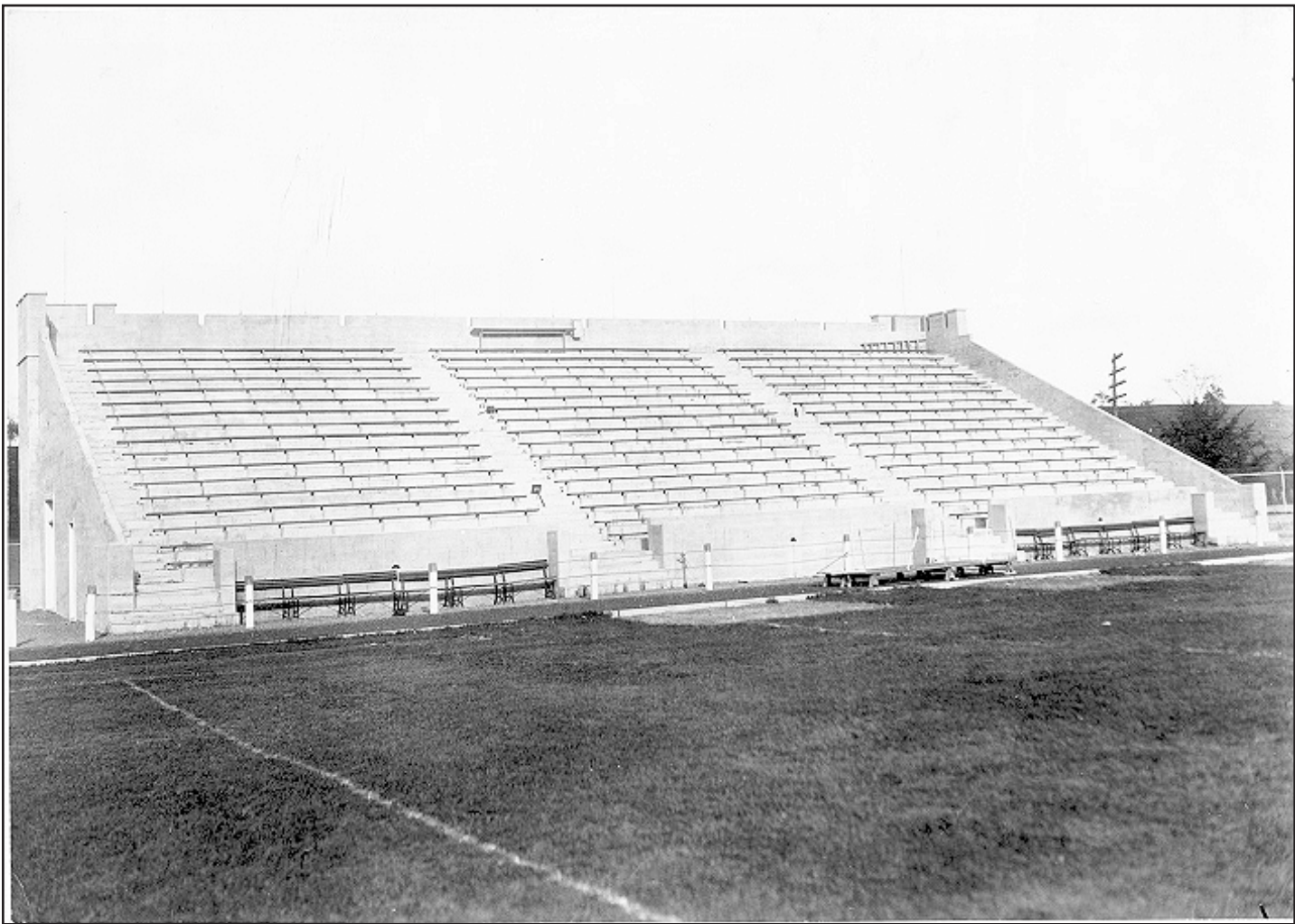
# ALPENA PRAISES PETOSKEY SPIRIT

The Alpena News  
October 7, 1927

Alpena people present at the football game between the Alpena and Petoskey High School at Petoskey new stadium last Saturday afternoon, might have discovered some reason for the overwhelming defeat that Petoskey High in flicted upon footballers of the Cement City.

The contest was staged on one of the finest fields in the northern part of the state, a gift of the Petoskey Stadium non-profit corporation composed of fore-sighted and public-spirited Petoskey citizens. The cost of the project is rereported to be \$30,000 rasied by bonds from a city with a winter population not over half that uf Alpena. The property on which the stadium was built was a gift of one of Petoskey's citizens.

The Petoskey High School band, with 28 members, attired in neat uniforms marched on the main street of Petoskey, played the school songs and strring up interest among the townspeople and businessmen for a hour prevlous to the start of the game. The band then marched to the new field and assisted in the ceremonies preceding the game. As the



Front view of new stand at Curtis Field on October 8, 1927. Photo provided by Little Traverse History Muesum

### FOURTH QUARTER

Petoskey's ball on Harbor's 32 yard line, 3rd and 10, Menzel failed to gain and a forward pass was incomplete, Harbor reciving the ball on their 32 yard line. Two line tries made but 4 yards and two passes failed, Petoskey rciving the ball on the 35 yard line, March and Menzel made first down on three plays. Harbor recieived the ball on downs after three line plays and an incomplete pass on their 18

yard line.

A pass failed, line plays by Grimes and Johnston lost three yards and McBride punted to the center of the field where Menzel was downed. March Made 2 and Wells made first down with two yards extra. Coach LeCronier sent in five substitutes before the next play. Knowlton made but a yard in two tries and Menzel was tackled when he tried to pass on the next play. He punted to Harbor's 20.

Harbor fumbled but recovered and tried a pass on the next play which Menzel intercepted.

With 20 yards to go for another touchdown, knowlton made 5, Rigg 2, Menzel 2 and Knowlton 1 for a first down, the game ending with Petoskey first down, 10 yards to go for another touchdown, Score Petoskey 31, Harbor Springs 0



# 1927 WHAT A GREAT YEAR

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# 1927 CHAMPIONS OF THE NORTH

## The Petoskey Evening News

PETOSKEY HANGS UP RECORD SELDOM MADE BY HIGH SCHOOLS

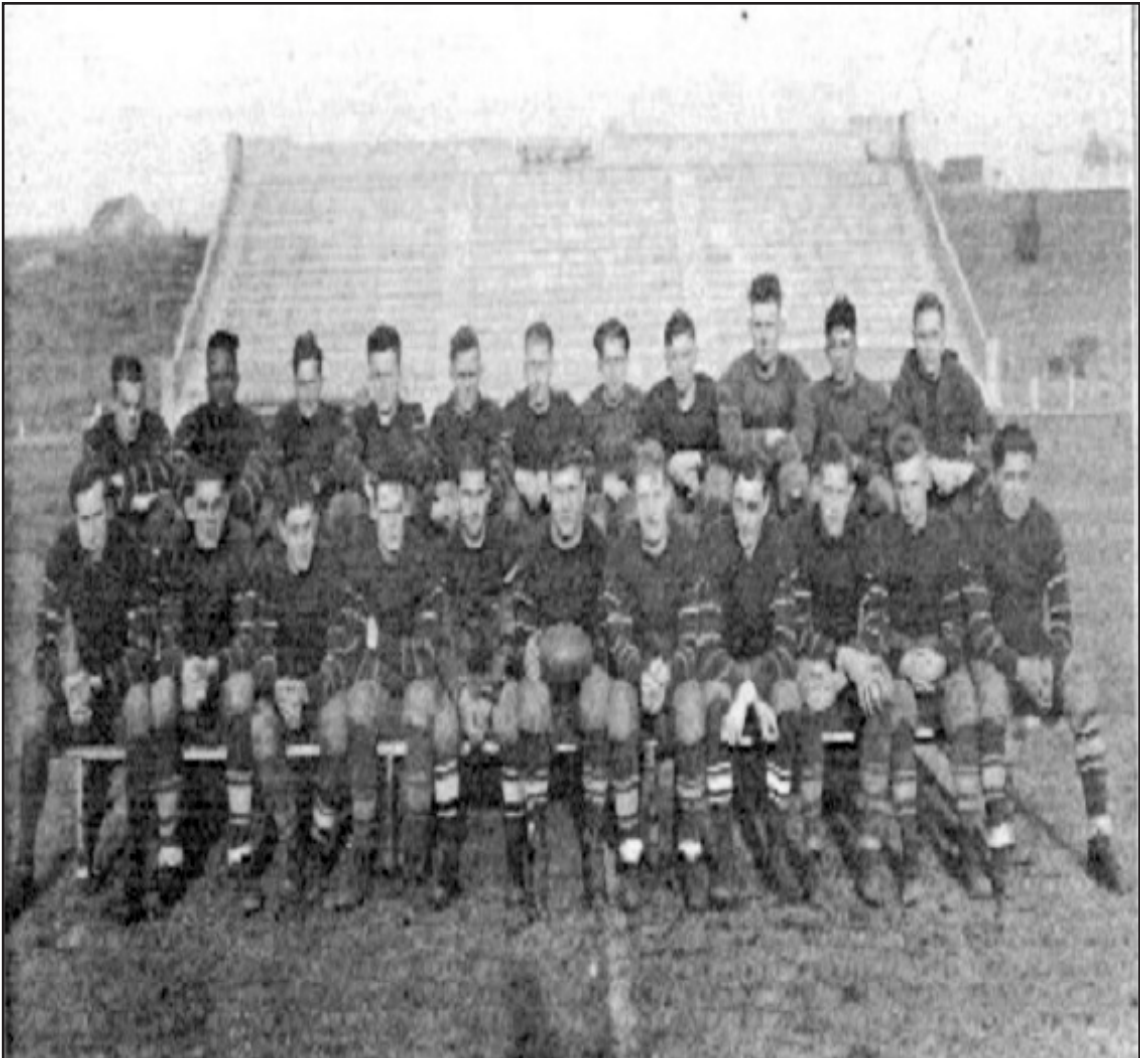
In winning the Northern Michigan honors for 1927 the team performed a feat seldom accomplished by high schools, that of going through the season unbeaten and without being scored upon. few high school teams go through a year without losing a game and such records as Petoskey has just completed are not often recorded. Not only did the blue and white keep their goal line uncrossed and their goal clear of kicks, but they also kept their enemies out of scoring territory most of the time and only three teams were ever considered within scoring distance. Petoskey also went through last season un defeated but yielded eight points to her opponents.

