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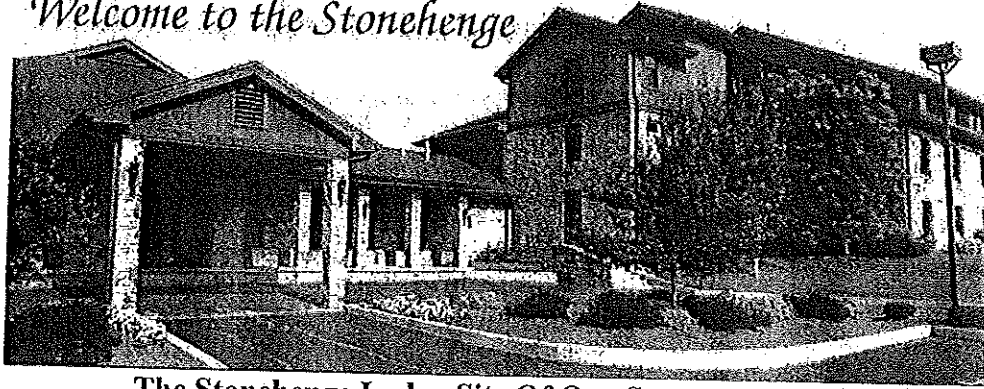
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Board Meeting

The next IHSBHS board meeting will be on Saturday, June 12, 1999 at the old Lebanon gym from 2-4 P.M. All incoming and outgoing board members are invited to attend.

Welcome to the Stonehenge



The Stonehenge Lodge-Site Of Our Summer Meeting

**IHSBHS SUMMER MEETING
AND FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

The next meeting of the Indiana High Basketball Historical Society will take place on July 16, 1999 at the Stonehenge Lodge which is located at 911 Constitution Avenue (Hiway 37 North) in Bedford, IN. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 PM. A short business session will open the meeting, followed by an awards ceremony. The awards ceremony will be followed by a round-table discussion that will include a number of area high school coaches. The following morning, Saturday-July 18, members are invited to go on a tour of old Lawrence and Jackson county gyms. A tour map and directions are on the following page.

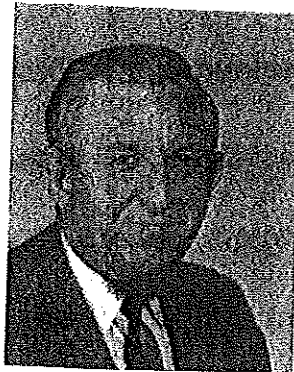
IHSBHS members who wish to stay overnight can reserve a room at the Stonehenge Lodge by calling (812)-279--8111 or 800-274-2974.

You don't have to stay overnight to participate in either the meeting or the gym tour.

The following coaches have agreed to participate in our meeting:

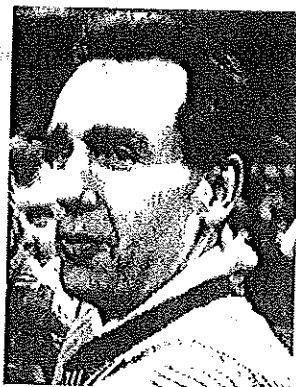
KNOFEL FORTNER: A 1933 graduate of Huron High School, he attended Central Normal College and coached at Marco (the M in L&M and now a part of White

River Valley), Midland, Scotland, Oolitic, and Shawswick, none of



Fortner

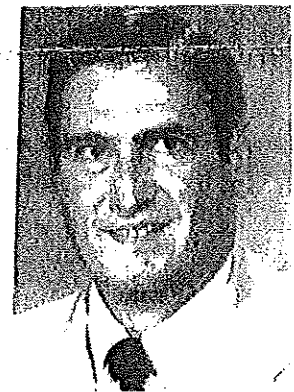
which now exists. His coaching record was 340-161, including two sectionals at Shawswick in the tough Bedford sectional. He retired as superintendent of the West Washington (Washington County) School District.



Bush

DAN BUSH: Graduate of Oolitic High School, where he played on sectional championship teams in 1967 and 1968. The 1968 team

was unbeaten until the regional. He averaged 21.3 points per game in a 69-game career in high school. Later was an outstanding player at Indiana State, his alma mater. Bush was an assistant coach at Bedford North Lawrence before being head coach from 1982-1993. His teams were in the Final Four three times. In a five-year period from 1986 to 1991, his teams had an 118-13 record. He continues to teach at BNL.



Denbo

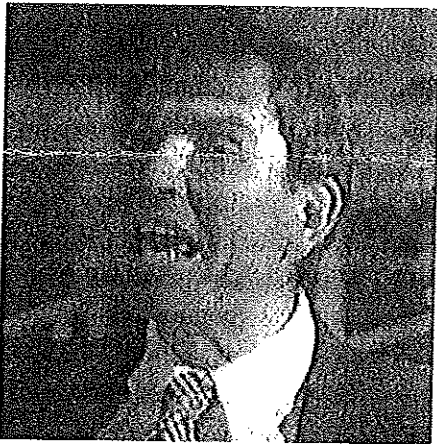
CHARLES DENBO: A graduate of French Lick High School (not sure about his college). One of 44 Indiana boys basketball coaches to win more than 400 games. His teams at Vallonia, Brownstown, Crothersville and Orleans won 402 games. Last coaching job was at Orleans where he had three sectional champions from 1968 to 1995, when he retired to become athletic director. He is retiring at the end of the school year.

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Summer Meeting (cont)

MARK MATHEWS: Graduate of Shawswick High School and Indiana State (1971). Mathews was an assistant coach under Dan Bush at Bedford North Lawrence, where his junior varsity record was 229-65. He became head coach in 1993 when Bush resigned and directed his 1995 team to an unbeaten regular season that continued until the semi-state finals when his Stars lost a double overtime game to Jeffersonville. Mathew's career record was 62-11. He retired after the 1996 season to enter private business.

Mark Mathews



DEAN ZIKE: Graduate of Freetown High School, where he was one of the stars on some good Spartan teams. Graduated from Indiana Central College and had some outstanding teams at Freetown, Clearspring and Heltonville, all of which became part of consolidations. Now retired and living at Brownstown, he was some great stories of incidents he experienced at the three schools.

Norseman Notes

By Bob Adams

Can you believe that it has been five years since the society was founded? I wasn't at that first meeting in June of 1994, but did catch the second one in October of 1994, and haven't missed one since. Time sure flies when you're having fun.

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NEW WEB SITE**
Big Al, the owner of Decatur Internet, has agreed to set up the IHSBHS with a web page at no cost. It will be our responsibility to keep the Web page updated. Visit the IHSBHS webpage at: Nt1.decaturnet.com/bball

Bob Pearson and I, along with 1150 other people, attended the Hall of Fame Induction Banquet in March, and sat at a table with former coaches Basil Sfreddo, Eric Clark, and an assistant coach from Indianapolis Pike, Joe Pearson. Bob Pearson and I felt a little naked as all three were sporting state championship rings.

Clark was coach of the Carmel Greyhounds when they won their state championship. He was one coach who stayed at home, as he was born and raised in Carmel and returned there to coach and teach after college.

He related one story he swore was true. It was the night Carmel won their state title. By the time Clark got done with all the interviews and news media after his team won, it was quite late. By the time he made his way to the bus, the bus was running and all of his players were waiting on him.

Clark had grabbed the state championship trophy and was

carrying it to the bus, when he and a rather inebriated man ran into each other.

The drunk stared at Clark, then asked him about the trophy that he was holding.

"We just won the state basketball championship," Clark replied. "We are the best team in Indiana."

