

QUARTERLY REPORT

By

Harley Sheets, President

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It seems that the first meeting of I.H.S.B.H.S. was but a short time ago. On that occasion ten individuals of which only seven became members, congregated at the Hall of Fame. At the time, I felt that eventually membership might grow to the twenty to thirty range, but it now stands at sixty-six.

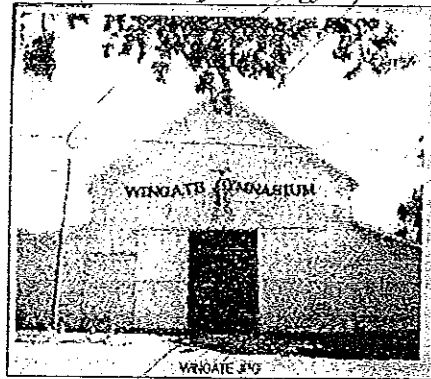
As a co-founder, it recently dawned on me that a huge responsibility goes with the process. This happened when I returned home from Florida after a three week stay. As far as I was concerned, it should have been longer, but the wife got homesick. I guess she missed the snow and cold weather. However, her persistence to come back turned out for the best, due to the fact that a huge amount of mail and several answering machine calls awaited. I have just gotten caught up to where I have time for this newsletter.

The bad thing about this whole situation is that I was planning to start taking things easy at sixty-two, as I am due to receive my first social security payment in April, but now I

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WINGATE'S GYM STILL STANDS

Editor's note: the article below was submitted by our member, Bob Whalen. It originally appeared in Fred O. Cavinder's column, "Main Street, Indiana," in the Indianapolis Star, 3/17/91. It is reprinted here recognizing our mutual love of the old gyms.



The thwack, thwack, thwack of a dribbled basketball has changed to the whack, whack, whack of a paper cutter in the old gymnasium at Wingate.

The structure, created in 1920 by converting an old stable, is one of the oldest surviving basketball barns in Indiana. And it may get a new season of life if Henry and David Stewart Jr. have their way.

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am busier than ever with my commitment to I.H.S.B.H.S. The good thing is that good people do good things which is the point of this whole scenario.

In one of the aforementioned letters was a check in the form of gift to the society from the children of Don and Ruth White. It was stated that the three figure donation was to honor their father, and for the organization to use the money as we saw fit. In conversation with son Mark, he stated his father never wanted anything for birthdays, Christmas, etc.. that they told him what they were doing and that nothing else need to be said.

However, I feel that these three children, because of the great respect they have for their dad, which is missing in so many of today's families, and because of their generosity should be commended and recognized for their good deed. The oldest daughter, Sharon, lives with her husband, Chuck, in Phoenix, Arizona. Dale the all-time leading career scorer at Covington High School with 1589 points, resides in Normal, IL. And the baby of the family, Mark who claims to be the 3000th career scorer at Covington, lives with wife Melissa at 6115 Gonyon Way on the southside of Indy. All members of the society extend to you an appreciative thank you.

Next on the agenda is the state finals get together on March 22. Bob Adams, who is right at the top of the pyramid as a researcher, is to be commended for his hard work in putting things together. Also daughter Kari for making the reservations. We sold 37 tickets to the state finals. The tickets were ordered thru the Hall of Fame and the gathering between sessions will be at the Castleton Courtyard, 8670 Allisonville Rd, Castleton, IN 46250. The phone number is 317-576-9559. Inquire at the front desk for the room number.

portrayal of Mitch in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

I was told or read somewhere that since he had taken an Americanized name more suited for his profession, and being well received by his peers, he requested that his real name (Sekulivich) be incorporated into his movies. As I started reviewing many of his movies after coming across this information, I can say for sure, that this was the case

in *On The Waterfront*. When a roll call was taken of dock workers, one of the names called was, indeed, Sekulivich. If you still don't know this famous actor, you can see his picture above. *not picture*

Harley Sheets, President

(Note: In honor of Coach Jack Butcher, Harley submitted the I.H.S.B.S.H. list of the top 25 winningest Indiana high school coaches. The entire list will be published in the Second Quarter Newsletter, since three of the 25 are still active. Butcher has already passed Bill steerman into the number two spot this winter. For those who would like a copy of the list prior to the next newsletter, call, fax or write me. -JOE)

Two members, Roger Robison and Gene Parks, have sent in suggestions for a new name for this Quarterly. I am keeping a file of them and shall bring them to the spring meeting.

Future Schedule of Events

The Spring Meeting is scheduled at the Masonic Lodge, 5555 Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, IN., Saturday, April 5, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. This is the Saturday immediately after Easter.