Once Boyne City desperately passed well to the Petoskey 25 yard line, while Cheboygan also accomplished this. Traverse City received the ball on Petoskey's 33 yard line last Saturday on a fumble punt and passed to the 10 yard line as the whistle blew ending the half. The whistle sounded just as the play started, but the scorers allowed the gain as a first down and gave Traverse the credit of coming nearer Petoskey's goal than any other team

in Northern Michigan this year.

Last season the only scores counted against Petoskey were the results of blocked punts. Once Petoskey downed the ball back of their goal line after such a play for 2 points for Cadillac while Boyne City fell on a blocked Petoskey punt for a touchdown, a total of eight points against Petoskey in two years.

PLAYED GOOD TEAM WORK  
The coaching of Gorndon LeCronier this season brought the local gridiron warriors to a high point of perfection for high school lads. One of the outstanding features of their work was their speed on both offense and defense. The line, although outweighed by many opposing teams, always out charged the opposition and seldom yielded yardage for a first down. Only in last minute attempts with forward passes were opposing teams able to gain much ground. These always ended outside the danger zone. On the right side of him is Donald Wells, whose off-tackle charges, dodging runs, fingers which glued onto forward passes with surprising regularity and his deadly defense work stamped him as another star of the first water. Petoskey's passing combination - Manezel to Wells, rivaled in northern high school circles that of Oosterbaan to Gilbert at the University of Michigan.



1928 Petoskey High Yearbook

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## THE SEASON IN THEIR OWN WORDS

### Petoskey High School Yearbook 1928

The 1927 football season was without a doubt one of the most successful in the history of Petoskey High School. As soon as the fall term of school had begun, a call was issued for candidates for the football team. There were some difficult positions to fill that were left vacant by the graduation of members of the 1926 championship team. From that team, however, were left Captain Menzel, Wells, March, O'Donnell, Woodruff, Stafford and King. To fill the vacancies Coach Le Cronier picked Tillotson, Critchell, Locke, Curtis and Coveyou.

From the very first Coach LeCronier drilled into the minds of his men their goal, the Northern Michigan Championship, and when the last game was over this goal was realized.

The first game of the 1927 schedule

was played with Gaylord. They made more first downs against the Blue and White than any other teams that were played; however, by steady playing Petoskey emerged victorious, with Gaylord on the small end of the score.

The following Saturday Alpena came to the local field only to be trampled by our overwhelming offensive drive.

The next game was with our old rivals from across the bay; Harbor Springs. They came and brought half the town with them. determined to drown our championship hopes, but after striving desperately they were forced to concede us victory by a wide margin.

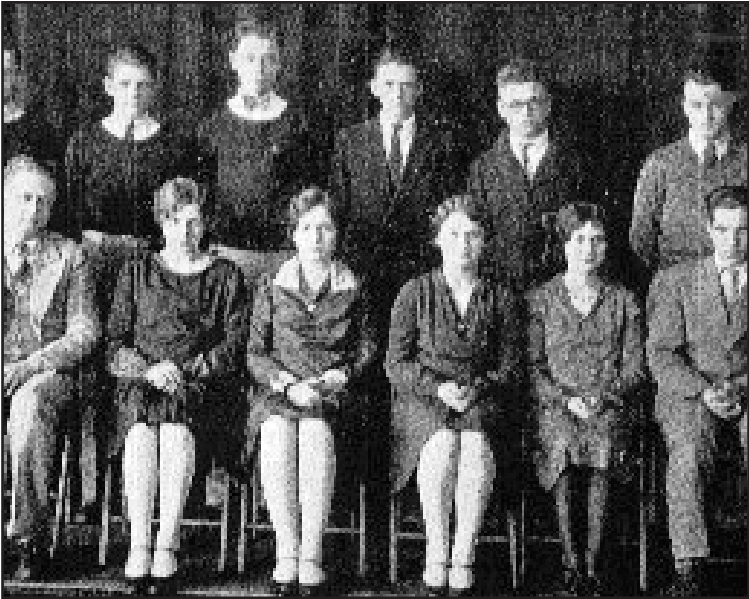
Coach LeCronier took the team to Mainstee the next week where the hardest game on the schedule was played. The boys from the Salt City held Petoskey to a lone touch down, unable to score their seven.

Boyne City came here next to try

their luck with us, but without avail. They had to return home with out realizing ambitions. They, too, learned the brand of ball that the Blue and White warriors played.

Then Charlevoix brought its troupe of midgets to Petoskey. After the first half of the slaughter our aggressive second team played most of the time and still Charlevoix was outplayed considerably. The game ended with the little fellows hopelessly drubbed.

The next school to fall prey to our onslaught was Cadillac. The game was played on a snow covered field and both teams had to wear gloves to keep their hands warm. Soon after play began, Petoskey started a scoring drive which the Cadillac boys could not stop and the Blue and White were on top when the tussle ended.



1928 Petoskey High School Yearbook Staff

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# 1927 CHAMPIONS ON THE NORTH

Petoskey Evening News  
November 25, 1927

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On the Left side Ray March, whose line plunging excelled that of any other back in the north. He played improved football each succeeding game. March cracked center most successfully, and not even Traverse City's heavy, powerful line could halt him. He was as deadly on defense and on interference as his team mates. Then for the all-important quarterback position. Perhaps some other quarterbacks may shown superior qualities in some single department, but all department of play must be consider in choosing a man for this place. O'Donnell comes nearer to having all

qualities in good sized quantities than any other man. He called signals with a clear, understandable voice, his fighting qualities putting pep into his team. He selected plays remarkably well, afforded splendid interference and on defense stopped every play in his territory. Not a ball carrier got by him in the two years he piloted the blue and white.  
Petoskey has been coached to play for the breaks of the game and to take instant advantage of them. This has resulted in long gains when opposing teams were forced to take to the air inside their own territory. Another point taught was that the weak point of the enemy be determined and then attacked vigorously.  
  
The record of games won this season follows:  
Petoskey 39, Gaylord 0  
Petoskey 53, Alpena 0

Petoskey 32, Harbor Springs 0  
Petoskey 6, Manistee 0  
Petoskey 26, Boyne City 0  
Petoskey 58, Charlevoix 0  
Petoskey 41, Cadillac 0  
Petoskey 32, Cheboygan 0  
Petoskey 13, Traverse City 0  
Total 300 Opponents 0

THESE FINISH FOOTBALL  
The Traverse City game was the final high school appearance of Captain Menzel, wells, March, O'Donnell, Locke, Critchell, Stafford, Woodruff and King. Others on the squad to finish are Coveyou and Rehkopf, who have gotten into many games.  
From the team which played Saturday will return next year, Curtis and Tillotson and around these Coach

LeCronier must build up a new team. Barnes, Golden, Holmberg, Lovelace. Kilborn and Sobleski, who were used for a time in several battles, also will be back.  
SUPERIOR BACKFIELD  
Petoskey's Backfield members, Captain Menzel, Wells, March and O'Donnell, who have been nicknamed by fans throughout the region "Petoskey's Four Horsemen".  
Supporting this belief in the unanimous opinion that Captain Menzel is nearer the caliber of a finished back than any player produced in the region in quite a number of years. He is heavy, speedy, brainy, a wonderful blocker and deadly tackler.  
These are the five things usually considered in determining a Man's ability as a football player. In addition he is the best punter and most accurate passer seen anywhere in the north in years.

# IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Petoskey High School Yearbook  
1928

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One week later Cheboygan brought their undefeated team to the local gridiron. They played good football but were no match for our powerful outfit and had to return home empty handed and disappointed.  
For the final and championship game of the season the Blue and White journeyed to Traverse City. The game was full of thrills and well executed plays. Due largely to the work of Menzel and Wells on the offensive, Coach LeCroniers's men came form the field victorious.

