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Bob Adams' first newsletter

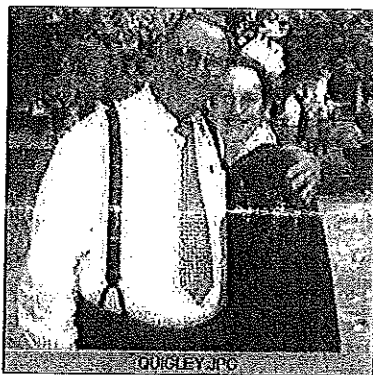
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A Tribute:



Joe with his daughter Franceen
Arthur Joseph Quigley Jr.

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By Harley Sheets

My first contact with Joe Quigley came by way of mail when he purchased one of my books in 1991. I asked him how he had heard about it way down in Georgia. He answered and then asked me some questions. This led to an almost unbelievable amount of correspondence between the two of us. I received approximately 150 letters from Joe over the next three years.

After a time, we made arrangements to meet. He promised to stop at my home and spend a day

on his way to South Bend to visit his parents. When he arrived, I went out to greet him and to my surprise, I received a big hug and smile. Four years later, on July 27, 1997, at approximately 9:30 a.m., in Duluth, Georgia, I returned the hug when I said good-bye to Arthur Joseph Quigley, Jr.

Joe lived long enough to see his daughter (Franceen) and son (Tim) graduate from college. Franceen and her husband are involved in the candy business in St. Augustine, Florida, and Tim is the band director at Vidalia High School in Georgia. Joe's father, Arthur Sr., was a professor for over forty years at Notre Dame.

"Huck's" favorite sports figure is John Wooden. His main dislike is brussel sprouts. His favorite actor is Hal Holbrook. The "Long Gray Line", and "A Pocket Full of Miracles" are his favorite movies. At the time, he was the youngest scout to receive the Eagle (six weeks prior to his thirteenth birthday), was football captain at South Bend St. Joseph's in 1960-61, led St. Joseph College in football receptions in 1963-64, was first national accounts executive for Equifax from 1976-90, and, best of all, was a cofounder of I.H.S.B.H.S.

One thing Joe enjoyed doing when traveling north was to stop and visit with I.H.S.B.H.S. member Bill Beuter. When I called to inform Bill of Joe's death, he was, as expected, very sad. Bill's one regret was that he had not known Joe longer. He and Joe usually went out to eat and Bill referred to the fact that Joe always made friends wherever they went. This was vintage Joe Quigley and we all will miss him, but he will not be forgotten. Our library will be named in his honor and donations are coming in to buy him a brick at the Hall of Fame, one of his favorite places. Wherever you are, "Huck", all I.H.S.B.H.S. members want to thank you for being our friend.

So Long, Huck

By Bob Adams

I first met Joe at the fall 1994 I.H.S.B.H.S. meeting. I went into Ron Newlin's office at the Hall of Fame, and came face to face with the charter members of the society. They had met earlier in the summer, and after I had written a fairly lengthy letter to Ron which was published in the HOF quarterly, he invited me to sit in on the meeting.

I was riding with a friend of mine to Vincennes University which was putting on a Father's weekend, and to spend some time with my son. Joe invited me to go with him and some others for a drink, but my ride had arrived and I had to leave. These after meeting, bull sessions soon came to be my favorite part of going to an I.H.S.B.H.S. meeting.

A few days later, Joe sent me a letter which welcomed me to the society, and in which he asked me several questions about Adams County basketball. This was to be the start of a lot of correspondence and a wonderful friendship.

It soon came to the point that we were not only writing each other on a very regular basis, we usually talked to one another on the phone at least once a week. If Joe called and my wife answered the phone, he would talk with her, and they even became good friends. (She says that is what she will miss the most about Joe, the Sunday afternoon phone calls.) Joe even put me to work for his company.

I came know Joe as one of the most intelligent persons that I had ever known. He could talk, with knowledge, on just about any subject. His two greatest loves, after his children, were Indiana high school basketball, and Notre Dame football.

I had the opportunity to meet Joe's two kids and he had plenty of reason to be proud. They are both outstanding individuals, and Joe is leaving a wonderful legacy with them. After he found out how ill he really was, Joe told me how glad he was he

had the opportunity to travel with his daughter to Ireland last year. They traveled to Quigley's Point, met some of their distant relatives, and got to see Notre Dame and Southern Cal play.

