

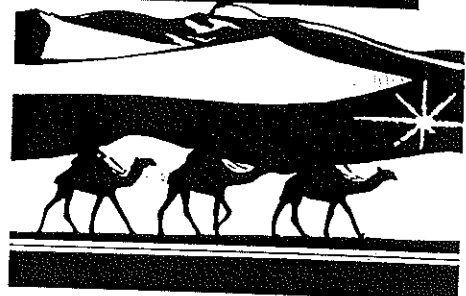
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A BAD NIGHT IN CLEARSPRING

By Wendell Trogden

It was mostly curiosity that caused the boys at Heltonville to drive to Clearspring that Saturday night in the winter of 1947-48.

They were eager to see their Clearspring friends play a team from Indianapolis call Crispus Attucks. None had ever played against blacks, or seen them play, except at semistate tournaments.

They had been told the Attucks Tigers were making the trip to Clearspring as it would to Freetown, Rossville, Vallonia, Pine Village, and Windfall, because Indianapolis teams refused to schedule them.

The Tigers didn't look impressive when they took the floor. They had no fancy warm-up suits, just pants and jerseys that looked like underwear vests, faded green with small yellow numbers that were hard to read.

They did go through some fancy pregame passing routines that neither Heltonville nor Clearspring used. They found the basket at the east end of the gym easy to hit.

When asked, an Attucks student manager gave a preview of what to expect. "Our biggest scorers are League Bailey and Everett Overton. And our guards, Middleton and Coward, aren't bad.: The coach, he added, was Fitzhugh Lyons.

The game stayed closed throughout the first half before Clearspring eased ahead, 20-17. Any close call made by the officials went to the home team. After years on the road, Fitzhugh Lyons expected that, the visitors from Heltonville learned later.

The officiating didn't improve in the second half. Attucks tied the score at 20-20, 30-30, 34-34, 36-36, and 40-40.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As our holiday gift to you, we are pleased to present you with our biggest and best newsletter yet.

We have stories by Wendell Trogden, Harley Sheets, and Dean Monroe. We have an article on one of the finest gentleman ever to coach the game, and we have profiles on three of the newer members of IHSBHS.

A Bad Night, Cont.

Clearspring finally pulled ahead to win. 45-43.

The referees' calls were not only questionable, they were awful. Coach Lyons walked off the floor to a brick wall and pounded his fists against it in frustration. He had experienced bad calls before, but he hadn't grown accustomed to the unfairness.

One of the Heltonville visitors checked the scorebook. Attucks had scored two more field goals, but Clearspring had an 11-5 edge in free throws. The personal fouls, some doubtful, some bad, made the difference.

Coach Lyons calmed down, shook hands with a school official and said, "Thanks for having us."

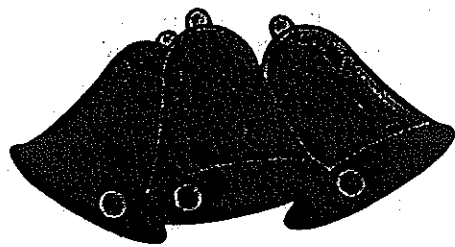
"The pleasure was ours," Lyons was told.

He didn't smile at the irony of the comment as he followed his players out to the parking lot where they boarded privately-owned cars for the 70-mile drive home.

Ray Crowe replaced Lyons as Attucks coach and led the Tigers to the Final Four of the state tournament in 1951.

The big city schools no longer could ignore the team they had shunned for years.

After Wendell Trogdon wrote about seeing that Clearspring game years later, he received a thank you letter from Coach Lyons' widow. She recalled similar Attucks games, poor officiating, the hardship that came with driving long distances over narrow roads on snowy wintry nights and the lack of places to stop for meals. "I am sure," she wrote, "the frustration of all those things led to Fitz's premature death."



Happy Holidays

The Curtis Family

By Bob Adams

One of the earliest family basketball dynasties in the state was the extended Curtis family.

Not only can the Curtis family lay claim to four state titles, their protoges won 12 NCAA titles.