The next regular membership meeting will be on April 5th at the North Park Masonic Lodge, 5555 Michigan Rd. (U.S.421), Indianapolis at 1:30 P.M. The Indianapolis Postcard Club will be having their annual show there at the same time on the first floor. Our meeting will be in the basement. Parking is in the rear, and admittance will be at the rear door. To avoid paying admission, show your I.H.S.B.H.S. card. If you have lost or misplaced your card, contact me for a replacement. The lodge is exactly five miles south of the north tier of I-465.

In continuing my focus on gems of the past in Indiana high school basketball, I found this tidbit while doing research for *Tiger Basketball, a Lebanon Passion*. One headline on the sports page of the Hammond-Lake County Times, March 1, 1930 read, "Sikulivich's Shot Blasts 'Cats Hopes." Sekulivich is the proper spelling and he played for Gary Emerson. The game took place during the 1930 Sectionals at the Gary Memorial Gymnasium. The Cats referred to are the Wildcats of Hammond High, coached by Paul Church who played for "Piggy" Lambert at my alma mater (Lebanon) from 1913-15. Church then played again for Lambert at Purdue, winning the Big 10 Medal in 1920. The award is given each year at each school to the athlete with the highest scholastic proficiency.

Malden Sekulivich later made his mark as an actor. A movie guide describes him this way: "With his bulbous nose and his bright blue eyes, he has one of those ugly-attractive faces that seems to invite examination by camera. He has proved a versatile film actor, playing everything from priests to gang leaders." He may be best remembered for his roll as General Omar Bradley in *Patton* (1969) or as Detective Mike Stone in the T.V. series, *The Streets of San Francisco*. The undoubted highlight of his stellar career was in 1951 when he won the supporting actor Oscar for his

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Mike Edwards (Davis Printing Co.,
Inc. Maryville, TN., 1995)

By Joe Quigley-Editor

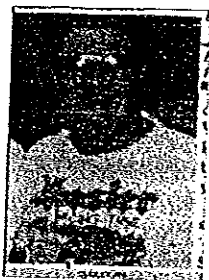
HOOSIER HANDBOOK (IU BASKETBALL)

Dick DiPrimo and Dick Notter
(Midwest Sports Publications,
Wichita, KS, 1995)

ON RED DEVILS. A TRIBUTE TO JEFFERSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL 1906-84

W.S. Johnson (privately printed,
Jeffersonville, IN, 1984)

S.B.St. Joe-1961



Several members have asked for a
composite list of books on Indiana
Basketball. So here goes. I hope
we've got everybody.

NO HARM, NO FOUL (REFEREES ARE PEOPLE, TOO)

Wendell Trogdon (Highlander Press,
Evanston, IL, 1987)*

BOILERMAKER BASKETBALL

Alan Karpick (Bonus Books, Chicago,
IL., 1989)

BASKET CASES

Wendell Trogdon (Highlander Press,
Evanston, IL., 1988)*

THE BIG TEN

K.L. Wilson and J. Brondfield
(Prentiss-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ,
1967)

GYM RATS

Wendell Trogdon (Highlander Press,
Evanston, IL, 1990)*

TIGER BASKETBALL, A LEBANON PASSION, 1911-1991

Harley Sheets (Privately printed,
Danville, IN, 1991/2)

SHOOTING STARS/TREK TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1990*

Wendell Trogdon (Highlander Press,
Evanston, IL, 1990)

HOOSIER HYSTERIA 8th Edition

Herb Schwomeyer (Mitchell-Fleming
Printing, Greenfield, IN, 1993)

BEARCATS! A HISTORY OF BASKETBALL AT MUNCIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, 1901-1988

Dick and Jackie Stodghill (JLT
Publications, Muncie, IN, 1988)

WHISTLE BLOWERS*

Wendell Trogdon (Highlander Press,
Evanston, IL, 1992)

HOOSIER HYSTERIA!

Bob Williams (Icarus Press, South
Bend, IN., 1982)

82 SEASONS OF WILDCATS

J.R. Bedford and Paul East (privately
printed, Jasper, IN., 1995/6)

*Highlander Press is no longer in
operation, however all the above are
still available through Wendell.

HOOSIERS: THE FABULOUS BASKETBALL LIFE OF INDIANA,

Philip Hoose (Vintage Books, NY,
NY, 1986)

OUT FRONT/THE CLADIE BAILEY STORY

Wendell Trogdon (Backroads Press,
Mooresville, IN, 1994)

THE HISTORY OF THE INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Dale Glenn (Mitchell-Fleming
Printing, Greenfield, IN 1975)

90 YEARS OF ALICES

Bill Stedman (privately printed,
Vincennes, IN., 1995)

DAMON, LIVING THE DREAM

Wendell Trogdon (Backroads Press,
Mooresville, IN, 1996)

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS WES-DEL, WESTVIEW, AND WAPAHANI? Vol I/II

Harley Sheets (Privately printed,
Danville, IN., 1983)

HATCHETS, WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL, 1905-1996

Bob Padgett and Bill Richardson
(Prep Sports Publishing, Washington,
IN., 1996)

SMALL SCHOOL, GIANT DREAM

Raymond Moscowitz (Little Guy
Enterprises, Wabash, IN, 1990)

HOOSIER TEMPLES

J.E. Hamilton (G. Bradley, Inc. St.
Louis, MO., 1993)

THE LAST TIGER, AN INDIANA BASKETBALL STORY (Greenfield, IN.)