After the Traverse City game was over there was much agitation for a post season game to be played on Thanksgiving Day. Serveral schools were challenged and the powerful Alma High team, which was the champion of its district, accepted. The game was played Thanksgiving Day in the afternoon, before the largest crowd of the season and amid ideal weather conditions. This contest was to decide the State Championship of Class B. At first it looked as though Petoskey would win, but in the second half Alma staged an offensive that could not be stopped and won by a score of 32-20. With this climactic tilt Petoskey High School brought to a colorful close the most successful football season in her history.

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Art Treloar

Eyes of Michigan Class B High Schools will to Petoskey the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day when Petoskey and Alma high schools will battle for the championship of Michigan. Both teams are undefeated and both lay claim to the title.

Two other undefeated teams, Albion and Ionia have declined to play further for the title, being content with winning the leadership of their own sections.

First conference over the proposed brought a negative vote from the board of education and stadium. However Petoskey fans and those members of these two groups who did favor the game continued their efforts through the day, resulting in a petition from the fans signed by 150 persons, asking that the matter again be taken up.

A session of the boards was called for late afternoon, both agreeing to the proposition. Alma had previously agree to come for a guarantee to cover expenses of the trip and preparing for the game, \$450 being agreed upon as the proper figure.

Committees began work last evening selling tickets and it was reported at noon today that nearly enough had been sold to cover the guarantee.

TICKETS ARE GOING FAST

The faculty management announced this afternoon that there would be no reserve seats and that the stadium would be thrown open to all ticket holders. The stadium has seats for 1500 persons and additional seats will be provided on the south side of the field if weather and the ticket sale indicated there will be a demand for added seats. Student tickets are on sale at the high school and adult tickets are on sale at various places about the city and committees are making a canvas of the city to aid in the sale.

Football followers who have seen both teams in action have expressed the belief that they are very evenly matched in all departments. Alma has upset the hopes of all the other teams in Central Michigan while Petoskey has accomplished similar results in her games in Northern Michigan. Both outfits retain their regional championships, which are unaffected by the outcome of the Thursday battle. Petoskey's record is 300 points scored, with nothing allowed the opposition.

The game will be the only football battle in Northern Michigan on Thanksgiving Day and is expected to draw support from the entire region.

Dickie of Harbor Springs will be the head linesman; Burkett of Gaylord will umpire and efforts are being made to secure Roper of Lansing as referee.

QUICK FACTS CURTIS FIELD

Field given to the Petoskey Board Of Education by Petoskey Businessman Morgan Curtis on September 16, 1925

1925, Petoskey High Stadium Association forms to secure funds for field improvements. Improvements to include a cinder block running track, seating for 1,500 fans and dressing rooms complete with running water and heat.

First football game played September 24, 1927. A Petoskey victory against Gaylord. Score 39 to 0

First appearance by the Petoskey School Marching Band in full uniform September 24, 1927. There were 28 members.

Stadium officially dedicated on October 7, 1927 with a game against Harbor Springs. Petoskey won the game 32 to 0.

Best selling edition ever of the Petoskey Evening News was October 8, 1927. The issue's lead headline "2000 Attend Stadium Dedication"

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Invoice for the improvements at Curtis Field

ball Championship. Game took place on Thanksgiving Day, Featuring Petoskey and Alma.

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ALMA WINS STATE  
CLASS B TITLE

Petoskey Evening News  
November 22, 1927

Recovering a Petoskey fumble close to the goal for a touchdown and later intercepting a Petoskey pass and racing 90 yards for another counter help bring a 32 to 20 victory over Petoskey and the the Michigan State Class B High School Championship to the speedy Alma high school team on the Petoskey field the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day. The game furnished more action than is usually seen at a big college battle and the fifteen hundred fans saw more football than in any previous high school game in Northern Michigan in many, many seasons. Long runs, long smashes through the line, long and short passes, triple pass end runs, single, double and triple lateral passes, onside kicks, cross line smashes, delayed line

plays were uncorked by both teams. Petoskey for the first time disclosed the full power of her attack and fans were surprised and thrilled by the playing of their own Blue and White.

The breaking up of Petoskey's attack at points close to the Alma goal was disheartening to the men of Coach LeCroiner, while Alma's attack functioned properly when in scoring distance. Five times Petoskey had the ball within scoring distance only to have the play go wrong.

OPEN HEAVY ATTACK

Petoskey started things with a terrible rush which swept the visiting line back for two touchdowns in the first quarter. Alma scored their marker in this period by recovering a Petoskey Fumble on the 20 yard line with no one between Quarter Back Orvis and the goal. The fleet player scooped up the ball and raced the 20 yards for the

first touchdown carried across Petoskey's goal in two years. Menzel cracked the left side of the Alma line for a gain of 64 yards and a touchdown after the game had gone 6 minutes. The Petoskey linemen made a neat hole for the great back and he pivoted, dodged and straight-armed his way through the secondary defense. Once through he found himself surrounded by a flock of blue jerseyed men who blocked off every attempt of the orange and black of Alma from reaching the runner.

The place kick was wide.

Menzel grabbed an Alma pass in midfield after the visitors had completed on such play for 17 yards. Wells and March made a first down and nine yards on another.

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# ALMA WINS STATE TITLE

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November 22, 1927

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Menzel then pass to Wells for 11 yards. Wells slid off tackle for 2 and March hit the center of the line for 5, and Menzel passed to Locke over the goal line for a touchdown. March smashed through for the extra point. It was on the next kickoff that Alma recovered the fumble and scored.



Captain  
Irv Menzel

Petoskey kicked off again and Alma's center leaped high and grabbed the ball on his own 40, returning 5 to his 45 yard line. Running from punt formation, Ward of Alma shrited his own left end for 30 yards. Menzel got him. A triple pass netted 4 yards around Alma's right end and a atraight pass for 18 yards put the ball on Petoskey's 2 yrad line. It required two smashes to put it over by inches. The kick was blocked.

MORE ALMA LUCK

Petoskey lost the ball to Alma on her 30 yard line when a pass play failed to gain the needed yardage but took it again when the blue and white linesmen threw Alma for losses and causing a fumble on Alma's 31 yard line. Line plays and passes to Wells put it on the Alma 15 yard line and here Brown, Alma's star fullback leaped high on his 10 yard line to grab a pass intended for weel over the goal. He found good interference

ahead of him and raced 90 yards for a touch down as the half ended. Menzel broke up the Alma attack in the third quarter by racing 58 yard with an Alma pass to Alma's 11 yard line. Wells went through behind King and Woodruff for 3 and March in three tries bucked it over through the

same hole. The same player smashed over for the extra point and Petoskey was one point ahead. Petoskey punted to Alma's 21 to start the fourth quarter. Runs from formation, which sent the ball carrier off tackle, and long passes put the ball close to Petoskey's goal

and Ward smashed over. The kick was blocked. Getting the ball on their 35 yard line on a punt, Ward broke through on the same kind of play used by Menzel for Petoksey's first score, repeating the same kind of a run for a touchdown as the game closed.

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2002 - Present

Petoskey High School has a great football tradition. Much of that tradition was built on great coaching. Every young man who has ever laced up his shoes and put on that special Northmen Blue and White uniform has called an impressive and remarkable man "Coach". Here are some just to name a few:

**Arnie Wolgast:** Countless young men were inspired by his leadership and integrity. He coached outstanding teams at Petoskey High School, where his 1936 basketball team narrowly lost to St. Theresa in the state championship game. In 1931, his Petoskey football team was 8-1, losing only a 13-7 game to Cadillac. Arnie went on to Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw in 1938, where again he was a successful American history teacher and coach of the football team. As freshman at the University of Illinois, he played end on Bob Zuppke's Big Ten and National Championship team of 1927. In 1929 his Illinois team lost only to Northwestern and Arnie was chosen to the second all Big Ten team and to an All American North Team which beat an All American South team in the Cotton Bowl. His coach, Bob Zuppke, called Wolgast one of the greatest ends he had ever coached. Listening to the advice of "Red" Grange's brother, Arnie turned down an offer to play for a predecessor team of the Detroit Lions in the National Football League. Mr. Wolgast is a member of the Northmen Hall of Fame.

**Stephen Sebo:** He played baseball and football at Michigan State University, from which he graduated in 1937. He then played minor league baseball and coached sports at Petoskey High School in Petoskey, Michigan before joining the United States Army Air Forces, in which he served during World War II. [After the war, Sebo was the head football coach at Alma College from 1946 to 1948 and at the University of Pennsylvania from 1954 to 1959. He became the general manager of the New York Titans, a newly formed team of the upstart American Football League that was renamed as the New York Jets in 1963. Sebo left the Titans in 1962 to become the athletic director at the University of Virginia.

**Mike Corgan:** Corgan coached at Petoskey seven seasons (1946-52) and posted a 40-16 record with one unbeaten season. Corgan took over a floundering Northmen program and won just one of seven games in that 1946 season. That was followed by a modest 4-3-1 season, but the foundation for a football power was in place. The 1948 team went 5-2-1, 1949, 7-2; 1950, 8-1; 1951, 9-0 and then a 6-2 final season with both losses on the road by one point to Holland, 14-13, and Traverse City, 20-19. In 1950 and 1951 the Northmen outscored their opponents, 658-88.