The patriarch of the family was Glenn. Glenn's high school career predates the state tourney, as he played on the first ball team at Eminence, in 1910.

After graduating from Eminence, in 1911, Glenn continued his career at Indiana State, graduating in 1916. Glenn's first job was as an assistant at Advance. Somehow Glenn wrangled the head coaching job at Lebanon, and led the Tigers to the State championship in 1918. He left Lebanon for six months of military service and then was an assistant coach at Rushville for the remainder of the season. Then Martinsville came calling.

Nineteen seasons at Martinsville produced 383 wins, 16 sectional titles, 12 regional titles, and three more state titles. Along the way his '26,' 27, and '28 teams, led by John Wooden, made it to the state final game, winning it all in 1927.

After the 1937-38 season, Indiana State came calling, and Glenn coached the Sycamores for eight seasons, winning 122 games while losing just 45. He closed out his coaching career in the pros



Glenn Curtis

Wooden, after coaching high school ball in South Bend, followed Glenn to Indiana State before making his trek west to UCLA, where he won 10 NCAA titles.

While Glenn was having his successful run at Martinsville, younger brother Herb was making a name for himself down the road at Monrovia. His last four seasons at Monrovia produced a record of 91 wins and only 16 defeats. Monrovia won the Morgan county tourney all four years, won the huge tri-state tourney at Cincinnati twice, and

also had a second place finish. This team was led for four years by a strapping young man who was known locally as Doc and the Sheriff, but we knew him better at Branch McCracken. McCracken would late have an outstanding playing and coaching career at Indiana University, sandwiched around coaching at Ball State, winning two NCAA titles at his alma mater

The only problem that Herb had at Monrovia, was that he had the misfortune to play in the same sectional that brother Glenn at Martinsville did. And Herb didn't fair well in head to head competition with his older brother.

Three out of those four years, Glenn's teams beat Herb's teams in the sectionals, twice in the final game.



Herba Curtis

Herb got tired of butting heads with Glenn, and took his coaching act about 150 miles northeast, settling in the little Adams county town of Decatur. And, the legend continued.

His first team at Decatur finished 22-5 and won gave Herb his first sectional title. He won another Decatur sectional in 1930, and, when the team was moved to the Fort Wayne sectional in 1931, won a Fort Wayne sectional title. In those days, Decatur played the big three of Fort Wayne, (South, Central and North) and at one point from 1929-32, Curtis' teams had nine straight wins over the larger Fort Wayne Schools. His '30 team at Decatur may have been his best. The only loss this team suffered during the regular season was at the hands Winamac.

Herb spent nine seasons at Decatur, winning 140 games while losing only 67. His Yellowjacket teams won three sectionals.

Herb retired from coaching and moved

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The Curtis Family, Continued to Southport as principal. After several years at Southport, he switched careers and went into school supply sales. Oddly enough, he died of a heart attack while in Liberty Center where he was calling on his cousin Ernest.

(While at Southport, Herb was instrumental in hiring one of his Decatur players as an assistant coach. This young man, Carl Buffenbarger, later turned up at Franklin Township, where he coached Dee Compton, who is featured in another story.)

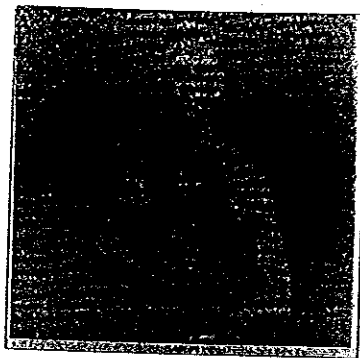
Cousin Ernest was the original traveling man, having made coaching and teaching stops in at least 13 different schools. He was the head coach at Guilford, Leesburg, Kniman, Putnamville, Linlawn, Boone Grove, Scotland, Cuzco, Sandborn, Monmouth, Owensburg, Griffin, Liberty Center, Clifford, and Kingsbury. By 1949, he was the Blackford County School Superintendent.



Ernest Curtis

Ernest must have liked to move, as his four year stint at Monmouth was his longest coaching stint. His best years were at Liberty Center, where he was 43-8 in two years, with one Bluffton sectional title.