As far as high school basketball goes, there is probably no one, no where, who knew more about the sport than Quigley. He had volumes and volumes of records and correspondence dating back 20 years or more.

As Joe's illness became worse, he often remarked that he was tired of being tired, but he felt, right up to the end, that he might beat it. When he called and wanted us to pick up his records, that he was too tired to work on them anymore, I knew the end was near.

It was a shock to see Joe that last weekend of July. He had lost a lot of weight, and did not look like the Joe that I had come to know and love. He was the same Joe in actions and in spirits, though. We had a wonderful visit, and both Harley and I found out several things about Joe that we had not known before. It was also an opportunity for me to meet his parents and his children. (This was also fortunate, because Joe was surrounded by loved ones right up until his death.)

We stopped by Sunday morning to say our good-byes. We both knew that this would be the last time we would see each other. I am not good in situations like this and was at a loss for words. Joe told me not to worry, he was ready to go. He then looked me in the eye and told me that he loved me and that he cherished our friendship. I am not one to go around telling unrelated males that I love them, but I had no trouble telling Joe that I loved him, also, and that I hoped that our paths would cross again.

Less than 48 hours later, the call came that Joe had passed on.

Somewhere South of Danville

By Harley Sheets

To date, treasurer Bob Whalen tells me that approximately forty individuals have paid their dues for the membership year which began on July 1. However, those who remain delinquent will receive this newsletter as a reminder to renew if they wish to continue to receive it.

I.H.B.H.S. has received a good amount of notoriety, as columns have appeared in the Indianapolis Star, (front page-June 12), the Indianapolis News (front page, section B), plus the Terre Haute Tribune-Star (front page, section C-June 24).

When the article in Star-News was printed, I received a call from my hometown paper, The Lebanon Reporter. Kevin Thompkins, the sports editor, wanted to know why there was so much controversy. I told him that many records were wrong and that we were trying to make the proper adjustments. I then gave him an example that Lebanonites could relate to. This concerned the record of Jim Rosenstihl, who had won 549 recorded. Upon producing documentation, the story was written, with Rosenstihl denying it and questioning our researching expertise. I know that the controversy created by our research is not our seeking, but as the Star-News stated, we are putting **MATH** over **MYTH**. Dean Kendall came to the last meeting with a stack of copies of the Star-News article to pass out, but most member already had their own, so I had several left. If anyone would like one, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to me.

A board of directors election was held at the last meeting, with Doug Bradley, Bob Pearson, and Roger Robison being retained and David Lee Compton and Bill Rogge elected new directors.

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**Somewhere South of Danville,
Cont.**

I hope that all I.H.S.B.H.S. members, especially those who rarely or have yet to attend a meeting, such as one fellow in Knox County, one up in Marshall County, the lawyer in Vigo County, and the author/radio man and his cohort down in Jennings County will think seriously about attending the next get-together at the Fountain County Courthouse in Covington on September 20 at 1:30 p.m. There are people who want to meet and get to know you. Sadly, one member who will not be there is our good friend and co-founder, Joe Quigley. Shortly after Bob Adams, my wife, and I returned from visiting him in Georgia on the week end of July 26 and 27, I received a call from his good friend, John Hall, telling me that Joe had passed away. While talking with Joe's son, Tim, I was told that Huck had died peacefully and with dignity. A tribute to our friend Arthur Joseph Quigley, Jr. appears on page 1 of this newsletter.

In continuing my gems of the past, I want to delve into the Indiana influence on Illinois high school basketball. It has long been debated as to which state was/is superior on the hardwood. My opinion is that it is fairly even. There is only one occurrence to really go by. In 1941, Doxie Moore, a native of Indiana from Delphi, arraigned an Illinois-Indiana All-star game which was played at the high school gym in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, where Doxie was the coach. After leading by ten points at the half, Indiana was beaten, 36-30.