The drunk looked at Clark for another second or two, dug in his pocket, and pulled out some change which he handed to Clark.

"Here's a quarter, call someone that gives a ****," he said.

Clark then continued on to the bus where he told the players about his encounter with the drunk and then told them, 'there is at least one person who doesn't care that you are state champs.'

The new director of the Hall of Fame, Clyde Smoll, resigned effective April 15, 1999. Once again, our project is in limbo until the director, Roger Dickison, starts. However, we are still sending our records to the HOF, and they have a woman there who inputs the information into the computer as she gets it.

Would You Like Back Issues of BOXSCORE ?

If you would like to order back issues of BOXSCORE, please send \$1.50 for each back issue to:

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The first issue was the fall 1996 issue, and they have been published quarterly, (winter, spring, summer and fall), since then.

Dues are due on July 1.

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RACISM IN INDIANA

by Harley Sheets

Part I: Reminiscence Of Racism

HOMETOWN NOT A TRUE PICTURE

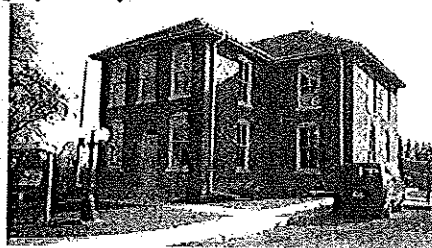
I cannot remember having any great awareness of racism while growing up in Lebanon, Indiana. There were three or four black families that resided there - two of them were the Booths and the Scotts. I graduated with Julia Booth. I played junior high basketball with Gary Scott. Gary had two older brothers on the varsity at the time. All were nice people and all graduated. Gary's younger brother Charles was elected president of his class. Much later in life I learned that L.H.S. had its first black player in 1926. His name was Chad Borders. He played only in his senior year and was the team's leading scorer. At some point in time I heard rumors that my high school principal who had previously coached Lebanon to the state tournament final game in 1943 had shown racist tendencies by refusing to allow two or three really good blacks to try out for some of his teams, but at the time I gave it very little thought.

In school I learned about the Civil War and the events leading up to it, but assumed that they were mostly things of the past.

REALITY SETS IN

In the process of growing to adulthood the race issue became more apparent. Its prevalence grasped me on my first trip south. After Marine Corp basic and advanced combat training in California, my first duty assignment was at the Naval Air

Station in Jacksonville, Florida. When venturing off base the reality of segregation was all around. Blacks to the back of public transportation, separate drinking fountains and restrooms were some of the signs. As a young man this still did not hold a lot of significance, I guess, because I never saw anybody physically abused.



Booker T. Washington School
Rushville

Later at the Second Marine Air Base at Cherry Point, North Carolina I became friends with a black man in my squadron. William "Snake" Motley from Indianapolis was a fun loving guy that you enjoyed being around. He was a little bit ornery but so was I. He would tell me about the black communities in and around New Bern, a town not to distant from the base. Out of curiosity I once asked him to take me with him on one of his outings. He quickly discouraged me from going, saying that the blacks didn't want "Whitey" in their environs anymore than the whites wanted blacks in theirs. What a revelation for a small town boy from the north!

A few months later, "Snake", myself and two other white Marines were motoring north on leave. Somewhere in the south we stopped to eat. Everyone got out of the car but our black buddy. We told him to come on and they had better serve him or we would find

out the reason why. Motley eventually prevailed. After eating we got our black buddy a sandwich to go and went on our way. "Snake" knew the score, which was, more than likely, very fortunate for three supposed tough white Marines.

MORE ENLIGHTENMENT

The highlight (lowlight might be more appropriate) of my adventure into racism took place approximately two years after my discharge in 1962. A friend of mine managed a fairground food concession stand. I went with him to the Georgia State Fair in Atlanta. We were indoctrinated on the service of black customers - back seats only. One evening a polite, elderly black lady approached the front of the concession stand and asked me the price of a hamburger. I was considering giving it to her because I could tell that she was poor. While she continued to stand, I was getting the sandwich ready and she was looking to see if she had enough money, two red-necks (I believe that is the proper terminology) appeared and had some choice words for me because of the way I was handling the situation. It didn't do any good when I explained that she was getting it to go. Eventually, I had taken enough verbal abuse from these local yokles and as I headed for the entrance I saw them backoff a few yards. They were conversing with other individuals. As I came out of the place to confront them a fortunate thing happened. Two white lady customers who had seen what had transpired stopped me and apologized for the actions of their

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Racism (cont)

fellow southerners and beseeched me to reconsider my course. As I was listening to these angels I saw others gathering around the two agitators. These wonderful ladies may have saved my life or at least a terrible beating.

These are thoughts that were rekindled in my mind after reading about the purported happenings surrounding last year's Martinsville - Bloomington North basketball game. I only live 26 miles from the Morgan County seat (the alma mater of John Wooden) and I have had reasons to go over there occasionally. There are probably some red-necks there but I'm sure that this is true in just about every town in America. A friend of mine in Martinsville recently told me about a black woman doctor whom he has been going to for ten years. He says she is a wonderful person and a true asset to the community. In my hometown where racism has only slightly reared its head I have a hilarious story to tell in closing.

Five or six years ago a friend of mine while working at the police dispatch desk received a frantic call from a woman. She conveyed to him in a very agitated voice that she had recently been downtown and had seen a black man. She then asked if there were blacks living in Lebanon. My friend told her that he was sure that there were because he himself was black. The lady than sort of stammered and stuttered for about 20 seconds and hung up. After Jon Scott (younger brother of Charles and Gary) finished this story, he and I then had a big laugh and assumed that the lady and her

family were recent move-ins from the big city. So in a my home town where racism has never been a big issue, I know that it now has at least one red-neck female!

NEXT ISSUE

Part II: Racism In Our Favorite Pastime - Indiana High School Basketball.

Another Famous Tyson



Tyson Gym-Versailles

In recent months, a couple of famous Tysons have been in the news. Boxer Mike Tyson, is well known for his teeth, and Tyson Foods is well known for its chicken.

But one of the landmarks in Versailles is also named after a Tyson, and Wendell Trogdon, in his newest book, **U.S. 50-The Forgotten Hiway**, tells how the gymnasium in this southeastern Indiana town came to be.

A fellow named Jim Tyson became a printer out of high school for a local newspaper. He was fascinated by the "hobo" printers of the time and decided to be one himself. After 15 or so years he ended up in Chicago where he owned a printing shop. There he met a man named Walgreen. Together they formed what would become the Walgreen drug chain, the money rolled in and Tyson became the benefactor of Versailles, and is now referred to as "Uncle Jim." It was Tyson money that build the gym, the church, the library, even the sewer system.

Meet Wendell Trogdon

Wendell Trogdon is a native Hoosier, born in Lawrence County near Heltonville, where he was graduated from high school. He earned his B.A. from Franklin College.



Wendell Trogdon

After serving for three years in the U.S. Army's Counter Intelligence Corps, he returned to Indiana to begin his newspaper career at the Logansport Pharos-Tribune in 1954, then worked in the agricultural information department at Purdue University. He joined The Indianapolis News in 1957 as a reporter, serving as city editor, then news editor, and retiring as managing editor in September 1992.

He continues to write the "Quips" which are a page-one feature of each day's News, as well as his Saturday column "Those Were the Days," based on his growing up in Southern Indiana during the Depression years and World War II.

He has won numerous state awards for journalism, including recognition for "best column" and "best feature."

He is the author of sixteen books.

Wendell Trogdon and his wife, Fabian, have three grown daughters and live in Mooresville, Indiana.

A complete listing of Wendell's books is located on page six of this newsletter.