And where does Claude Curtis fit into all of this? An article in the Decatur paper concerning the hiring of Herb Curtis as coach as the Yellowjackets, claims that Claude, the Gimbel Award winner in 1917, and a Hall of Famer, was also a cousin of Herb and Glenn.



Claude Curtis



Hutch vs. "Bru"

by Dean Monroe

One of the great chapters in the history of Jay County high school basketball was written by the Madison Township Tomcats and the Redkey Wolves. When these two teams jumped it up on February 15, 1938, it marked the beginning of a four game journey that would end in the Hartford City Sectional on March 3, 1939. During this four consecutive game stretch between the two rivals, Redkey would defeat Madison in all four contests. What made it unusual is that all four games went into overtime!



Madison Twp School

To make things more interesting, Redkey was coached by Cleon Hutchinson, a 1928 graduate of Madison Township. Madison was coached by the great Harold Brubaker, who won more games while coaching in Jay County, than any other coach. "Hutch" was the star player for "Bru" in the late twenties and

would often say that he learned more about basketball and the leading of young men from his former mentor, than from anyone since.

The similarities did not stop there between the two friends. In twenty seasons (17 at Madison and 3 at Pennville), Brubaker never had a losing record, winning 322 games. Hutchinson coached four years at Redkey and two more at Winchester, winning 94 games, and like Brubaker, never suffered a losing season. Both men starred in athletics while at what is now Ball State. Both were accomplished golfers, who between the two of them, won seven club championships at the Portland County Club.

Near the end of the 1938 season on February 15th, Madison traveled to Redkey to tune up for the upcoming Sectional Tournament. Redkey won the game 25-24 in sudden death overtime. The following season, the two evenly matched teams met again on November 11, 1938 at Redkey with the same result, the Wolves winning in overtime, 16-14, on a basket by Dale Smith. Smith again did the damage on February 14, 1939 at Madison. After Harold Theurer hit a long shot for Madison to send the game into overtime, Dale hit the game winner again with only 30 seconds gone in the overtime to abruptly end it. The Wolves and Tomcats met in the Sectional Tournament on March 3, 1939 at Hartford City. Fifteen seconds into the overtime, Robert Willman, one of the finest pivotmen in east central Indiana, went underneath the hoop to win it, the fourth straight overtime win against Madison by Redkey. One of the star players for Madison in these games was William Peden, another disciple of Brubaker, who would later coach at Redkey, Bloomfield, Crothersville, Nappanee, Wabash, Greenfield, Staunton and Eastside High Schools.



Hutch and Bru

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Hutch and Bru. continued

High school players, who later become coaches, and then get the opportunity to take on their former mentors, happens from time to time in Indiana High School Basketball. It is the student's opportunity to show their teacher that they learned their lessons well. During this epic four game stretch, "Hutch" showed "Bru" what a good teacher he was.

(Editors note: Clarence Peden's dad was a coach for a couple of seasons in Randolph county, and his sons also coach. His son Greg, has amassed over 200 wins, and is the head coach at Ft. Wayne Northrop)

SOMEWHERE SOUTH OF DANVILLE

By Harley Sheets, President



The last board and regular meeting was held at Covington, Indiana on September 20, 1997. Many thanks to Don and Ruth White who acted as hosts. Sandwiches, drinks and snacks were provided at the board meeting prior to the regular meeting at the Fountain County courthouse with only 11 members present. This is a concern to those who regularly attend. It was suggested by Bill Ervin, a new member, that I asked in this issue of the newsletter for suggestions from the membership on how to increase attendance. Let me hear from you! After sharing researching expertise, most members present trekked off to the BEEF HOUSE which was quite a treat.

It has been determined by the board of directors that the membership will continue to elect board members, but hereafter, the board will choose the officers since they are the ones who attend most of the meetings and know who would best be suited for the positions.

Bill Ervin, also, presented paperwork and information on tax exemption. Secretary, Ruth White, agreed to look over the papers to see what further action may be taken.