Corgan moved to college coaching at Nebraska where he had a reputation of producing great backs and then keeping a close tabs on them in the NFL. That list included Jeff Kinney, Tony Davis, Rick Berns, I.M. Hipp, Jarvis Redwine, Roger Craig and Mike Rozier. Coach Corgan is a member of The Northmen Hall Of Fame.



THE CURTIS FIELD TIMES

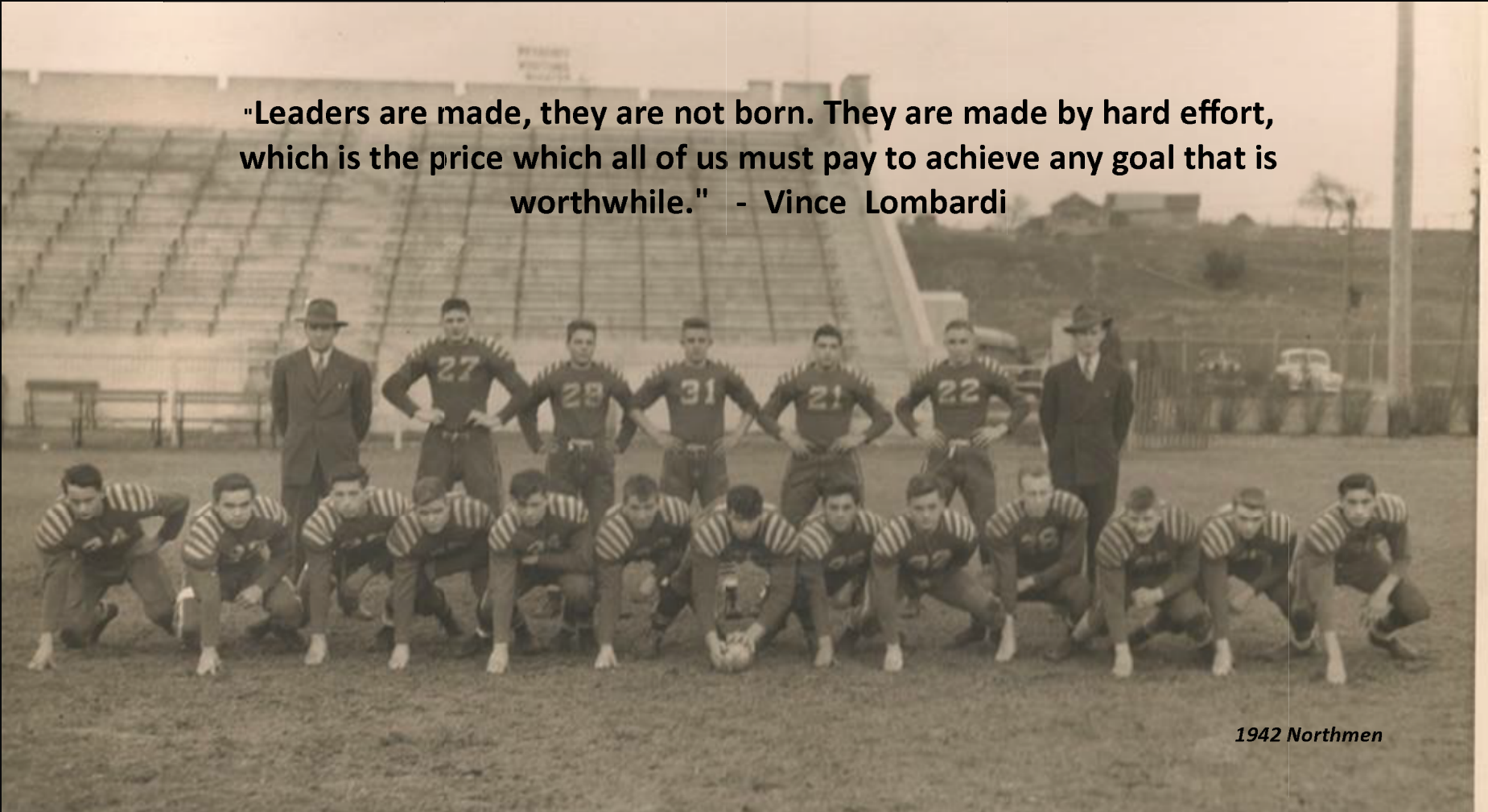
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NOW HISTORY  
WHAT HISTORY!

Records Fall In Unbeaten Season

Petoskey Evening Newsr  
Nov. 29 1951

Petoskey's 1951 football schedule was history today with the Northmen boasting an undefeated season and a new scoring record.

Coach Mike Corgan's company team ran up a 41 to 0 victory over a hard fighting Boyne City squad and boasted their point total for nine games to 335 against 26 for their opponents. It broke the 1950 team's record of 323 to 62.

Two days of work had cleared the field of snow but it left the turf soggy and the going heavy. Truckloads of sawdust were spread on the worst spots Friday afternoon but conditions were still far from ideal.

A surprisingly large crowd of hardy fans came out for the final game although the usual stadium parking facilities were unavailable because of snow and mud. Flechter Johnson ran his school buses in a shuttle service to take many of the followers to the stadium.

With 17 men completing the it high school careers, then Northmen went to work against the stubborn Ramblers in a business like fashion. They scored once in the first quarter; three times in the second period; on once in each of the last two quarters.

Boyne City was hopelessly outclassed but they never gave up. Their best showing came in the final period when they moved down the field after a kick-off to Petoskey's 28 yard line. There a play went awry and the Northmen took over. It was Boyne's



best scoring chance although Don Arner gave his fans a thrill when he almost broke loose on a kick-off return. Only a fine tackle by Herb Bachelor saved the score for the Northmen.

The first touchdown came with two minutes left in the first quarter. The Northmen took the ball on downs on the Boyne 42 yard line and moved

over in six plays.

On the last play of the quarter, Roger Beckley partially blocked a Boyne punt and the Northmen ripped off a 23 yard run; Frank Kuberski picked up three and Hitchmough went over on a 17 yard jaunt after taking a pitch out from Harry Compton.

A few moments later Boyne kicked

out of bounds on the Petoskey 42 yard line and the Northmen went for a core in seven plays. A 31 yard run by Hitchmough as the feature of the drive which ended with Kuberski going over from the four yard line.

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With only seconds remaining the Northmen scored their third touchdown of the period after Kujawski kicked out of bounds on the Petoskey 24 yard line. Compton scored from the five yard line.  
The fifth touchdown came at the end of the third period after Boyne had held Petoskey well for more than 10 minutes. Hitchmough made the touchdown on a 13 yard run around left end after the team had moved the ball up from the Petoskey 40 yard line.  
The final score came with 52 seconds to play. The Northmen with replacements on the field moved from their own 39 yard line. Some of the regulars were sent back in and Kuberski when over from the two yard line.  
With Compton holding, Hitchmough kicked all five of the extra points while the others provided perfect protection.  
It was the last game for 12 of Petoskey's 13 regulars. Bill Steinbrecher and Herb Bachelor, the offensive ends turned back the Ramblers when they tried to circle the flanks. Joe Eby, a senior and Rodger Beckley, the only starting junior, were continuously in the Boyne Backfield last night spoiling plays.  
Corgan's four guards, Dale Johnson, Jack Kring, Lee Wilson and Bruce Kahgee will all graduate and they made their farewell game something to remember. Norm Duham, the regular center and Don Stowe, his replacement also are in their last year after splendid service to the



Coach  
Mike Corgan

1951 PETOSKEY NORTHMEN VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

Bruce Kahgee	Allan Yentz	John Trautman
Jim Bigelow	Dick Sellers	Jim Seamen
Paul Kondziela	Dom Meyers	Joe Poquette
Jack Kring	Dan Stowe	Ron Locke
Otto Kaimebach	Gerald Griffen	Bob Hitchmough
Norm Dunham	Dale Johnston	Roger Beckley
Herb Hills	Henry Pfeifle	Ken Clark
Bob McConnell	Dick Spliter	Chum Pennell
Lee Wilson	Joe Eby	Harry Compton
Frank Kuberski	Bob Ance	Bill Steinbrecher
	Dave Conklin	

1951 NORTHMEN RECORD			
Petoskey	13	Manistee	0
Petoskey	33	Traverse City	7
Petoskey	28	Ottawa Hills	0
Petoskey	25	Cadillac	0
Petoskey	21	Cheboygan	7
Petoskey	88	Roger City	0
Petoskey	45	Canadian Soo	0
Petoskey	41	Saginaw St. Andrews	12
Petoskey	41	Boyne City	0

Northmen.  
The entire starting backfield of Compton, Hitchmough, Kuberski and Herb Hill will depart next spring after setting a new scoring record. Small, but fast and determined, the four backs weren't consistently stopped by any of their opponents.  
Others on the squad who will graduate are; Ronald Locke and Tom Crawford who missed

last night's game because of illness; John Trautman, and end and Gerald Griffin, a guard. All gave valuable service to the Northmen when called on this year.  
The record for the Northmen's finest season is:  
Petoskey 13 Manistee 0  
Petoskey 30 Traverse City 7

Petoskey 30 Ottawa Hills 0  
Petoskey 25 Cadillac 0  
Petoskey 21 Cheboygan 7  
Petoskey 88 Roger City 0  
Petoskey 45 Canadian Soo 0  
Petoskey 41 Saginaw St. Andrews 12  
Petoskey 41 Boyne City 0

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"It takes many items to put together a successful football team. My admiration for the members of this year's team was been unequaled. It takes more than size, speed and agility to make it on the field. It takes eleven guys to make it each other as single unit. Actually it takes all 40 working together, for an entire season. Everyone has to depend upon and be sincere about the efforts, abilities and integrity of his teammates. This team had confidence in itself and whatever it had to do, to come out on top.