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Doctors Orders

By Dr. Roger F. Robison

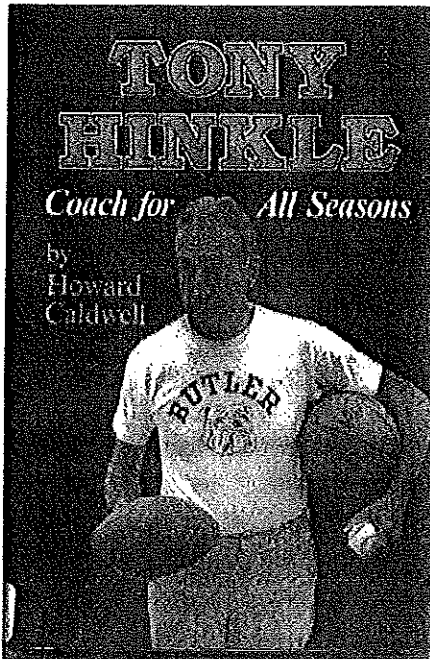
"Tony Hinkle, Coach For All Seasons"

By Howard Caldwell University Press, 1991. This is available in most Indiana libraries and is a gem in several areas. Butler fans, both of them, will enjoy that part of it. It gives game by game scores of his football teams from 1926-'1942 & 1946-1969 (9 conference champs) and his basketball teams from 1927-1942 & 1946-1970 (6 conference champs). It also lists all of his players who went into coaching and notes those who then won Indiana State Championships.

Butler twice claimed a basketball national championship and the circumstances of the two are often confused. Here is your chance to demonstrate your trivia knowledge of IN basketball. Fill in the blanks and win recognition in the next issue as the King of Trivia. Butler's two championships were: (1) in the year 19?? under coach ?? by virtue of winning ?? , (2) in the year 19?? under coach ?? with a record of 17 & 2 was declared champ by the ??

Hinkle's most fantastic years had to be at Great Lakes Naval during the War. His football teams in 1942 and 1943 went 16-5-1 against the best in the Big 10 & Midwest, 1-0-1 against Notre Dame. "When the Great Scorer comes to write against your name, its not whether you won or lost, but how well you played (against Notre Dame) the game". His basketball teams were 33-3 in '43 and 31-3 in '44. The Ft. Wayne Central (1937) dynamic duo of H. Schaefer and Curly Armstrong, who played together for almost 20

years, came from the great I.U. teams of '40 & '41 to play at Great Lakes and then went on to the Ft. Wayne Pistons. Tony was sent on to Guam where he was discovered after the War ended and sent back to Butler.



Tony Hinkle

Hinkle, of course, is a good German name and the family was from the Logansport area. Paul's love of spaghetti earned him his nickname. His father moved to Chicago to teach at the southside public high schools and Paul graduated in '16 from Calumet H.S., starting in soccer, basketball, and baseball. At the University of Chicago, Hinkle won 9 varsity letters and was associated with three of the most famous athletes in the history of the Big 10: A.A. Stagg, Fritz Crisler, and Pat Page. This relationship and the wonderful pictures of that era are a highlight of the book.

The saga of Harlan "Pat" Page is noteworthy still. He played on six Big 10 championships at Chicago in football, baseball, and basketball and then coached Hinkle and Crisler to the 1920

Cage title. Page then took over at Butler in 1920/'21 and brought Hinkle with him. Page was so successful at Butler that hapless I.U. hired him as their football coach from 1926-30, 5 losing seasons. Hinkle succeeded Page at Butler and stayed forever.

Page, however, was fired at the "coaches' graveyard" in Bloomington. He retaliated by threatening to sue I.U. for money owed him. This, then revealed a slush fund by alumni to supplement his salary. It did not come to court but left I.U. with a black eye. So how does I.U. remember this event? By listing Pat Page in the current Basketball Press Guide as one of six I.U. people in the Naismith Hall of Fame. Pat Page belongs to Chicago and Butler for his basketball coaching prowess not to I.U.; where he was a losing football coach. "The only thing new in the world is the history you don't know": H.S. Truman.

Books By Wendell Trogon

Those Were The Days —

Through The Seasons —

No Harm/No Foul —

Carved In Memory —

Basket Cases —

Gym Rats —

Back Home —

Shooting Stars —

Whistle Blowers —

Backroads Indiana —

Out Front/The Cladie Bailey —
Story

Damon-Living A Dream —

Borderline Indiana —

Country Bumpkin Gang —

Indiana General Stores —

U.S. 50-The Forgotten Highway —

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EAST CONFIRMS STORY

Since Huntington North was playing Merrillville in the Lafayette Semi-State, IHSBHS VP Bob Pearson sent a copy of the spring issue of Boxscore to Paul Siegfried, the sports editor of the Herald-Press. The Spring issue contained a story about Jim East, the coach of Merrillville, when he was a student at Selma High School.

Merrillville coach Jim East is a 1958 graduate of Selma High School, the same alma mater of Huntington resident Bob Pearson, who now occasional articles for the IHSBHS. Pearson recently wrote a story about East during his days playing basketball at Selma.

"The girl that East was dating at the time had a mother who was beautician, and the girlfriend thought that East would look cool with an Elvis hairdo," Pearson writes. "With a little persuasion, she talked her mother into doing the job, and she talked East and one of his teammates, Jerry Rawling, into getting the Elvis doo and dye job."

The Selma basketball team played a home game that night in a hot, humid gym, and a few minutes into the contest the players' hair dyed began running out of their hair and streaking down their faces, over their ears and down their necks and shoulders. The coach kept the two players on the floor for nearly the entire game.

"I think that's one of the stories I'd like to forget," says East, admitting the incident was indeed true. "My mother wouldn't let me in the door that night until I went to someone else's house to wash it out."

Wendell Trogdon

Remembers:

Dan Bush: This story should be prefaced with the fact that coach Dan Bush and Wendell Bailey are good friends, having played independent ball together back in the 1970s.

Bailey is a skilled needler, who likes to rib Bush, good-naturedly. Here is how Bush recalls an incident after Bedford-North Lawrence had lost 60-53 to Muncie Central in the first game of the 1988 state finals:

Most of the Stars showered, and despite their disappointment, went back out to watch the second game.

Two players, Greg Pittman and Brent Byrer, remained in the locker room, seated, their heads down, discouraged.

Wendell Bailey -- father of sophomore Damon Bailey, entered the room, walked over and gave both Pittman and Byrer pats on their backs.

"You played well, you did your best and you can hold your heads up. Go out there. No one is going to shoot you."

He then walked over to Bush and said, "I can't say the same about you. If I were you I'd stay in here for a while."

The remark made Bush smile, despite the bitterness of defeat.

Charles Denbo-The 1987-88 season was historic one for Charles Denbo at Orleans. His team opened the season November 6, 1987. It was the first year of the three-point shot in Indiana prep basketball.

One of his players, senior John Toliver, became the first high

school player ever to hit a three-point shot in Indiana.

Denbo reports the game ball was sent to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and that Gene Cato, the Indiana High School Athletic Association commissioner, came to Orleans and presented a plaque to Toliver.

Later in the '87-'88 season, another one of Charles Denbo's seniors made news.

Craig Robbins, a 6-2 guard, scored 63 points in a game against Crothersville.

Robbins hit 16 of 26 shots from two-point range, six of eight from three-point territory, and 13 of 17 from the free throw line. That's good shooting in any league.

Dean Zike-Zike's Heltonville team was leading by four points and had the ball with two minutes to go in a game at Gosport. Suddenly the Gosport principal walks onto the court, causing the officials to halt play. The principal proclaims, "We forgot to give out the door prize." Zike's team was so amazed at the unexpected intermission it lost its concentration and the game.