Member, Wendell Trogdon, retired editor of the Indianapolis News, was present and reported that after 42 radiation treatments the prognosis was good for a full recovery. Wendell has also, donated two of each of his books to the Joe Quigley Library.

Two new publications by IHSBHS members are now available. Dean Kendall has completed his book on the Wabash Valley Tournament and I have finally finished mine. It is entitled

"Indiana High School Basketball Revue, 1911 - 1997. The book has two sections. The first lists every school that has ever won a sectional, the years they won them, their coach, how far they advanced and who eliminated them if they did not win the state. The second section lists in chronological order teams with regular season undefeated records, their coach, their overall record, how far they advanced in the tournament and who eliminated them. It is available for \$10.00 (members get a 20% discount). If ordering by mail include \$1.50 for postage or save postage and pick it up at the next meeting.

My next project will be an Indiana high school trivia game which should be out in about one year. Dean also suggested that I tell you to pick his up at the next meeting and save yourself \$5.00 in postage. His book is a lot larger than mine.

Donations for Joe's brick(s) at the Hall of Fame continue to come in. The sum is up around \$400.00. Bob Adams is handling this and will give details elsewhere in this newsletter. Since the brick(s) will only come to around \$200.00, the board has decided that \$100.00 of the remaining money will be placed in a flower fund, \$65.00 will be donated to the Boy Scouts per Joe's wish and the remainder put in the treasury. As of the last treasurer's report we had \$383.90. So far our membership for the year stands at 63 (61 paid - 2 complimentary).

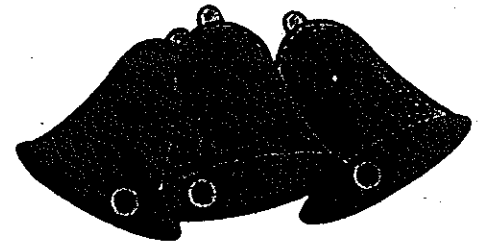
New appointments to committees of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame have been made for this year. Bob Adams has been placed on the veterans committee. I have been placed on the screening

committee and hopefully, Bob Pearson will replace me on the building/exhibit committee.

Look for my "Gems of the Past" elsewhere in this quarterly. What I want to close this report with is something that a gem of a lady did. Sometime prior to our last meeting I received a call from Joe Quigley's sister, Pat Bodnar, who lives in Dayton, Ohio. She thought that IHSBHS was having some kind of formal dedication and ceremony for her brother and wanted to attend. I explained that it was just a simple thing like naming our library in honor of her brother as an indication of our love and appreciation for "Huck" and that a tribute would appear in the next newsletter. I said that I would send her a copy. On September 29, 1997 my wife and I received a card from Pat. I expected a thank you for sending the newsletter and writing the tribute. Well I certainly got that, but was almost overwhelmed to find a check for \$200.00 made out to IHSBHS to use as we saw fit in memory of her brother, Arthur Joseph Quigley, Jr. Pat, all IHSBHS members want to thank you for the generous donation. I had the privilege of meeting some of your family and found them to be wonderful people and what you have done further confirms it. God bless the Quigley family!

The Ten Second Line

Bob Hammel, the Bloomington sports writer has a new book out which is entitled "Hoosiers-Classified." The book is about the final season of single-class basketball. One of our members and our treasurer Bob Whalen gets a prominent mention in the book. Congratulations Bob!



GEMS OF THE PAST

By Harley Sheets

Knox County, Indiana has produced two legends that I know of and more than likely, others. The ones I refer to are the lovable and world renowned comedian, Red Skeleton and a gentleman who coached sports in Centralia, Illinois. Although not world famous and probably not as well known in his home county, this man probably made as great of an impact on Illinois high school basketball than any other individual.

I had known about Arthur Lloyd Trout since the beginning of my research into Illinois basketball approximately ten years ago, but I never had the complete story until I read a book entitled "Trout-The Old Man and the Orphans" written by Dan Schnake a Centralia graduate.