A BOY, A BALL, AND A DREAM (THE MARVIN WOOD STORY)

Kerry D. Marshall (Scott Publications,
Indpls., IN, 1991)

**THE EAGLES, A HISTORY OF
MONMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
BASKETBALL, 1925-67**

Bob Adams (Privately printed,
Decatur, IN, 1995)

**THE COMMODORES, A HISTORY OF
OF DECATUR CATHOLIC HIGH
SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

Bob Adams (Privately printed,
Decatur, IN, 1995)

**THE KANGAROOS, A HISTORY OF
KIRKLAND TWP HIGH SCHOOL
BASKETBALL.**

Bob Adams (Privately printed,
Decatur, IN, 1995)

**THE BEARKATZ, A HISTORY OF
MONROE HIGH SCHOOL
BASKETBALL**

Bob Adams (Privately printed,
Decatur IN, 1995)

**THE SPARTANS, A HISTORY OF
PLEASANT MILLS HIGH SCHOOL
BASKETBALL**

Bob Adams (privately printed,
Decatur , IN., 1995)

**Editor's Note: following the 1959
season, a book was written on the
history of basketball at SEYMOUR.
Our member, Bill Bueter, has a
copy, but tells me it is no longer
in publication.**

ONLY IN INDIANA

Dean Kendall writes he was
researching the 1945 WABASH
VALLEY PRELIMINARY TOURNEY
at Bloomfield and came across a
"Lafayetteville." After a frustrating
search to find the town, he called
Wendell Trogon. Dean says
Wendell not only knew it was
Fayetteville (LAWRENCE), but
rattled off the names of the starters!
ONLY IN INDIANA!!!

Member, Ken Johnson, reports he
is caught-up on the schools'
worksheets we've sent him. Data is
now on our master disc. He says

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corrections and updates are easy to
do. We are standing by to present a
copy to the HOF.-JOE

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Henry Stewart, a former employee
of R.R. Donnelley and Sons Co.
printers at Crawfordsville, started a
paper business in the old gym about
1984. His brother joined him in 1986.

Their business, called the Paper
Shophe, cuts paper and packaging
material into special order sizes.
Henry, on a recent afternoon, was
slicing a roll into sheets about 2 feet
by 4 feet for a manufacturer of metal
grates.

The paper business was not the
first alteration to the gym. The
wooden floor was taken out years
ago. One basket was displaced for
sliding doors to admit delivery trucks.
The scoreboard is gone, but one of
the baskets--if not an original,
certainly an old one, survives.

Restoration interests Dave
Stewart.

"I would like to do it if I can get
some help," he said. "Some of the
townspeople would like to see it
restored. I think there is probably
some state money if I knew where to
look.

"Before I bought it, I knew nothing
about it."

The gym is important in Indiana
basketball history because it became
the home of the Wingate team that
had won back -to-back state
championships without a home floor
of it's own. The 1913 and 1914
championship teams used a gym at
nearby New Richmond.

Buoyed by pride in the titles, the
town remodeled a stable, raising the
roof in the middle. That's what gives
it an appearance of a building with
"wings" on either side.

It has had several uses. One of
the last was as a body shop, said

Henry Stewart, waving toward an
area beyond a temporary
plastic-sheet wall. The plastic was
strung to create a small, heat-saving
area to make winter work more
comfortable.

"In summer we have the doors
open," said the Henry, adding that he
and his brother sometimes shoot a
few baskets.

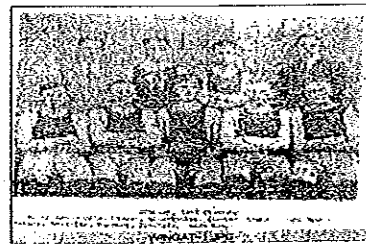
"Some folks come by and say
they used to play ball here. It's
nothing like when they played ball.
But I told my brother to hang on the
abstract. It may be more valuable
than the building."

When not cutting paper, Henry
serves as a pastor of Christ Faith
Missionary Church near
Crawfordsville. Dave divides his time
between the Wingate gym and an
Indianapolis Paper Shoppe he
opened in 1989.