The Ten Second Line

The Heltonville gym still stands and is used by elementary students. It was the place Damon Bailey came to practice each morning before heading for school at Bedford North Lawrence. A monument pointing out Bailey's fetes at BNL and Indiana University is on the school grounds near the gym

Bedford won seven straight regionals under Ralph Holmes who took the Stonecutters to the final four in 1943.

UP IN SMOKE

By Wendell Trogdon

This is the story of two towns, two schools, two fires and some smoke-filled political intrigue. Let's start at the beginning. The gym and most of the school at Heltonville was destroyed by fire on commencement night in April 1942. The superstitious blamed it on the fact 13 seniors were to graduate.

Another fire leveled the school and gym at Williams, a cross-county Lawrence County school about a year later.

Students were told the schools would not be rebuilt until after World War II ended.

Heltonville canceled its 1942-43 basketball season and conducted classes in churches and lodge halls. Despite gas rationing, it returned to the hardwood the next season, practicing at times outdoors, at times at nearby Shawswick, and playing all its games on the road.

When the school at Williams burned, its students were sent across White River to archrival Huron, another small Spice Valley Township school. The Williams-Huron teams became one. The Williams players dominated the lineup for the 1943-44 and 1944-45 seasons, filling positions that would have been filled with those from Huron. The result - despite a better winning record that usual - did not set well with Huron fans who, it was surmised, would prefer for the Williams students to be sent back across the river from which they came.

From out of the darkness of

war came an announcement in the Bedford Times-Mail in mid-1944. The Williams school would be rebuilt and with it a new gym. Heltonville students and fans were irate. Some suspected U.S. Rep. Earl Wilson was involved. Wilson was a Huron native, with enough longevity in Washington to carry a big club loaded with clout. They suspected his friends back in Huron, as well as his backers in Williams, had convinced him to find federal funds to rebuild the Williams school.

The results satisfied both constituencies. Williams would have its own high school again, Huron players would again be the real Beavers, not those intruders from Williams.

Heltonville had no ally in Congress, no political godfather. Its gymnasium would not be rebuilt until the 1949-50 season. One man's vote in Heltonville didn't mean as much as one man's vote in Huron or Williams.

In an ironic twist, the gymless wonders of Heltonville played the Bulldogs of Williams in the first game ever in their new gym in November 1945. Politics had given Williams a new school and a sparkling new gym. It couldn't buy a basketball victory. Heltonville won the game, 25-23. {Wendell Trogdon claims he scored the winning basket in that game, there being no written proof otherwise}.

Time passed.

The Ten Second Line

Knofel Fortner coached two seasons at Williams, his 16-5 record in 1940 is the best single season mark in school history.

HOF Selects New Director

Roger Dickinson, superintendent of the West Central School Corporation for 21 years, has been named executive director of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

He succeeds Clyde Smoll, who resigned in April after only three months on the job.

Dickinson, who had planned to retire at the end of the school year, will assume his new job early in August.

"I guess I needed a change of hats," he said. "Being a Hoosier, I'm certainly a fan of basketball and I'm looking forward to the challenge that it will provide."

Originally from Frankton, Dickinson is a Ball State graduate. He taught and coached at Albany High School (Delaware Co.) in the late '60's and early '70's and he was assistant principal and the principal after Albany consolidated into Delta in 1974.

He went to the West Central, in the Pulaski county town of Francisville in 1978

IHSBHS DUES DUE 7/1/99

Your IHSBHS dues are due on July 1, 1999. Due to increases in postage and printing costs, dues have been raised to \$6.00 per year for individuals. Dues for husband and wife teams will be \$10.00, and a lifetime membership remains at \$50.00

Make your checks out to Bob Whalen, and put "IHSBHS dues" in the memo section of the check. Then send your check to:

Bob Whalen
908 Cottage Ave.
Crawfordsville, IN 47933-1504

Fortner Destined For Basketball Hall of Fame

By JUSTIN SOKELAND,
Times-Mail Sports Writer

CAMPBELLSBURG - Knofel Fortner, who guided Shawswick to two Bedford Sectional championships during his 23-year coaching career in Greene and Lawrence counties, will join his peers in the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame when the 14-man class of 1999 is inducted on Mar. 25.

Fortner recorded an impressive 340-161 career record in stops at Marco, Scotland, Williams, Midland, Oolitic and Shawswick. He suffered only two losing seasons while winning 21 games or more four times before moving on to administration duties in 1960.

His glory days were with Shawswick, where he won 207 games in 13 seasons as the Farmers became the first county team (other than Bedford or Mitchell) to cut down the nets as sectional champs at Bedford.

"It's great, it's one of the greatest things I've ever received, ever done," Fortner said of his addition to the hallowed Hall in New Castle. "It brings back a lot of memories. All I ever wanted to do was coach. My father coached before me, and that's all I ever thought about, playing basketball and coaching."

Fortner worked the sidelines during the hey-day of high school hoops, when the local gyms were packed for every game. He moved to Shawswick in 1946, winning sectional titles in 1952 and 1959.

"I think people have forgotten what that meant" said Fortner. "They went wild. We were the first small school to win it, and I don't know how you could express it. Things were topsy-turvy for a while.

Fortner's best team might have been his last as the Farmers recorded a sparkling 22-3 record before falling to New Albany in the regional championship game.

Shawswick started its tournament trail by ousting Bedford, the defending sectional champion, in the opener, 65-60.

The stars included Ray Scherschel (23 points against the Cutters), Allen Graves, Junior Sowders and Steve Campbell, who all contributed double-digit scoring games in the tournament.

After beating Bedford, the Farmers whipped Williams, 73-57, behind 18 points from Sowders, then mashed Mitchell, 73-60, in the semifinals, Campbell (17 points), Sowders (16) and Scherschel (20) made life miserable for the Blue Jackets.

In the final, Shawswick overpowered Oolitic, 43-33, with Scherschel scoring 12 and Campbell adding 10.

Shawswick collided with Salem in the regional opener. The Farmers exploded for 30 second-quarter points while taming the Lions, 69-57. Sowders smoked Salem for 28 points while Jim Stevens contributed 10 off the bench.

But the fairy-tale run ended that evening. Scherschel scored 17 points and Campbell added 16, but problems at the free-throw line proved fatal as the Bulldogs

advanced to the semistate with a 65-59 victory in what proved to be Fortner's final game.

Fortner accepted the job as assistant superintendent at Campbellsburg the next school year, ultimately advancing to superintendent at Campbellsburg and West Washington (when the school was consolidated in 1962). He served 18 years at West Washington before retiring in 1980, leaving the post with the title Superintendent Emeritus as a reward for his labor.

But coaching was never far from his mind.

"I sure missed it," he said. "When I first came over here, I didn't even go to watch practice, I stayed away completely. I didn't think the coach would appreciate it, and I missed it so bad I didn't know what I would do. And still, sitting on the sideline and watching, it's hard when you see something happening that shouldn't be happening."

From his seat in the audience, Fortner has watched the game change over the years, not always for the better.

"The game is faster now," he said. "The referees let things go that they used to call. Boys going down the floor now would all be called for carrying the ball. And pushing under the basket, some guys wouldn't last a quarter. They just didn't allow that stuff. It's gotten pretty rough, and for me that's worse. They've let it go too far in that direction."