I would also like to give credit to Coach Swenor and Coach Smolinski for their dedication and hard work. They certainly played a huge part in the success we have had.

Coach Barry Aspenleiter

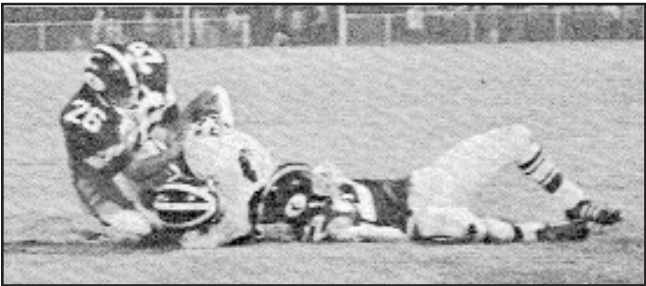


# PERFECT IN 1974

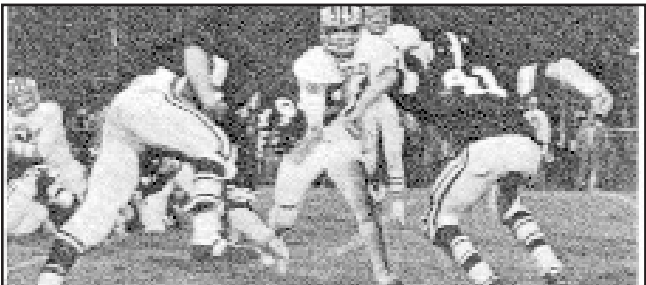
## 1974 PETOSKEY NORTHMEN RECORD

Petoskey 17	Ludington 0	Petoskey 14	Cadillac 8
Petoskey 27	Rogers City 8	Petoskey 41	Cheboygan 8
Petoskey 14	Gaylord 6	Petoskey 58	Grayling 30
Petoskey 19	Charlevoix 0	Petoskey 41	St. Ignace 14
Petoskey 48	Boyer City 0		

Petoskey Northmen outscore their opponents 280 to 64 on their to a 9 and 0 undefeated record. The Northmen rushed for nearly 2000 yards and passed for over 650 yards. They held a 193 to 97 edge in first downs.



Not once during the 1974 season did the Northmen play from behind. They scored first in all 9 of their games and kept the lead throughout. Dominating the Michigan - Huron Shores Conference in both rushing and passing yards.



Super Thirteen: The 1974 Northmen Featured 13 All Conference Players: Kim Thompson, Jerry Winegarden, Larry Eaton, Bob Kerton, Pat Wilson, Scott Wagner, Don Zmikly, Bob Deprekel, Tom Kiogima, Ed Lamkin, Tom Vargo, Bob Elkins, Doyle Saxton, Pat Wilson

## 1974 PETOSKEY NORTHMEN

- Tom Vargo Tom Splan Matt Brecheisen
- Mitch Buday Scott Wagner Audie Weirmer
- Frank Daniels Mike Wilson Rob Eaton
- Kurt Campbell John Rodgers Doyle Saxton
- John Sobeskey Randy Weston Charlie Gibbard
- Bill Evasevski Jerry Winegarden Jim Kan
- Bruce Hilton Tom Ball Chris Weston
- Marty Hill Jack Kronberg Tom Shelraw
- Mark Scholten Bob Elkins Rich Bourrie
- Bob Deprekel Don Zimikly Ed Lamkin
- Jay Rought Don Olsen Ken Golding
- Larry Eaton Kim Thompson Bob Kerton
- John Scott Eric Nelson Tom Kiogima
- Pat Wilson

Managers: Hugh Heuvelhorst, Alex Campbell

Coaches

Barry Aspenleiter, Duane Swenor, Mark Smolinski

If a football coach could go into a lab and build the perfect high school football team chances are it would look a lot like Coach Aspenleiter's 1974 Northmen team. They had the right amount of speed, size, heart, brains and balance. As Coach Aspenleiter liked to say of this team, "The players are all pretty even." Working with the theme of togetherness, the Northmen started the season playing hard and never let up, never playing a game from behind. The Northmen Hall of Famer, Kim Thomson lead this team from his quarterback position. He ran for 357 yards and passed for 535 with a 50 percent completion rate. Getting the hand offs from quarterback Thomson was Larry Eaton, who planned most of the season with a broken bone in his hand, rushed for 736 and scored 13 touchdowns. Opening up the holes for Eaton were Don Zimkly, and Ed Lamkin. Pat Wilson called out most of defensive alignments. Jerry Winegarden, Doyle Saxton and Tom Vargo provided the dowfield blocking and pass rushing. The kicking game was in good hands with Bob Kerton doing punting and Bob DePrekel handling the extra points and field goals. DePrekel set a new school record for points scored and most field goals scored.



ART TRELOAR



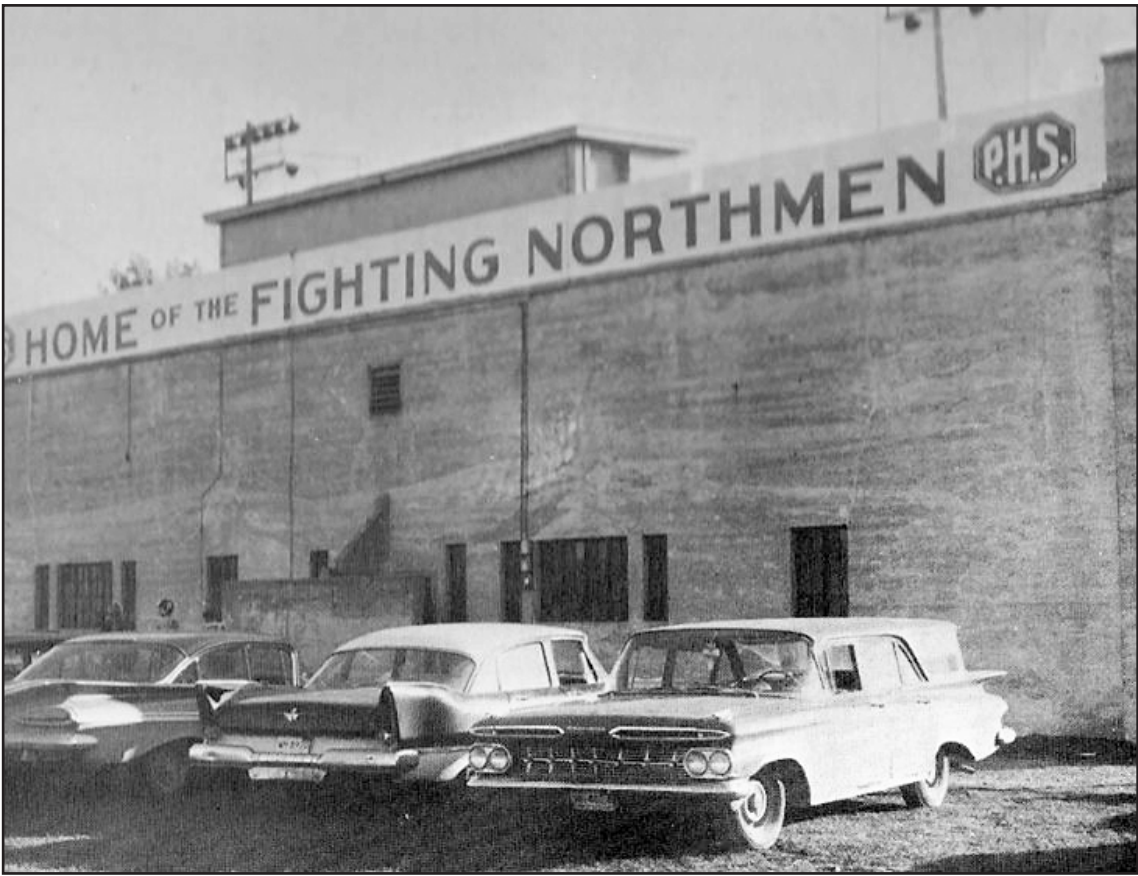
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Art Treloar was Petoskey's first athletic director, a position he held for 40 years (1924 to 1964). He oversaw the construction of two Northern Michigan landmarks Curtis Field and the Central School Gym. Well known for his "Tough but fair" attitude, he turn Petoskey into a mecca for high school sports. Hosting many district and state tournaments, he set the standard for event management and athletic directors in the entire state. Mr. Treloar was very proud of his community and school. He could often be heard telling anyone who would listen "We are the best, our community, our facilities and our administration". Mr. Tealoar is a member or the Northmen Hall Of Fame and has awarded the Michigan High School Atheltic Association's highest honor, the Charles E Forsythe Award for his service to high school athletics.

