



**Cornerstone Missionary Anniversary....**Church family and congregation gather at the Hilton Hotel to honor the members who work so hard to help others during Hurricane Floyd. Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church Pastor is Rev. Sidney Locks, shown posing for our camera Publisher Jim Rouse. Mother Sis. Else Rouse is shown with her neice and friends and Mr. and Mrs. Congleton

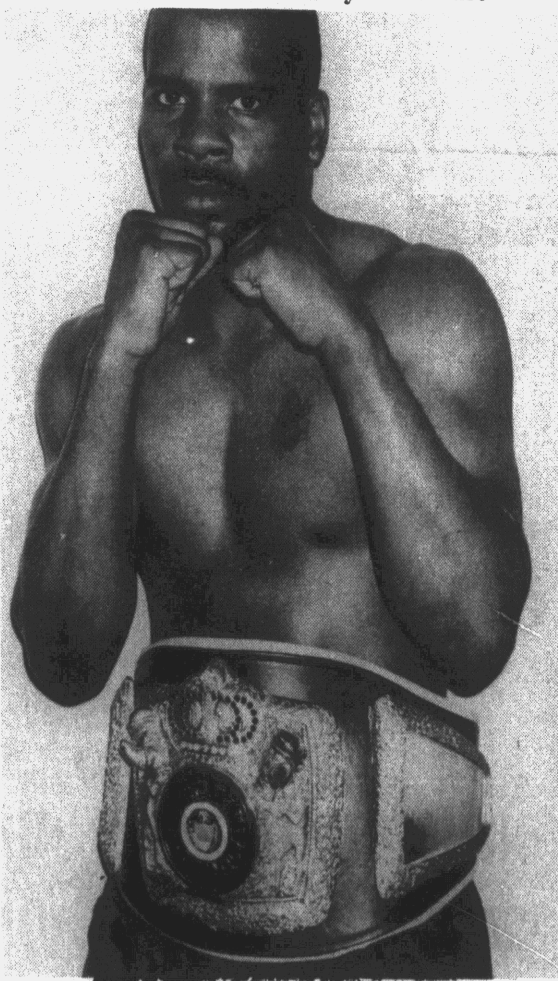
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**INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPION.....**Raised in the Oak Grove Community of Greenville, NC, shown above wearing his Middleweight Championship Belt, which he still possess, is Bobby Heath. The son of Charlie & Emma Heath. Ms. Heath was present at ringside when her son won his new title. The match took place in Reading, Penn. where he now resides. *Emma Heath photo*

## Bobby Heath wins WBF title

By John O'Connor

Eagle/Times

"This one's for Steve Little." Those were Bobby Heath's words after capturing the WBF Intercontinental welterweight championship Friday night with a fifth-round technical knockout over Philadelphia's Tyrone Winkler at Riveredge.

As Heath, wearing his championship belt, raised his hands in glory and basked in the adulation of the partisan crowd, he couldn't help thinking of Little, the Reading boxing champion who passed away in January.

"He was the one who encouraged me," said Heath, who increased his record to 22-8-4 with his 11th knockout. "When I first came into there (King's Gym), he always told me that I could be a champion. I'm following in his footsteps, just like he predicted."

But even Heath was surprised when Winkler didn't answer the bell for the sixth round in the scheduled 10-round.

After all, this was the same fighter Heath had to battle eight tough rounds to win a split decision in May in Philadelphia.

"I was very surprised," Heath said. "I thought he was coming out."

Heath, however, wasn't surprised with the end result since he felt he hurt Winkler enough in the first five rounds to finish him off with a sixth-round knockout.

"Between rounds, I kept telling my corner, 'Don't worry, I'm going to knock him out,'" Heath said. "I told (promoter) Marshall Kauffman it wasn't going the distance. I was in better shape. I trained better. And I also

had a lot of support behind me."

Heath came after Winkler with a flurry after the opening ball and opened up a cut above his right eye.

Winkler, whose record dropped to 14-3, was still feeling the effects of the blow that opened up the cut when he decided to concede the fight.

"He head-butted me in the first round," Winkler said. "There was no difference between this fight and the last time I fought him except for the head-butting. The referee didn't say nothing about it."

Referee Gary Rosato in fact ruled that Winkler had been punched and not head-butted.

"I split him open and tried to stay on the cut," Heath said. "He kept coming in with his head a lot because he's short. He butted me in the fifth round, but I didn't complain."

The crowd had no complaints about four other Berks County fighters who won their bouts prior to the main event.

Reading heavyweight Craig Tomlinson (21-4, 14 KOs) scored a unanimous decision over Jerry "Pit Bull" Arntzen of Trenton, N.J., in an eight-round bout.

Boyetown's Shane Wells (3-0, 2 KOs) won his heavyweight bout, scoring a second-round technical knockout over Philadelphia's Ronek Ross.

Reading's Jason Schaeffer (3-1, 2 KOs) wasted little time, scoring a first-round technical knockout against Philadelphia's Keith Collier in a heavyweight bout.

And Reading junior welterweight Sterling Gethers (5-0) remained unbeaten with a unanimous decision over John Scalzi of Altoona.

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