Welcome Week Regatta Set for June 7

Burnett Bartley Will Defend His 1952 Title

Burnett G. Bartley Sr. of Beechwood Blvd., Pittsburgh's leading speedboat racer and winner of the Aluminum Cup in last year's Welcome Week Regatta, will enter two boats in the seven-lite competition this year.

Both Wildcatter, last year's champ, and Roughneck will fly the Bartley flag when the hydroplanes skim across the surface of the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers on June 7.

The date for the speedboat classic was announced yesterday by the Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the Welcome Week races.

First for Wildcatter

For Wildcatter, it will be its first competition. The Wildcatter which won the title last year and later ran second in the Silver Cup races at Detroit, upset and sank at Columbus, O., last summer.

It's being reconditioned and remodeled now, but Bartley expects to have it in racing condition by the middle of May.

Actually, the Bartley boating enterprise is a father-son combination. Burnett Bartley Jr. comes to Pittsburgh from his Columbus home every chance he gets to work on one of the boats.

And it was Junior who won the Aluminum Cup. Burnett Sr. was scheduled to drive in the race but he was hurt and turned the wheel over to his son.

A Veteran Racer

Junior, 27, has been driving speedboats for years. He started piloting service runabouts at Lake Chautauqua, N. Y., and was manning the large boats before the war.

Despite Wildcatter's impressive record last year, the Bartleys, father and son, feel that Roughneck will be the top boat this year.

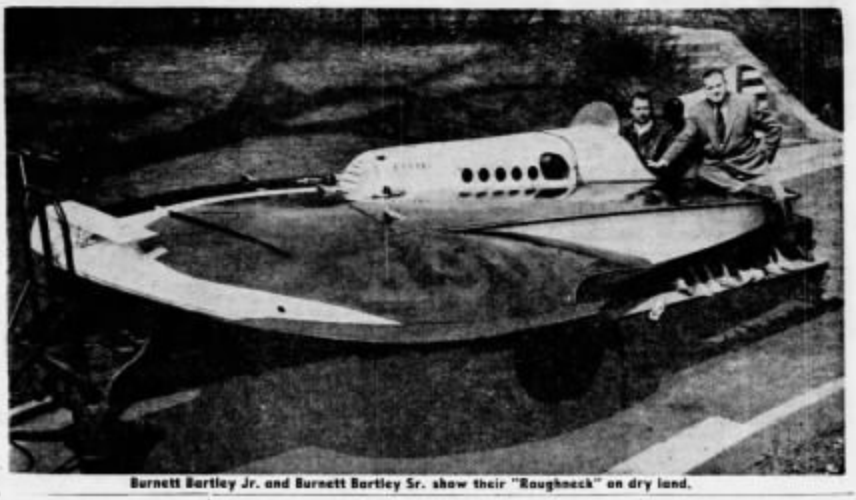
"We've been burning the midnight oil on it," the elder Bartley explained. "We tuned up the engine and made some structural changes which will increase its speed."

Up to 155 MPH

Speed, of course, is not all-important.

The boats must be able to make the turns and frequently speed must be sacrificed to permit a sharp turning circle. However, the boats do hit 135 miles an hour, but that rarely shows up in the times for they must drop off to 50-60 to round the buoys.

Where did the names come from? Bartley is in the oil business where Wildcatter and Roughneck are familiar terms.



Burnett Bartley Jr. and Burnett Bartley Sr. show their "Roughneck" on dry land.

Funk, Weaver Honored by WPIAL

They Receive Gifts At Annual Dinner

Mark N. Funk, PIAA executive director, and Harry B. Weaver, New Kensington High principal since 1924, were honored by more than 1300 guests at the annual WPIAL dinner in Hotel William Penn last night. It was the largest crowd ever to attend a WPIAL dinner.

Funk, former PIAA president and president of the WPIAL for nine years while he was the Latrobe High principal, received a set of luggage. Weaver, the league's treasurer for 26 years until he resigned, received a wrist watch.

The presentations were made by WPIAL President William E. Dolde of Connellsville. Dolde also introduced the chairman of each sports committee in the league.

The main speaker was Kenneth McFarland, educational consultant with General Motors in Detroit and former superintendent of schools of Topeka, Kan.

Dr. William Mullin, principal at Mt. Pleasant Hurst High, was the toastmaster. Samuel W. Jacobs, Greensburg High principal, was the dinner committee chairman.

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St. James Faces St. Michael In State Tourney Tuesday

Unbeaten West End Class B Champs Aim For 63rd Straight, 3rd Catholic Crown

By PAUL KURTZ

Coach Dick Diethorn's unbeaten St. James High floor squad is out to repeat as the PCIAA Western Region "B" titlist.

After an opening round bye, the West End Spartans face their first tourney test against Greenville St. Michael at the North High court, Troy Hill, at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

St. Michael advanced by eliminating Renovo St. Joseph, 67-39, Thursday at Greenville.

Since last defeated early in February, 1950, St. James has a 63-game win streak—26 this season. The Spartans have won 123 games and lost only 13 in the past four seasons.

Seek Third State Title

After winning their section honor five times, since Diethorn started directing St. James 10 years ago, the Spartans finished off South Side St. Michael in two straight games for their fourth Catholic League "B" championship during the past five seasons.

St. James won the PCIAA state Class B championship the past two seasons. Spartan followers are noping Diethorn & Company will become the first school ever to win the title three consecutive years.

The Sparkling Spartans are well balanced. They are excep-

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1941—St. Michael, South Side.
1942—Holy, Troy Hill.
1943—St. Joseph, Mt. Oliver.
1944—St. Joseph, Mt. Oliver.
1945—St. Casimir, South Side.
1946—St. Casimir, South Side.
1947—St. George, Allegheny.
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