Upon graduation from Bruceville High School, Trout trudged (ten miles round-trip) each day to teach at a one-room schoolhouse at Coan for five years to save enough money to begin his collegiate career. After graduating from Indiana University in 1914, for some unknown reason he trekked through the sycamores and across the Wabash River to Centralia. There he amassed 809 wins in 34 1/2 years becoming the all-time winningest coach in Illinois high school basketball history. Recently, Dick Van Scoyoc surpassed Trout's record with 826, but it took him 44 years.

Although Mr. Trout won his first two state titles in 1918 and 1922, his coaching exploits did not crest until the early 40's. As author Schnake comments, "A unique mixture of emotions spawned by WW II, the construction of a new gymnasium and groups of talented and gifted athletes, blended together to create the most exciting, inspirational and colorful period of Centralia basketball.

It was during this period that Trout won his third state title. In 1941, what was deemed his greatest team (44-2) was defeated in the title game by Morton of Cicero 30-29. But in 1942 with all the starters gone except the phenomenal Dwight "Dike" Eddleman, Centralia defeated the up till then unbeaten Paris Tigers, 35-33 in what is generally considered the most memorable state finals game in Illinois history.



Arthur Trout

Those who saw Eddleman play are nearly unanimous in considering him the greatest Illinois high school athlete of all time. He went on to an outstanding career at the University of Illinois and later won a silver medal at the Olympics in the high jump

The book also states that Mr. Trout aside from basketball was the football coach, the baseball coach, the athletic director and master teacher. Among his responsibilities were the disciplining of students, athletic teams and even citizens of the community. He was sovereign

Mr. Trout suffered a disabling stroke in 1950, which forced his retirement. Sherman Minton, a classmate of Trout's and a Supreme Court Justice wrote, "I can't imagine you, the wiry, tough little guy that you were, suffering disability". Almost immediately Arthur Trout returned to his beloved Indiana. On January 11, 1956 he died at Oaktown. His burial beside his ancestors and son in the family plot at Bruceville ended an era.

Anymore ramblings by me can not do justice to Arthur Trout so my suggestion is to read the book which I will make available to the Joe Quigley Memorial Library.

In closing my expose of King Arthur I take a quote from Schnake's book on page 4.

"An old business suit necktie and weather beaten hat characterized his manner of dress and drew attention to his being a cut apart from anything ordinary. He was a disciplinarian, a fundamentalist and a Bible-quoting preacher's son with an earthy sense of humor who operated on a different level. A man like this seldom comes along, and when one does, he deserves recognition and remembrance. Centralia, a town rich in basketball lore should forever appreciate the blessings of being blessed by the man responsible for most of this tradition.

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He flashed across Illinois with brilliance and then suddenly disappeared."

Then, the book closes with this: "The Orphans still play basketball in the house that Trout built, but it's a different game now. Old-timers love remembering the glory days. The A. L. Trout years of colorful quotes, booming kiss shots, tenacious full-court defense, gyms packed with thunderous crowds and razzle dazzle football are gone. The best we can do is remember."

Harley Sheets vows to go to a game at Trout Gymnasium some day.

Note: Scott Johnson, if you read this article, will you please send me another copy of this book. I will send you the cost, plus postage. H.S.

The Ten Second Line

Even though referee Don McBride refereed thousands of games and lives in Richmond, the Hall of Fame referee blew the whistle at only one game in Jay County during his career.

The game took place at the old Jay County armory, (now the Boys and Girls Club) in Portland. Two Jay county teams were playing.

During the game, one player stole the ball and was racing in for an uncontested lay up; when a "fan" got up from his seat under the basket and went out on the floor and slugged the player before he could score.

McBride immediately stopped the game. He awarded the player a basket, and called both coaches over and told them to eject the fan from the gym.

The offending coach got a little red in the face, and said he couldn't do that.

McBride told him either eject the guy or forfeit the game. The coach said, "but he is our school superintendent."

The superintendent was removed from the building and the game continued.

As he left, he informed McBride he would never call another game in Jay county. And, McBride never did.