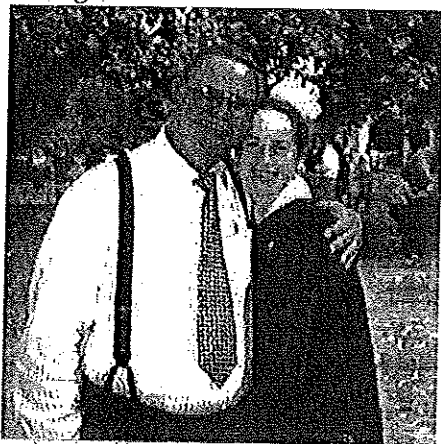
Fortner, a 1933 graduate of Huron, was nominated for the Hall of Fame by Hoosier legends Barney Scott (former coach at Seymour) and Phil Eskew (former IHSAA commissioner).

Don't Forget To Send Your Yearly Dues In By July 1, 1999

REMEMBERING "HUCK"

By Harley Sheets

At the last IHSBHS meeting in the metropolis of Frankfort, Indiana where members Wendell Trogdon and favorite son Roger Frank Robison received individual keys to that city, our editor asked me to write something about cofounder Joe Quigley. How he and I met is in the Fall '97 newsletter. I will try to expand on our relationship for the benefit of those who never had the privilege of meeting him.



Joe "Huck" Quigley and daughter Franceen

When I returned home I extracted Joe's letters from the closet and as usual was overwhelmed by the enormity of his correspondence. I should say our correspondence, because I had to answer each of these communiqués. I don't believe that I have written as many letters in the rest of my lifetime as I had written to Joe. I have considered donating them to our library, which is named in his honor, but just haven't been able to bring myself to do so, as of yet.

As I began analyzing Joe's inquiries, I laughed, was saddened and truly amazed. Our interaction began late in 1991 and mostly consisted of trying to get facts straight on our favorite pastime. As we became more intimate pen pals, and especially after we met face to face (October '93), our letters became more personal. We joked, cursed a little and aired our frustrations about inaccuracies and errors. Joe was more frustrated than myself. He was down in Georgia without the benefit of the Indiana State Historical Library and I had begun to burn out after years of research. However, to help in our dilemma I started returning to the library on a regular basis (once or twice a week). This truly pleased him. Eventually, I let it

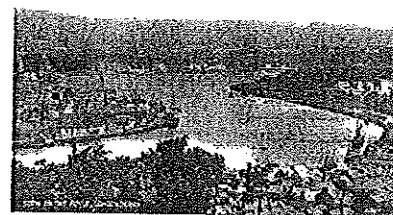
be known that he was starting to get on my nerves with all of his questions. He would just laugh and say that we had to get things right. "Huck" eventually got his comeuppance, because he laughingly told me later, that Bob Adams was doing the same thing to him. I guess that is what researchers do and if anyone wants to question our dedication or integrity in pursuit of accuracy, then all they have to do is delve into the aforementioned volumes of correspondence. In 1996 Joe made arrangements to travel, in October, to his ancestral homeland - Ireland. It's possible that the illness that would take his life nine months later could have been present at the time. If it was, I do not believe that our friend was aware of it, because he was ecstatic with anticipation prior to his departure. Not to long after his arrival I received a postcard with these words: "Has been the experience of a lifetime! The natives fell in love with daughter, Franceen, and she with them. Found ancestral home (Quigley's Point) up in County Donegal - about 10 buildings, but no hoops! Yours Q". This is vintage Joe and am I glad he made that trip. For those who might want to know more precisely where it is, Quigley's Point guards the approach to Londonderry. In his first letter to me upon returning to the states, Joe describes the scene in Dublin the day of the Notre Dame-Navy game. Both schools brought their bands. "Anchors Away" and the "Victory Song" were bouncing off of the buildings on Grafton Street. Since I consider myself a postcard aficionado, I immediately looked at what few cards I had of the Emerald Isle and lo and behold my very best Irish card was of Dublin's Grafton Street. I will send it to Bob and if room permits he might include it in the newsletter.



Entrance To St. Stephens Green From Grafton St., Dublin, Ireland

In another letter Joe had mentioned his birth date (March 26th). I then replied that I had been born a week earlier on March 19th, but that I liked to celebrate it on the 17th (St. Patrick's Day), drink

green beer and sing good old Irish songs. He then responded that he was glad that I was born when I was and here was his reasoning, verbatim - "So our birthdays are a week apart, eh! March 19th was a big day for us when I was growing up. It's the feast of St. Joseph! Since I went to St. Joe Grammar School, St. Joe High and St. Joe College, born in St. Joe County at St. Joe Hospital in St. Joe Parish, a quarter of a mile from the St. Joe River it was always a big day in my young life. Many, many more happy birthdays to you." Again, vintage Joe Quigley. "Huck" didn't have too many more birthdays after this. I have, and hope to have a few more.



View On The Foyle, Londonderry

And as long as I live the name of Arthur Joseph "Huck" Quigley, Jr. will never be forgotten. I hope that his words, herein, has helped anyone who reads this to know a little bit about a the guy that I had the privilege of calling FRIEND!!!!

Passages

Wayne Hinchman-a Geneva grad who had coached at Harford Twp in Adams county and Winchester died recently in Florida. He had taught in the Winchester schools system for over 40 years, and was a well known official.

John Craig-coached Desoto to their only Delaware County Tourney championship in the schools final year, 1967, and who also coached at Daleville, passed away recently at his Muncie, IN home.

Harry Andes-a former coach and teacher at Ossian died May 16, 1999. Andes coached the Bears for five seasons, and compiled a 75-62 record. His teams won the Bluffton sectional three years in a row from 1952-'54. His '51 and '54 teams won the Wells county tourney, and his 1953 team was undefeated during the regular season.

Plan On Attending the 5th Anniversary Celebration In Bedford on July 18-19

The 1920 Montgomery County War

By Bob Whalen and Roger Robison

Crawfordsville was the unquestioned epicenter of Indiana high school basketball from 1901 to 1910. During that ten years Crawfordsville High School claimed the "mythical" state championship for '01, '02, '03, '04, '07, and '09 because during those years they never lost to another high school team. The claim is somewhat tenuous because, prior to 1907, the only other high schools that they could find to schedule were Indianapolis Shortridge and Manual (see Table 4-B). Nevertheless, the latter two were among the first and the best to play high school basketball in Indiana.

By the time Indiana started having a state high school tournament in 1911 there were several high schools playing and the best of them were within 33 miles of the Montgomery County seat. After the first nine state tournaments, Crawfordsville had won in 1911, had been runner-up in O.T. in 1916, and had made the final four in both 1913 and 1919. Their Montgomery County neighbor, Wingate, had won in 1913 and 1914.

During this era, when basketball was less than 30 years old, players frequently moved around. One of the big guns for the 1911 Crawfordsville champs was Orville Taylor. He had started for Lebanon in 1910. And inside Montgomery County, accusations often flew around about which coach was "stealing" whom from where. Crawfordsville fans had claimed that Wingate "stole" players from the nearby Fountain County towns of Mellott and Newtown in 1913 and '14.

The prospects for the 1919-20 season had looked promising for both schools. Crawfordsville had

four starters returning from the 1919 final four team; top scorer Don Shelton, Kirby, Shelley, and J.Gray. Wingate had center Alonzo Goldsberry who would go on to a legendary career at Wabash (1921-24) as star of the football, basketball, and baseball teams.



Wingate High School

In the Fall of 1919 Crawfordsville filed a protest with the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) claiming that Wingate had an illegal recruit on their basketball team named Kerr. In a previous baseball contest between Crawfordsville and Mellott, Kerr was playing for Mellott while allegedly a student at Newtown. Crawfordsville had objected to Kerr then but to no avail. Now Kerr was playing basketball for Wingate. Wingate, outraged at this "pot calling the kettle black" now protested that the Crawfordsville coach, J.D. Blacker, had stolen a good Wingate boy for the Crawfordsville team. The player was Marion Blacker, allegedly no relation to Crawfordsville Coach J.D. Blacker. However, Coach Blacker had played for Wingate's champs in '13 and '14 and had been coaching at Wingate before coming to Crawfordsville.