GAME BY GAME HISTORICAL RECORD

SINCE 1950

YEAR	Win / Loss	PF / PA
2014	9 - 3	390 - 225
2013	5 - 4	207 - 145
2012	5 - 4	213 - 179
2011	9 - 2	378 - 152
2010	8 - 2	302 - 151
2009	8 - 2	331 - 120
2008	9 - 2	338 - 212
2007	3 - 6	177 - 199
2006	5 - 5	159 - 191
2005	2 - 7	98 - 209
2004	4 - 5	177 - 252
2003	4 - 5	166 - 198
2002	2 - 7	132 - 195
2001	1 - 8	76 - 338
2000	2 - 7	120 - 215
1999	2 - 6	156 - 211
1998	9 - 2	311 - 143
1997	8 - 1	341 - 110
1996	5 - 4	211 - 139
1995	6 - 3	204 - 148
1994	8 - 2	222 - 96
1993	3 - 6	154 - 121
1992	5 - 4	116 - 93
1991	1 - 8	79 - 269
1990	5 - 4	144 - 135
1989	8 - 1	256 - 92
1988	7 - 2	247 - 98
1987	8 - 1	195 - 82
1986	4 - 5	129 - 194
1985	6 - 3	172 - 104
1984	3 - 6	140 - 253
1983	2 - 7	111 - 230
1982	7 - 2	164 - 93
1981	6 - 3	218 - 194
1980	4 - 5	94 - 154
1979	2 - 7	80 - 184
1978	6 - 3	173 - 70
1977	6 - 3	184 - 97
1976	4 - 5	155 - 161
1975	8 - 1	289 - 67
1974	9 - 0	279 - 74
1973	5 - 3	141 - 72



1972	7 - 1	191 - 128	1963	2 - 5 - 1	93 - 155	1954	3 - 4	160 - 98
1971	4 - 4	145 - 107	1962	1 - 6 - 1	58 - 202	1953	4 - 3	100 - 113
1970	2 - 6	88 - 120	1961	5 - 2	224 - 94	1952	3 - 2	124 - 48
1969	2 - 6	100 - 151	1960	2 - 7	102 - 258	1951	7 - 0	193 - 24
1968	6 - 2	138 - 107	1959	3 - 4 - 1	54 - 195	1950	4 - 1	127 - 49
1967	6 - 2	184 - 52	1958	4 - 3	174 - 153			
1966	3 - 5	155 - 170	1957	4 - 4	114 - 111			
1965	4 - 3 - 1	104 - 65	1956	3 - 5	134 - 189			
1964	5 - 3	110 - 74	1955	2 - 6	90 - 180			

  
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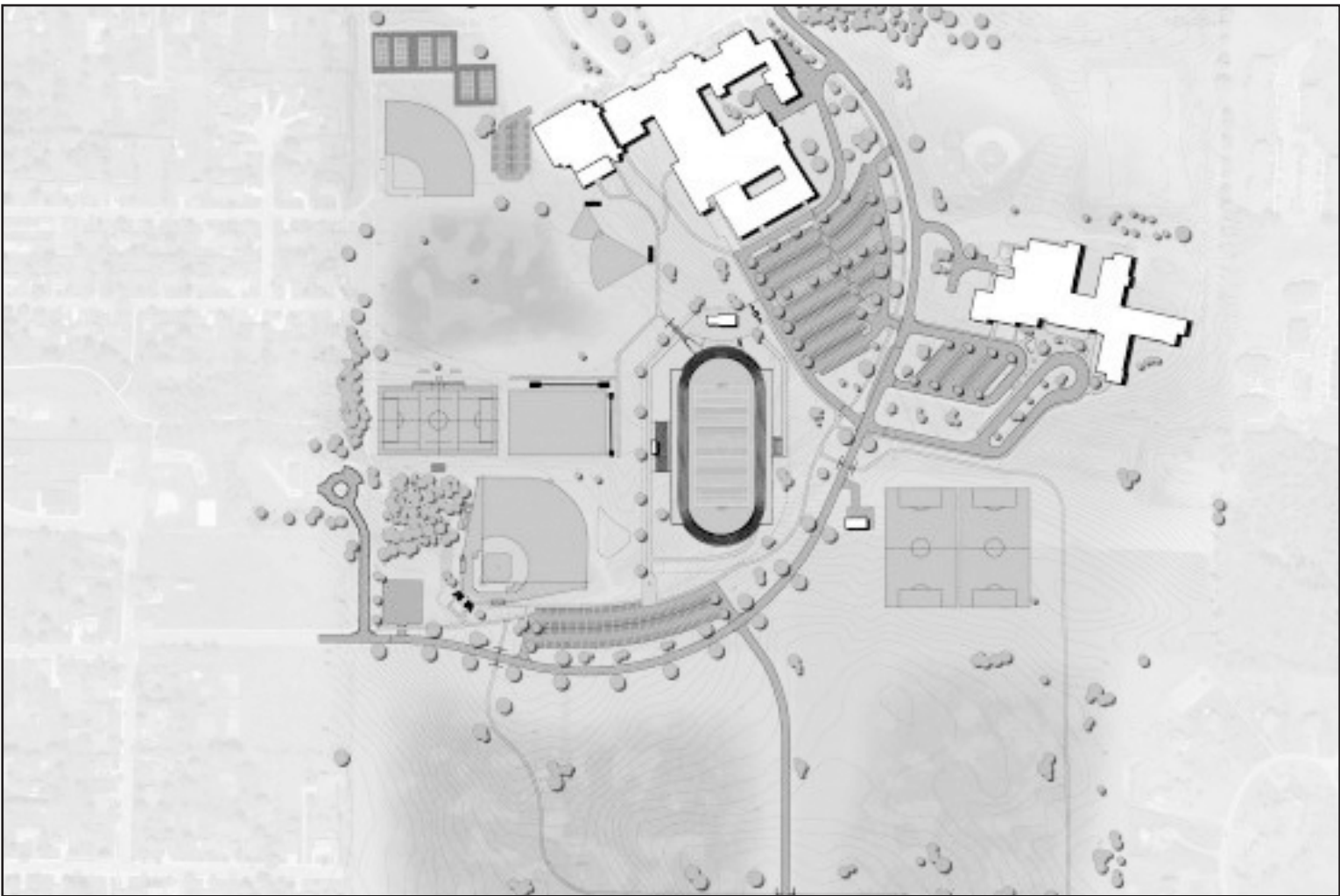


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The new home of the Northmen is now under construction on the campus of Petoskey High School. If all goes according to plan, construction will be completed and open for use by fall 2016.

The designing of new facilities was a team effort by GMB Architecture of Holland and Beckett and Rader of Ann Arbor two firms that have worked with both the City of Petoskey and Petoskey Public Schools in the past.

The new facilities will include:

One regulation-size, synthetic turf football/soccer field that can also be used by the band and P.E. classes

Stadium seating capacity for 2,000 with additional hillside seating

An 8-lane all-weather track with space for field events

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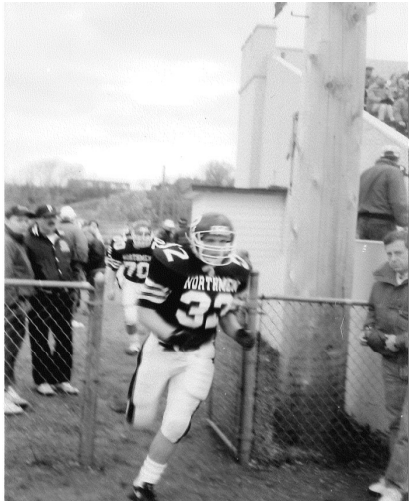
onto and off campus.

Softball field and tennis court improvements.

It is expected that the new complex will have an impact far beyond school sports and local recreation. Combined with the high school gym and the new Turcott Field these facilities should not only attract MHSAA

events but other major events. Each of these events will bring more people into town to shop, stay in hotels and eat at area restaurants. This impact has already been demonstrated by the baseball fields on the Campus of North Central Michigan College (Bates Field) and Turcott Field, Click Road Soccer Complex and high school gym.