Happy Holidays

The next meeting of IHSBHS will be at the American Legion in New Castle December 27, 1997 from 2:00-4:00 between sessions of the Hall of Fame Classic.

DEE-LIGHTFUL

.....Have you ever been envious of other people who seem to pack a lot of life into living? If that's the case, you are really going to get green reading about one of the nicest people to ever be called "coach."

Leroy Z. "Dee" Compton was born on a farm near Acton, Indiana, which is located about 15 miles southeast Indianapolis. He attended Franklin township schools, graduating in 1942.

Dee's basketball and softball coach at Acton Grade School was Anna Swails. "She was a good coach, she didn't put up with any foolishness," says Dee.

Dee must have learned well from Mrs. Swails, as he went on to play basketball at Franklin Township High School and later at Indiana Central and Butler, and was signed a minor league contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

While at Franklin Township, Dee played for Earl Sheaffer one season, and for Carl Buffenbarger three seasons.

"I had three really good years with Buff, where I first really learned the game," adds Dee.

Preparing himself for what was to become a very busy life, Dee was the senior class president, Hi-Y Club president, belonged to the Dramatics Club and National Honor Society, was co-captain of the basketball team, and captain of the baseball team.

Dee played at Indiana Central for one season before transferring to Butler where he played football, baseball, and basketball for the legendary Tony Hinkle

While at Butler, Dee was vice-president of the "B" Men, and was a member of the Loyalty Legion, the YMCA, the interfraternity council, the Spynx, and was elected president of Phi Delta Theta.

Dee also found time to participate in both semi-pro and pro baseball, playing for several Indianapolis area semi-pro teams, and playing professionally for the Pirates' Kingston Ontario farm team.

Dee started his teaching and coaching career at Moral Township, a small school in Shelby county.

In addition to teaching Phys Ed. Health and Safety, General Science, Biology, English and U.S. History, he also found time to coach the varsity, reserve, freshman, and junior high basketball teams, the varsity softball team, and the varsity track team.

Just to make sure Dee had no idle time on his hands, he was also the school's athletic director, sponsor of the letterman's club, directed the senior play, and was also director of the school paper and yearbook.

After two years at Moral Township, Dee moved up Highway 1 to the Wells county metropolis of Bluffton, where he and wife Virginia made their home for seven years.

Dee again kept a busy schedule, teaching Phys Ed, Health, Biology, U.S. History and Driver Education. He was the varsity basketball and baseball coach, and was an assistant football coach.

While at Bluffton he was the President of the Bluffton's Teachers Association, a delegate to the Indiana State Teachers Association, and was involved with the Letterman's Club.

Out of school, he initiated and directed the Little League, Pony League, and the Wells County Amateur Baseball League. For five summers he directed the Bluffton summer recreation program, and organized and coached summer amateur basketball teams.

He was also active in Cub and Boy Scouts, a Lions Club member, and, to stay busy on Sundays, taught a junior high Sunday School class. He was a Methodist Youth Fellowship sponsor, a member of the Wells County Coaches Association, and a quadruple threat referee, officiating baseball, wrestling, volleyball, and track.

Shelbyville came calling on the active coach, and for five years, he led the team on the court, as well as coaching, at one time or another, varsity and reserve baseball, varsity tennis and cross county, and once again assisted with the football team.

Finding himself with a free minute or two, (after all he was only teaching Driver's Education and Health), Dee was

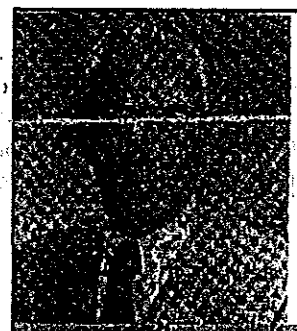
president of the Methodist Men, a Letterman's Club sponsor, directed the summer boys' baseball and tennis programs, coached summer league basketball, was a member of the Mayor's Safety council, served as vice-president of the Indiana Coaches Association, was active in Boy Scouts, was an M.Y.F. sponsor, and taught a Sunday School class.