J.D. Blacker		W-L
1914	Wingate State Champs	
1916	Normal College ?	
1918	Coach at Wingate	
1919	Coach at CFV	30-4
1920	Coach at CFV	29-2
1921	Coach at CFV	15-14

The IHSAA settled the dispute by disqualifying both teams from November 7, 1919 until June 1920. And since it involved two former state champions the Suspensions got attention. However, the Suspensions did not exactly lead to embarrassing punishment for the guilty, dishonest, disreputable, dishonorable wrong-doers. Both teams had fantastic seasons and won big and famous tournaments at the season's end.

To begin with, the Suspensions had little effect on the season schedule, fan support, and ticket sales. There were numerous traveling amateur teams other than high schools playing basketball in Indiana in 1920. Therefore there was no difficulty in scheduling independents, YMCAs, colleges, armories, etc. Thus began the tradition of the "outlaw season" for a suspended team. It set a precedent for teams in 1929 and 1934. Crawfordsville went 29 and 2 and Wingate 22 and 3. They met common foes and went against each other twice.

In that era there were three big multistate tournaments in the Midwest. The Tri-State (KY, IN, OH) was played at the University of Cincinnati in February before the Indiana sectionals. The National Interscholastic was played at the University of Chicago after the Indiana State Finals. The University of Wisconsin held a similar tourney at Madison, also in late March or early April.

The Cincinnati Tri State Tourney was held on February 20 and 21, and drew 42 teams, including Crawfordsville and Wingate. Crawfordsville won the title in five games, beating Wingate in the fourth game, 17-11. The had tied at the end of regulation, 11-11. The All Tournament Team selections had

1919-1920 Season Records

1920 CRAWFORDSVILLE (29-2)

Opponent	CHS	OPP
LADOGA	36	14
DARLINGTON	27	10
BROWNSBURG	41	16
MACE	57	12
11-7-1919 SUSPENDED BY IHSAA		
WABASH COLLEGE FROSH	35	12
INDIANAPOLIS STARS*	34	17
LEBANON INDEPENDENTS*	25	14
WABASH COLLEGE FROSH	47	24
FRANKFORT ATHLETIC CLUB*	75	4
CLINTON INDEPENDENTS*	22	21
LAFAYETTE YMCA	25	19
INDIANAPOLIS HEAT/LIGHT (\$)	20	15
CHEYENNE INDIANS	50	15
COLUMBUS COMMERCIALS*	24	23
LAFAYETTE YMCA	29	15
Indianapolis Em-Roes (\$)	19	24
INDIANAPOLIS HEAT/LIGHT(\$)	24	16
LEBANON INDEPENDENTS*	51	9
DARLINGTON BEAR CATS*	31	25
DARLINGTON BEAR CATS*	23	13
CINCINNATI TRI STATE TOURNEY		
HUGHES, OH	31	5
BLANCHESTER, OH	21	9
ATHENS, OH	24	4
WINGATE, IN	17	11@
HAMILTON, OH	25	23
TIPTON ATHLETIC CLUB*	36	17
WABASH FRAT #1	31	11
CHICAGO NATIONAL INTERSCHOLASTIC TOURNEY		
PEORIA, ILL	33	19
OAK PARK, ILL	34	17
MINNEAPOLIS CENTRAL	21	16
Wingate, IN	16	22

1920 WINGATE (22-3)

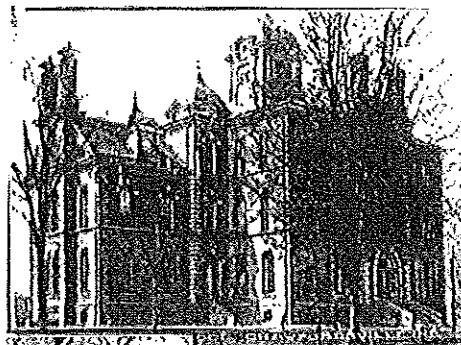
Opponent	WHS	OPP
11-7-1919 Suspended By IHSAA		
ROMNEY*	34	7
BLOOMINGDALE*	26	8
WABASH SOPHS	31	13
WAYNETOWN	25	18
MELLOTT*	34	12
LINNSBURG*	53	16
WAYNETOWN	24	21
C'VILLE HOLLANDERS*	33	13
CHEYENNE INDIANS	51	13
LAFAYETTE YMCA	34	21
C'VILLE HOLLANDERS*	36	13
WAVELAND	60	10
Darlington Bear Cats*	Known Loss	
LAFAYETTE MYSTICS*	45	10
ADVANCE INDEPENDANTS	33	27
Darlington Bear Cats*	16	18@@
CINCINNATI TRI STATE TOURNEY		
LOCKLAND, OH	22	12
MIDDLETOWN, OH	26	10
SOMERSET, KY	20	7
Crawfordsville, IN	17	11@
CHICAGO NATIONAL INTERSCHOLASTIC		
McCOMB ACADEMY, IL	44	4
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA	30	24
McCOMB, IL	34	19
DAYTON STIVERS, OH	33	19
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN	22	16

*-Independents \$-Semi Pro @-Overtime

The 1920 Montgomery County War (Cont)

returned to Chicago in 1921 to cop the Interscholastic Title too.

Such was the environment of Indiana high school basketball in 1920. There was boisterous enthusiasm for the 29-year-old game. It lent itself well to inexpensive inter-city rivalries. Coaches frequently stayed only for a year. Sometimes, even players were at a different school each year. Like an entertaining and competitive card game, after each school year, one got a reshuffle of the deck and new cards (players). And some decks had a joker or two.