But no matter where they are
physically, the Stewarts are one of
the few "teams" to use the old
Wingate gym in a long time.

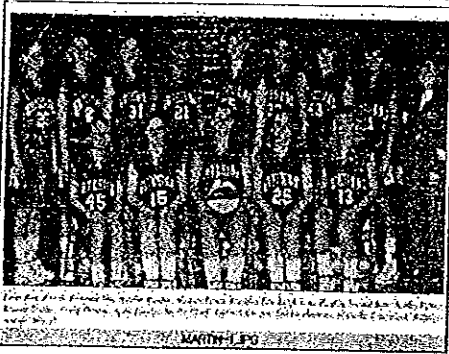
**Note: The scoreboard referred to is
on display at the HOF and is
believed to be the first electric
scoreboard used.**

Wingate 1913



Wingate 1914





Martinsville 1997 Girls State Champs

The Last Dance-Revisited

By Bob Adams

As I was sitting at Market Square watching the championship game of the last single-class girl's state tourney, I tried to conjure up an image of what the game would be like on the 50th anniversary of the first multi-class tourney.

Now picture this, Sweet Old Bob, who at the ripe old age of 96, is still of fairly sound mind, (or as much as it ever was), and rapidly deteriorating body, (more so than it is now), being interviewed by some young whipper-snapper about what basketball was like during the last single-class tourney.

I dig back through my files and come up with a yellowing program with curling pages. As I start to leaf through it, I remember back to an early March day, 51 years before, and try to recall some things from the last true girls state championship tourney.

As the old program jump-starts my memory, I recall several distinct images from that Saturday in 1997.

No one who attended that ballgame could forget Columbus East coach Mel Good. Good, a fairly large man who would stand out in any crowd except maybe a reunion of NBA centers, was one of the most disheveled coaches ever to make an appearance in the finals. A minute

into the game his shirt was hanging out of his pants. A moment later his jacket was gone, quickly followed by his tie. Soon afterward, his shirt was unbuttoned. I was worried that if the game went on too long. Good would be totally nude, and he would never know how he got that way.

Good's Columbus East team gave eventual state champ Martinsville all they wanted for 32 minutes.

The next memory is of Steve Neff, coach of the Northwood Panthers, who were beaten fairly badly by Crown Point, and were never in the game after half-time. Neff brought his team to MSA undefeated in 25 contests. Neff, who has been a class act at Northwood for 20 years, was just as classy in defeat as he was in victory. A couple of his players also supplied material for memories. Amy Sloat, a 5-5 whirlwind of activity, wrapped her head in a towel and sobbed when she was taken out of the game shortly before it ended. It was Sloat's ball handling, hustle, and enthusiasm that led the Panthers to 25 wins, but she will remember the single loss in her last game much longer than she will any of the wins. And, Amberly, (A.J.) Whitehead, the Panthers leading scorer, who really never got her game going after getting into early foul trouble, accepting the Trester award with all the class and aplomb a young lady can muster after suffering such a devastating defeat.

The basset-hound expression of Crown Point's Tom May as he directed his team during the loss to Martinsville.

Two memories that never faded are of Martinsville coach Jan Connor and her point guard, Kristen Bodine.

Connor, who was in her third trip to the finals, has a coaching style only a mother could love. She makes Bob Knight look like a monk who has

taken a vow of silence. And, if we could ever get Connor and Gene Keady to arm-wrestle, my money would be on Connor.

Connor was so vocal, she could easily be heard over the crowd of 13,000 as she shouted instructions to her team, or got into it with a ref.

The star of the day had to be a little hyper-active ball of energy named Kristen Bodine. She brought the ball up solo against the vaunted Crown Point press. She was so quick, she was often across the 10 second line before Crown Point could get it's press set up. Once in the front court, she time after time found her teammates open for shots. Many times it was her hustle back on defense that prevented easy Crown Point scores. It was an absolute travesty that teammate April Traylor was name MVP. While Traylor was missing six straight free-throws, it was the play of Bodine that kept the "Arties" in the game.

And what kind of shape is basketball in 51 years from now? They don't play the game anymore. After trying four classes for a couple of years, the IHSAA decided this wasn't fair, so they went to 192 classes. Everyone was either a champion or a runner-up. After a couple of years, they decided this wasn't fair either, so they nailed lids on the baskets so all the games could end in ties. The state champions that season, all 384 of them, had records of 0-0-30. The IHSAA declared bankruptcy after trying to buy all of the teams trophies and rings.

It really didn't matter anyway. Another round of school consolidations reduced the number of schools to just two. And they wouldn't play each other because Indiana North had two more students than Indiana South, and it gave them such an unfair advantage.

Now the facilities of both schools are more than five years old, and there is talk of building a new school to house all of the students in the state.

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