Larger schools kept calling, and Dee accepted a position at Indianapolis Manual. While at Manual, Dee was the varsity basketball coach for three years, and also coached freshman baseball, while teaching Biology, Health, and Drivers' Training.

During his time at Manual, Dee was a co-founder, and a co-director of the Indiana Central Basketball Camp.

1964 marked the end of Dee's Indiana high school coaching career. Seventeen years as a high school basketball coach produced 14 winning seasons, five sectional titles, and over 200 wins.

Dee next accepted a position as the Chairman of the Boy's Physical Education Department and Athletic Director for Oak Park and River Forest High Schools in Illinois. Here he directed the physical education of 4,000 students, as well as overseeing 45 coaches in 11 sports. While at Oak Park, he directed the Oak Park Relays, one of the largest high school indoor track meets in the nation



Dee Compton

Over 1700 athletes participate each year in the relays. After six years at Oak Park, he moved onto Proviso West High School (4700 students) for three years, before being named the Athletic Director for both the Proviso East and West High Schools. In this position, he directed the athletic fortunes of more than 8400

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Meet Leroy Z. continued

students, and handled 98 coaches and more than 1000 athletic contests per year.

After three years of this, Dee felt he needed more of a challenge, so he returned to Indianapolis to become Supervisor of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Safety, Drug-Alcohol Education and Environmental Education for all of the Indianapolis Public Schools, which encompassed 177 elementary, junior high, and high schools with an enrollment of over 84,000 students

Dee finally ran out of steam in 1985 when he retired. Honoring his retirement, the 1986 Indianapolis High School tournament program was dedicated to him.

Proving that you shouldn't let a little thing like retirement slow you down, Dee was director of the coaches and athletes activities for the World indoor Track and field Championships in 1987, headed youth clinics for the NCAA Track Championships in 1990,1991, and 1992. He is still active in the WBA Ruster Foundation; Franklin Township Historical Society; the Acton United Methodist Church Building Committee, and serves on the board of the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators.

Dee married Virginia Ann on May 15, 1948, and they have five children; James, Ted, Charles, Anita, and Nancy. Virginia is also a Butler grad.

Many honors and awards have been bestowed upon Dee. In high school, Dee was Captain of the baseball team and co-captain of the basketball team. At Butler, he won two letters in basketball and three in baseball.

While at Bluffton he was named the Lions Club's "Citizen-of-the-Year." At Shelbyville, Dee received the Optimist Club's "Citizen of the Year" award

In 1996, Dee received the "Todd Cougill" Award, This award goes yearly to the biggest fan of Franklin Township athletics.

In 1994, Dee was elected to the Hall of Fame. Dee has held many offices with the HOF, and is now the Executive Vice President, which puts him in line to be the next president of the Hall of Fame.

He relaxes by doing maintenance work on his farm, an he likes to refinish antique furniture.

We are all honored and proud to have Dee as a member of our organization, but we are more honored to know him as one fine human being.

TIME OUT

By Bob Adams

Congratulations go out to Bob Pearson and Dr. Roger Robison. Bob's daughter was a beautiful bride in an October wedding, while Roger's son took the plunge in September. Roger says his son got married the day we held our last meeting.(I don't know if that qualifies as an excused absence or not.)

Bill and Phyllis Rogge also were unable to attend as they were in Cincinnati at a reunion of Bill's old Army buddies. How many lies were told that weekend?

Who ever said that mixed marriages don't work haven't met the Pearsons and the Rogges. (Selma) Bluebird Bob and (Andrews) Cardinal Angie recently celebrated 30 years of wedded bliss, and I understand that teacher Bill and student Phyllis are celebrating 40 years together. And they said it wouldn't last!!!!

Our "QUEST" is moving along nicely. We have sent the Hall of Fame information on 185 schools. We have identified 1176 schools and we have found 57 percent of the coaches and 45 percent of the season records. Thanks go out to all members for their hard work.

We ended up collecting almost \$400 for a memorial to Joe Quigley. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to Joe's fund, and also would like to thank Joe's sister, Pat Bodner, for her very nice contribution to us in Joe's memory.