Crawfordsville High School

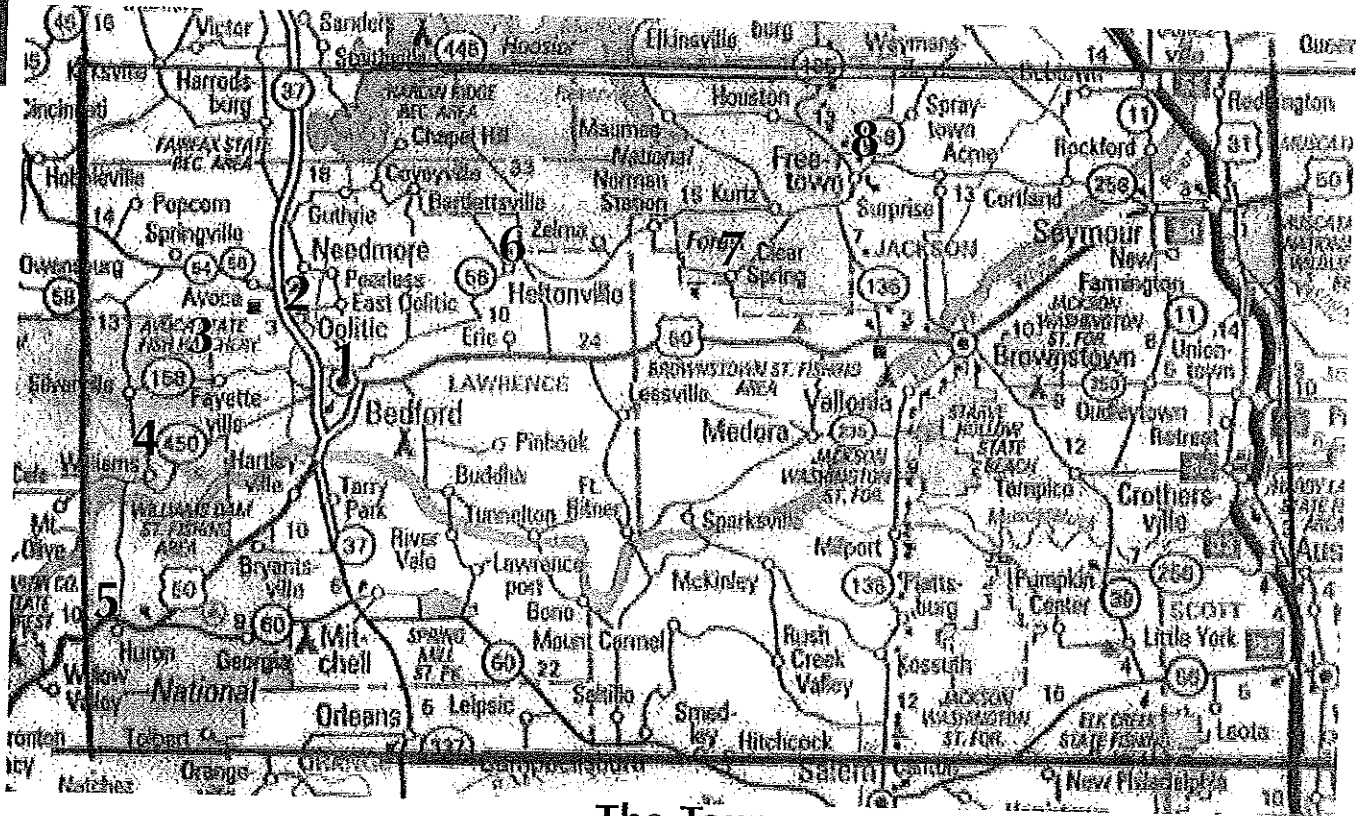
The 1920 Montgomery County War (Cont)

Goldsberry (W) at center, **Shelton (CFV)**, at forward, and **Gray (CFV)**, at guard.

A month later, March 18-20, they were both in Chicago for the Nationals. With less teams, 20 from nine states, but of supposedly better quality, the University of Chicago Tournament found Wingate and Crawfordville in the final game. This time Wingate won.

Franklin won the Indiana High School Tourney on March 11/12/13 and wanted to represent Indiana at the Wisconsin Intersectional Tourney on March 25, 1920. This involved 15 or 16 teams from 9+/- states. The IHSAA vetoed that. Wingate and Crawfordville considered the Wisconsin Tourney as a possible "rubber" match, but gave it up. They were chagrined when Cedar Rapids, IA, a Chicago also-ran, won it. Cedar Rapids

Stone



The Tour

We will assemble in the parking lot of the Stonehenge Motel from 7:45-7:55 A.M

1. 8 A.M. Old Bedford High School Gym- 5 Minutes from the Stonehenge Motel
 2. 8:40 A.M. Oolitic High School. 4 Miles from Bedford gym out Old Indiana 37
 3. 9:10 A.M. Fayetteville Gym. South from Oolitic on New Indiana 37 to Indiana 158 (just south of Stonehenge), the west to Fayetteville gym in town of Fayetteville
 4. 9:50 A.M. Williams Gym. Take county road from Fayetteville to Indiana 450, then south to Williams gym in town of Williams.
 5. 10:30 A.M. Huron Gym. From Williams we will cross a historic covered bridge on a county road and go south to U.S. 50, then west of U.S. 50 to Huron gym in the town of Huron
- Return to U.S. 50 and drive east into Bedford. Lunch at place of members choice in Bedford. After lunch proceed eight miles to Indiana 446, then north on Indiana 446 to Indiana 58 where we turn back west (left) into Heltonville and the gym
6. 1:15 P.M. Heltonville gym
 7. 2:00 P.M. If we can get access to privately-owned Clearspring gym, which is southeast of Norman on a Jackson County Road, we will make that stop.
 8. 2:45 P.M. Freetown. From Clearspring we can north on a county road to Indiana 58, then east into Freetown, which has an interesting old gym that looks like a barn with the seats in what appear to have been stalls.

Participants can then return to Bedford, head north to Nashville on Indiana 135 or continue east on Indiana 58 to I-65.

If you are running late, or can't make the start time, please feel free to join the tour at any point in the schedule.

IHSBHS-WENDELL TROGDEN LAWRENCE-JACKSON COUNTY GYM TOUR

Tour

Your IHSBHS dues are due on **JULY 1, 1999**

SOCIETY OF "A" MEN

By **Todd Davis**

You may be a basketball historical fanatic...but in triple overtime you would never guess what common factor (in addition to roundball) knits this list of luminaries together...and just check out this list!

Phil Eskew, Charlie Maas, Billie Keller, Paul Keller, Herb Schwomeyer, George McGinnis, Guy "Red" Mackey, Bill Harrell, Art Beckner, Dwight Tallman, Jay McCreary (wrong!), Bob Showalter, Billy Shepard, Eric Clark, Bobby Wilkerson, Ray McCallum, John Mengelt, Jack Colescott, Clyde Lovellette, Phil Buck, Bob Heady, Norm Held, Al Brown, Sam Alford, Marion Crawley, Max Bell, Shorty Burdsall, and Garth Cone.

No, they were not all coaches, either. Each of them are, however, honorary members of and guest speakers for the Society of "A" Men in Alexandria, Indiana.

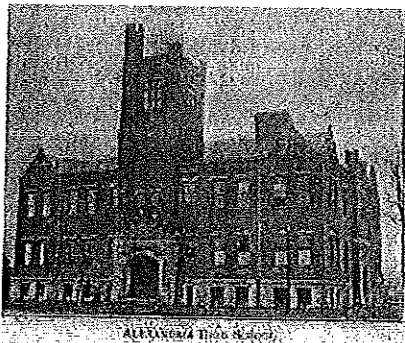
In May of this year the "A" Men held their seventieth (70th!) annual gathering of Alexandria Tiger varsity letterwinners

78 gentlemen representing all sports and many graduating classes, including Clyde Granger, Captain of the 1927 Tiger basketball team and Daniel Lustig and Jeff Cummings of the 1999 squad, found this year's dinner and rehash of past heroics as satisfying as ever.

Society President Jim Cleaver called for a reading of the minutes from 1998 and out came "the book", a binder replete with each annual historical document back to 1941 (no one seems to know what happened to minutes from the

years 1929-1940, but the beverage stains on some of the earlier pages might offer a clue).

This is not strictly a basketball group, but this is Madison County. Alexandria High School was once under a Principal by the name of Arthur L. Trester, had a title in sight under Max Bell in '53, set fire to the Wigwam three years in five with Hall-of-Famer Shorty Burdsall, and has been a nightmare opponent for two decades under Garth Cone.



Alexandria High School 1903

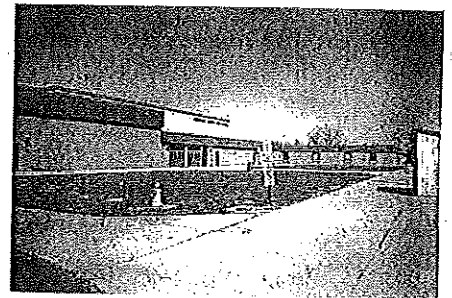
Seldom do conversations last too long in this town without basketball as the topic.