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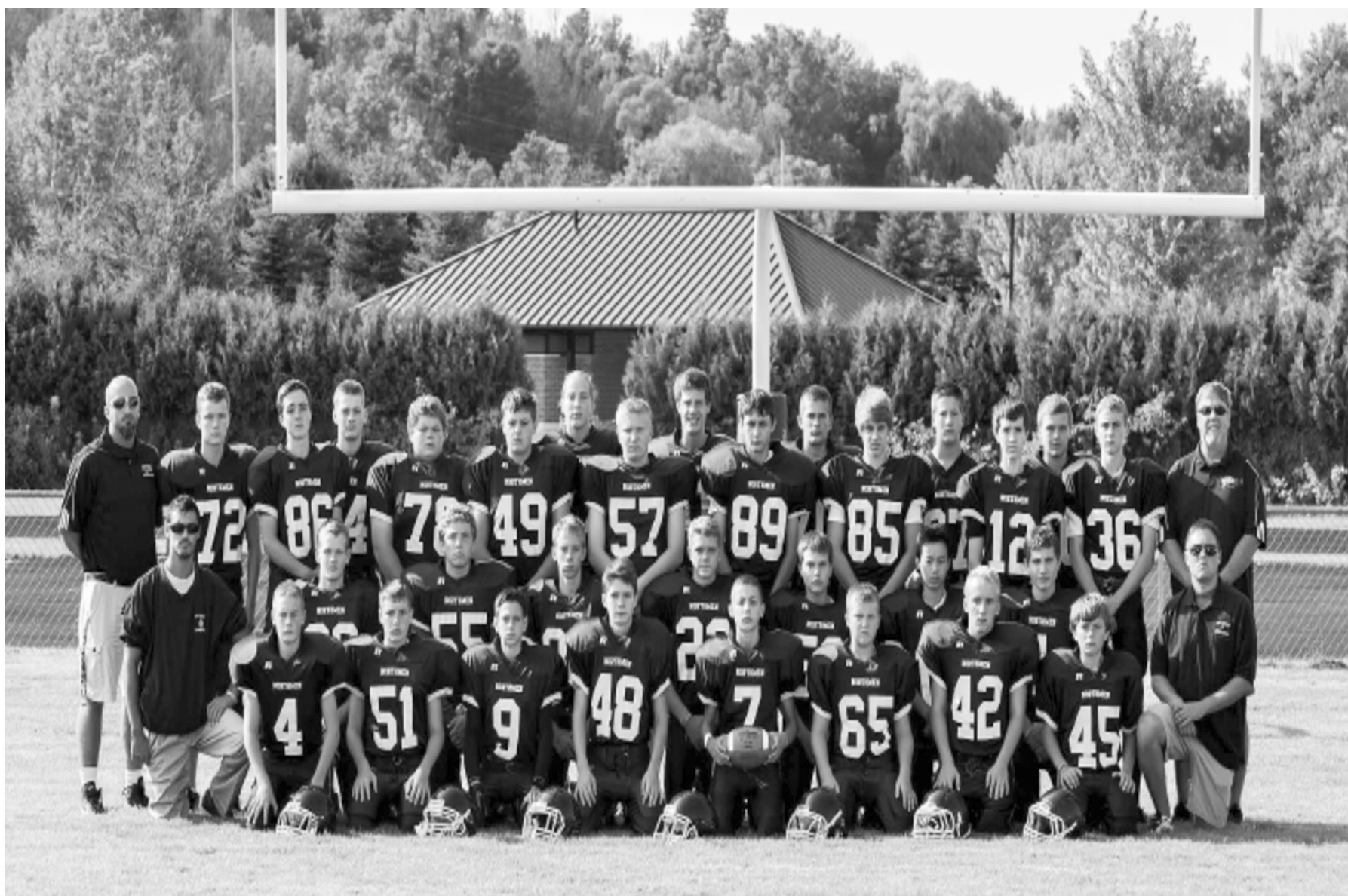


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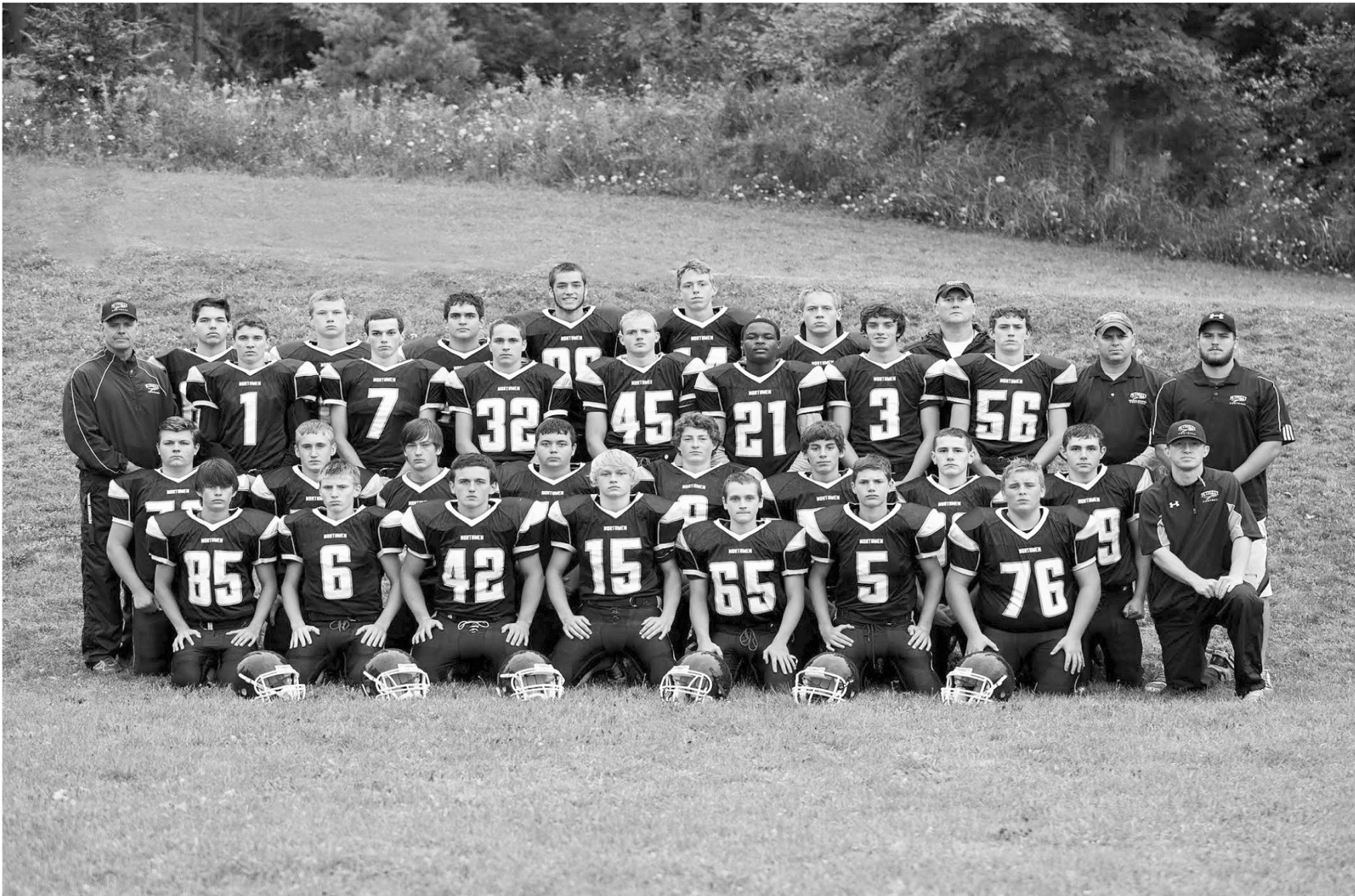
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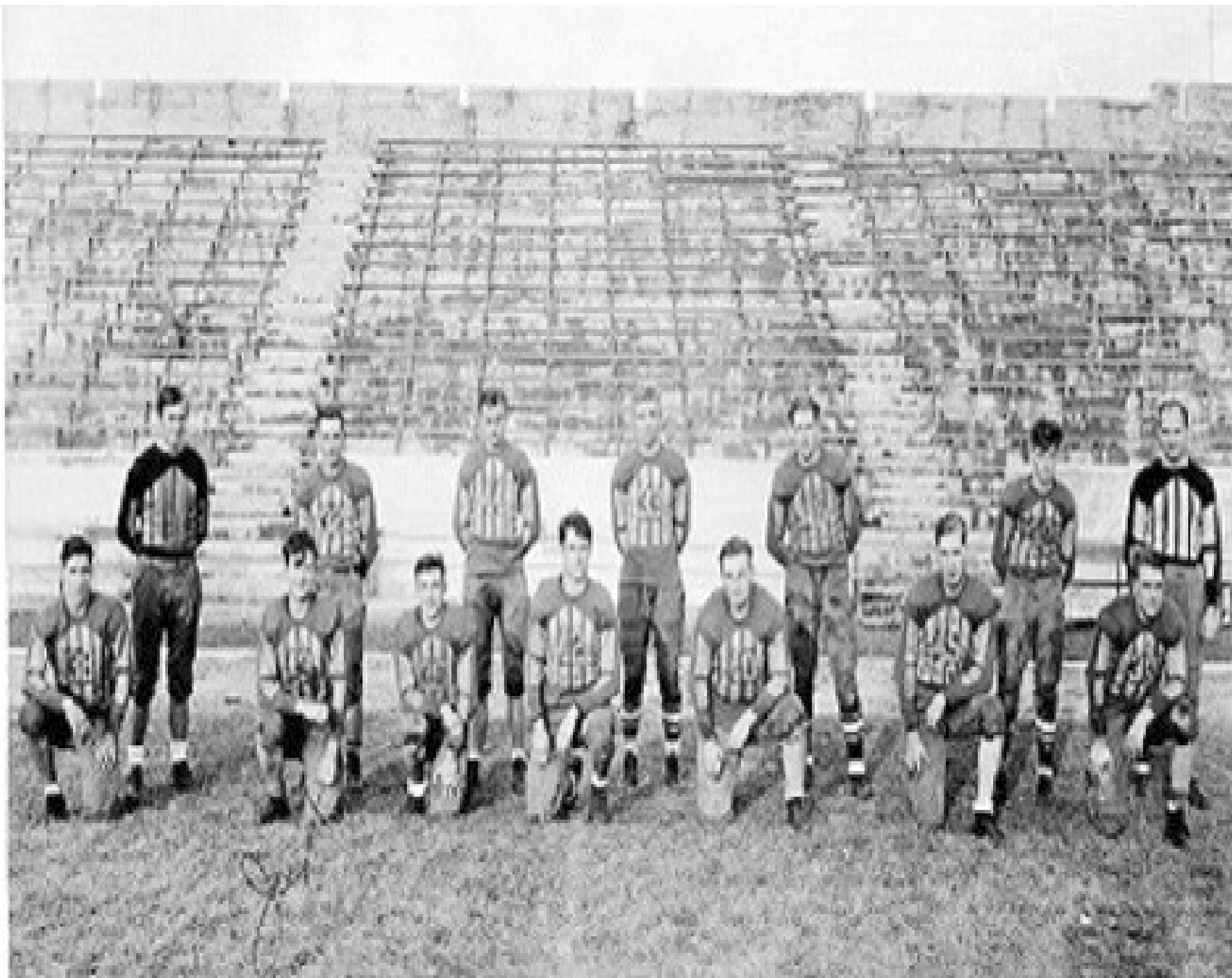