Thanks go out also to Don and Ruth White for hosting the Fall meeting. Those of you not in attendance missed some very good brownies, as well as a chance to see the historic courthouse in COVINGTON.

A thanks also goes out to Wendell Trogden for his generosity. Wendell donated two copies of each of his books to our library.

OUR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society will take place on December 27, 1997 in New Castle, IN. The meeting will be at the New Castle American Legion.

Directions: From Chrysler Arena head north on Hiway 3, pass under the Railroad overpass. Turn right (east) at the next cross street. You should see the Legion at that intersection.

The meeting will run from 2:00-4:00 p.m., which is between the morning and afternoon sessions of the Hall of Fame Classic.

Hall of Fame Classic Tickets

If you want to order tickets to the Hall of Fame Classic and sit with the rest of the IHSBHS members at the game, we are taking orders for tickets. The tickets are \$8.00 each plus \$1.00 per order for shipping.

Orders must be to me by December 1, 1997. Please send your check or money order to:

Bob Adams

1115 W. Madison St.

Decatur, IN 46733

The Ten Second Line

During the 1945-46 season, Harrison Township (Delaware County), was in the midst of a terrible, 60-game losing streak which stretched over three seasons

The Cardinals finally broke the losing streak with a 16-15 win over Green Township from neighboring Randolph county.

The win came only after the Cardinal coach, upset with the play of his varsity players kicked the first 10 men off the team, and moved up the freshman and B-teamers to take their place.

Don't Miss The Next IHSBHS Meeting-12/27/97-2:00-4:00 At the American Legion In New Castle

Meet Dean Monroe

Dean Monroe joined IHSBHS after visiting the Hall of Fame at New Castle and picking up a copy of their quarterly magazine and reading about the historical group. He made a phone call to Bob Adams and now is researching his home county, Jay.

A two year starting guard and a 1972 graduate of Pennville High School (Jay County), Dean graduated from Ball State in 1976. He has over twenty years of experience in Human Resources. He is the Human Resource Manager for United Technologies Automotive, Berne, Indiana and resides in Portland. Dean is married, (wife Nancy), and has three children: Kyle, Lauren, and Kelly, who tell him that they are tired of hearing "old Pennville Bulldog stories," and "no, they don't want to go to Wingate and New Richmond again."

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Meet Bob Fraley

Bob Fraley graduated from Lebanon High School in 1942. After spending almost three years in the U.S. Army Infantry, Bob went to Centre College before graduating from Ball State in 1950.

After coaching a couple of seasons in Ohio, his next stop was Jefferson Township High School in Tipton County. He was there four seasons, winning a sectional in 1956 with a 19-6 record. To win the sectional, Bob's team had to beat Noblesville, Sheridan, Walnut Grove, and Jackson Central. His defeat of Sheridan broke coach Larry Hobbs' seven sectional titles in a row skein. Bob's team lost to Kokomo in the regional.

Bob then moved west to Richland Township in Newtown, where he coached three seasons before moving to Flora. He taught at Flora Junior High for one year before coaching the Carroll B-Team for four years. He also coached baseball and softball for 23 seasons, winning two baseball sectionals with Carroll. He was also the Carroll athletic director for 14 years.

Meet Todd Davis

Alexandria was home to this former Tiger, whose favorite actors are Gabby Hayes and Old Yeller.

After graduating from the Madison county school in 1962, Bob matriculated at Purdue, where he founded the Rugby Club, and worked in the sports information office. He has served in the Navy, and been employed as a policeman, pub owner, teacher, and general store proprietor. He currently inspects trinkets. (he is a licensed trinket inspector), and deals in antiques and other old things. In his spare time, Todd broadcasts Central Noble football and basketball games.

Todd, who hates silicone enhancements, holds a couple of claims to fame. He started ahead of 1963 Mr. Basketball Rick Jones while in the sixth grade at Alexandria, (OK, so Rick was in the fifth grade), and he hit a running 12' shot during the dedication of Chrysler Field house. (Alex 55, N.C. 54)