Coach Cone delivered this year's after-dinner remarks and, as you might imagine, class basketball was on his mind. He has never made much of a secret out of his opposition to "class". His thoughts explored whether we really need to lower the bar in order to get more winners. And, if we never did get another "Milan"...we don't need another...one will do just fine for the dream to continue.

Alex Principal Steve Telfer, who played roundball for Burdsall in 1969, had introduced Cone as the "winningest basketball coach in the history of Madison County", but Cone's real convictions seemed to be rooted in the drive to compete, pride in tradition and the friendships that last long after

scores are forgotten and trophies lost.

After the coach's remarks, some memorial awards and a bit more Tiger sports history (first BB team was 1922 and space to play was leased in an auto garage), the Society of "A" Men repaired to review their golf scores from earlier in the day or settle some scores at what must also be the 70th Annual Poker Squabble. As has occasionally happened, the sun illuminated the drive home for some of the "A" Men.



Current Alexandria High School

Many in the list of guest speakers at the Society of "A" Men have said, as noted in the minutes, that they were not aware of another group quite like this one...particularly considering its longevity. The "A" Men take some pride in the tradition that is being kept alive., After all, that tradition and the friendships will be around long after the scores are forgotten

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By Harley Sheets

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The second section of this book lists all the undefeated teams by season.

IHSBHS Members Price:\$6.50

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Other books by this author:

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS WES-DEL, WESTVIEW, And WAPAHANI-VOLUME I

Published 1982

Cost:\$3.25

S&H:\$1.50

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS WES-DEL, WESTVIEW, AND WAPAHNI VOLUME II

Published 1987

Cost: \$4.25

S&H:\$1.50

By both books for: \$6.50 + S&H \$1.50

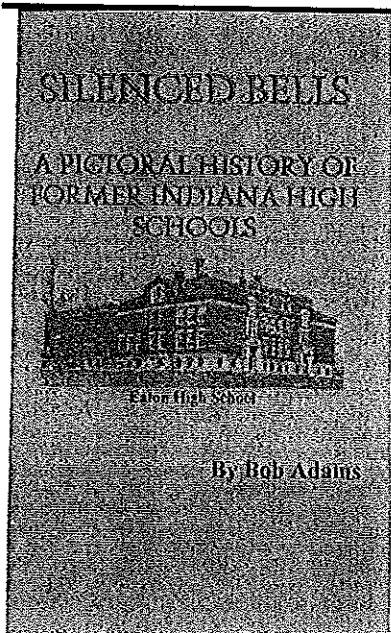
TIGER BASKETBALL-A

LEBANON PASSION

Published 1991

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GLORY DAYS

By Dean Monroe

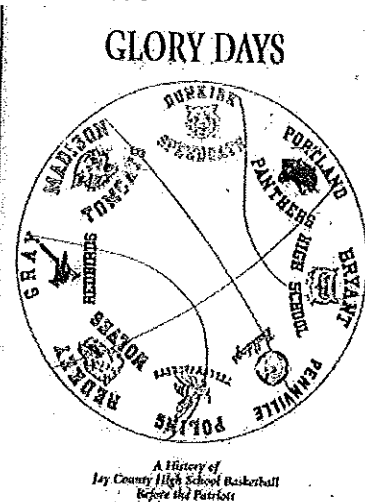
Want to learn about Jay county basketball history prior to consolidation? Want to relive that small town rivalry? Then you want to buy **GLORY DAYS** by IHSBHS member Dean Monroe.

This book covers the basketball history of the eight Jay county schools that merged to form the current Jay county high school.

Included are won-loss records and coaches from each year the school was in existence, highlights from unusual games each school played, and leading scorers.

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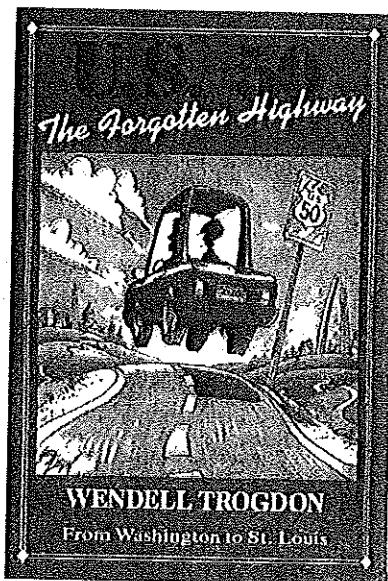
By Bob Adams

Have you ever wondered if Lovett High School is left? Ever thought about what a Beaver Creek looked like? Ever traveled to Moscow, (New) Paris, Mexico, Denver, or Chili?

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U.S. 50

THE FORGOTTEN HIGHWAY

By Wendell Trogdon

Wendell's first two travel books, **BACKROADS INDIANA**, and **RORDERLINE INDIANA**, were about places and people in the Hoosier state. Wendell expands his horizons in this book, as he traces historic U.S. 50 from Washington to St. Louis.

Travel with Wendell and his wife Fabian, as they relate the past of this historic highway, and experience the small and large towns, and the people they met along the way.

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IHSBHS HAPPENINGS

Congratulations

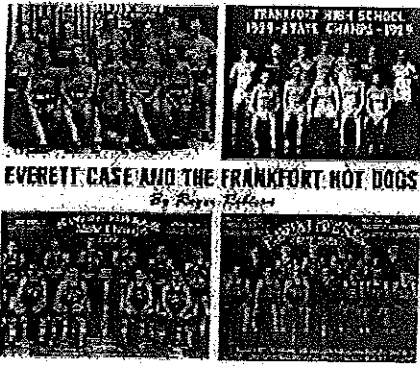
Go out to Kari and Dan Veenstra. Kari, daughter of Bob and Terri Adams, and Dan, were united in marriage on May 15 in Fort Wayne.

KUDOS to DEAN KENDALL

Dean was recently nominated for a Jefferson Award. This award is given for exemplary volunteer service

GET WELL WISHES TO JACK POORE AND HARLEY SHEETS

Jack suffered a stroke during the winter, but is said to be recovering well. Harley tangled with a riding mower and the mower won, but he, too, is recovering nicely.



**Everett Case
and the
Frankfort Hot
Dogs**

**By Dr. Roger
Robison**

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Coaching Changes

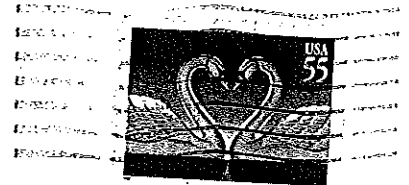
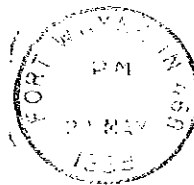
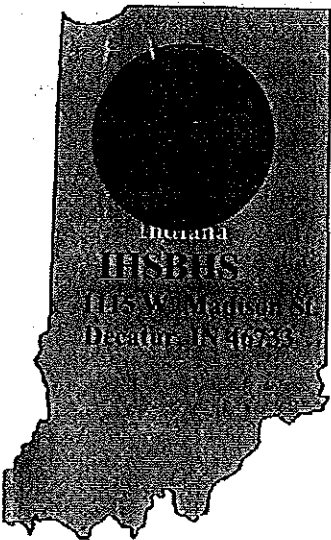
Dave Miller's contract was not renewed by the Belmont school board. Miller had coached the Belmont girls team for 13 seasons.

Joe Grogg's contract at Adams Central was not renewed. He coached the Jets for four seasons.

Ed Geheb-head coach at Carroll (Carroll) the past nine seasons, resigned to spend more time with his family

Fred Fields-the head boys coach at Whitko the past two seasons, and the former girls coach at Huntington North, resigned due to health problems.

Danny Pierce-the head coach at Western Boone for seven seasons, resigned, also for health reasons.



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