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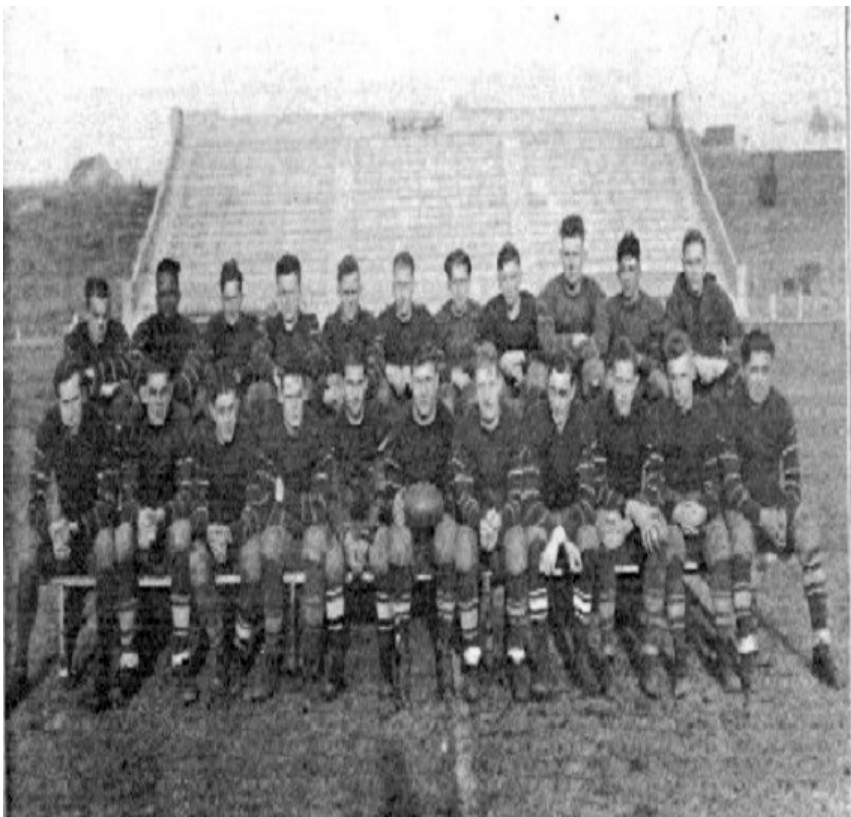


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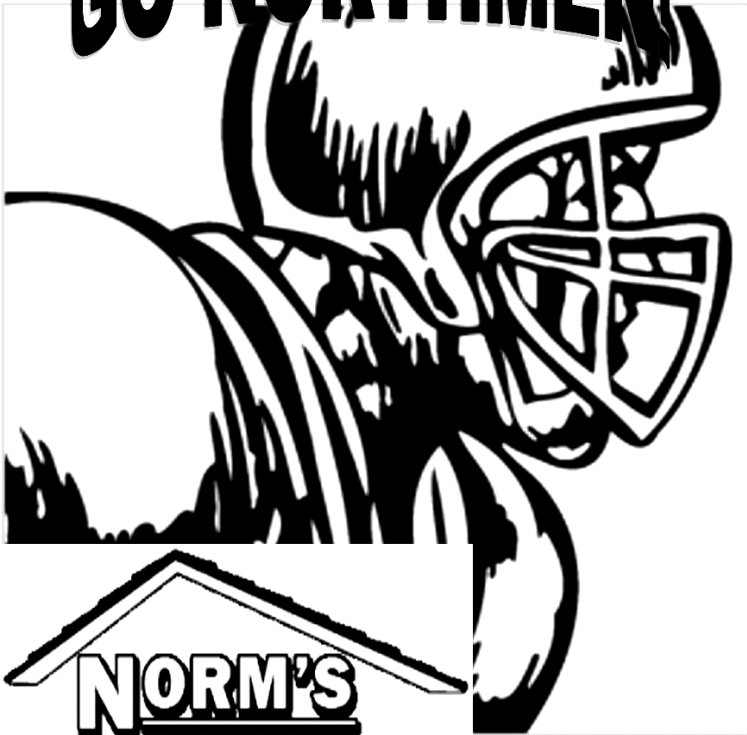
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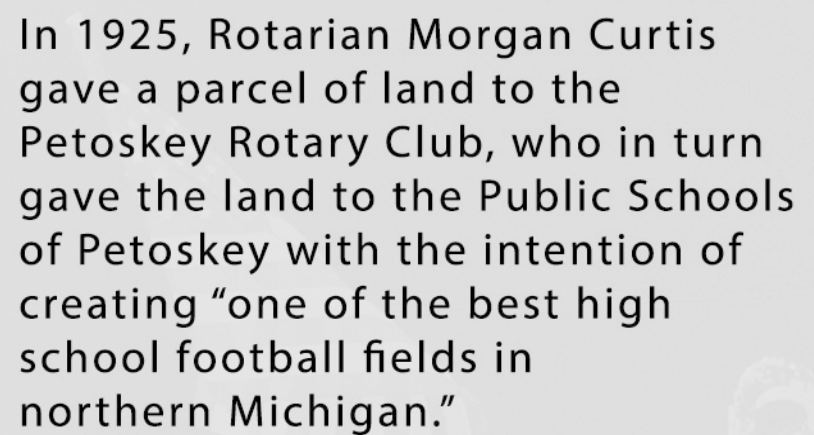
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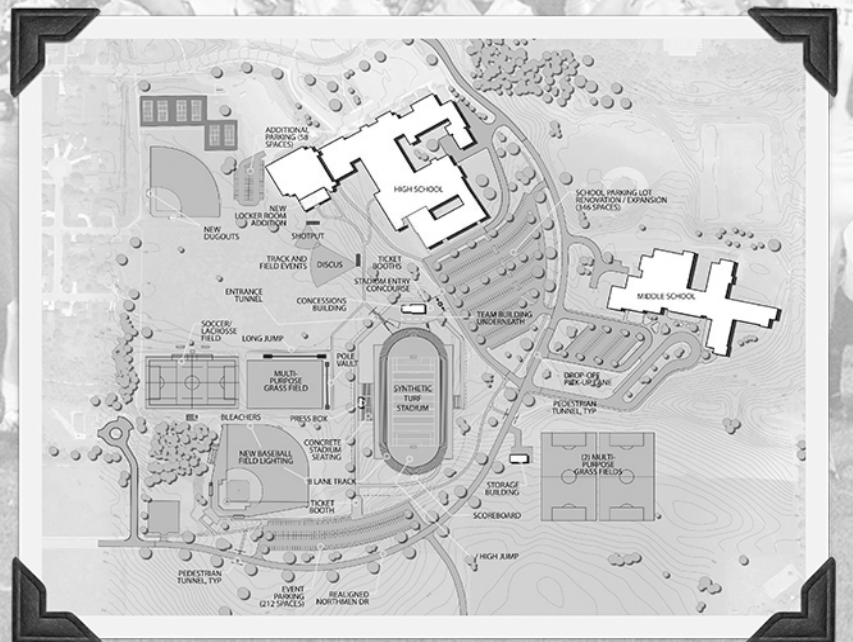


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