Prior to this time, many Hoosiers had migrated west across the border to coach. Among them were Lowell "Pugg" Dale (DuQuoin and Streator), Rex Dale (Flora), Fred "Cat" Adam (Rantoul), Clyde Grater (Winnetka), and Paul Church (Elgin), all from Lebanon. Aubrey "Fizz" Wills from Lewisville coached at Joliet. Alfred Smith (Belvidere), and Abie Masters (Robinson) were from Thorntown. Archie Chadd from Bainbridge coached at Canton prior to winning two state championships at

Anderson. Later, Ron Felling from Glenn in Vigo County won four titles at Lawrenceville in 1972, 1974, 1982, and 1983. Also, Jim Brown, who attended Gary Froebel, probably had the best team at Chicago DuSable in 1954, but was beaten by Mt. Vernon, 68-60, making Mt. Vernon the first four time Illinois state champion. This game ended a 31 game winning streak for DuSable under dubious circumstances. At the motel sometime prior to the title game, a shady character appeared in Brown's room stating that although his team was a prohibitive favorite in the gaming rooms around Illinois, ^{the} he would lose. Upon leaving, a bag with \$5,000 was dropped on the table. It was immediately turned into the proper authorities. However, that night the refereeing was highly questionable and, as previously stated, DuSable, the first all black team with a black coach to reach the championship game in Illinois history, lost.

Among earlier coaches, Fred Adam took Rantoul to the final 8 in 1931 and 1932. Lowell Dale, the star of Lebanon's 1912 state champions, after graduating from Wabash, immediately took DuQuoin to the final 4 in 1918. He then coached Streator for 28 years, compiling a 492-245 record. His teams made it to the final 8 and final 16 three times each.

The biggest error by any of these coaches was made by Paul Church. After coaching Elgin to the mythical state football championship in 1922-23, he left for Indiana. The next two years, Elgin High School won back-to-back basketball titles. The star of those teams was Doug Mills, the longtime basketball coach and A.D. at the University of Illinois.

Of the aforementioned Indiana-bred coaches, four reside in the Illinois High School Basketball Hall of Fame. They are Jim Brown (1973), Lowell Dale (1974), Aubrey Wills (1976), and Ron Felling (1978). However, a man they call King, a 1973 charter member, and Illinois icon and a native of Bruceville, Indiana, had perhaps the greatest impact on high school ball in Illinois. We will review his sojourn into our neighboring state in the next quarterly.

Editor's Corner

By Bob Adams

I have compiled a school by school list which shows where we stand and how we are doing on each school and each county. This list will be updated before every meeting so our members can see how we are doing with our "quest".

This list also includes whether or not we have a picture of the school and if the school is still standing. Take a look at the county or counties you are working on and are familiar with and see if you can help me fill in some of the blanks.

Dean Kendall's book on the Wabash Valley Tourney should be ready by the time our meeting rolls around. Dean has put a lot of time and effort into this book.

Let Dean know if you would like to have a copy.

Wendell Trogdon had asked me if I knew of any old-fashioned general stores. If you know of any in your area, please let Wendell know.

Congratulations go out to Bob Pearson and his wife, Angie. Their daughter, Kristi, is going to marry Cory Bowman on October 4.

The meeting at Covington will be a working meeting. If you have any information or research you would like to share, please bring it with you.

I.H.S.B.H.S. was well-represented at the Hall of Fame picnic which was held at the White River Yacht Club. on August 14.

Straight Talk.

-An interview with Bob Straight



Bob Straight

"I've been lucky to be in the right place at the right time," is how Hall of Famer and Indiana coaching legend Bob Straight describes his playing and coaching career.

Bob, who graduated from Hammond High School in 1944, played high school basketball two years for Bob King, who is also a Hall of Famer.

"I received two letters at Hammond, but really didn't play much my junior year," Straight said. He did lead his team to a sectional championship his senior season.

"East Chicago Washington was ranked #1, and Hammond Clark was ranked #2. Washington beat Clark, and then we beat Washington," added Straight.

After graduating from high school, Bob spent two years with Uncle Sam before enrolling at Ball State.

He played all four years at the Muncie school, the first two for Pete Phillips, the last two for Dick Stealy.

"I was really fortunate to play for two outstanding coaches in Bob King and Pete Phillips," Straight added. (Phillips is also a Hall of Famer.)

Straight was in some pretty select company at Ball State. His teammates included Bill McColley, who would later coach at Decatur and who was a long-time principal at Marion, Phil McCarter, who won three straight sectional championships at Oak Hill, "Whitey" Heller, who coached at Leo, Bill McClain, who coached football at Noblesville, and Marv Heaton and Floyd "Orv" Reed, each who became high school basketball referees. The team manager was "Porky" Holt, who coached at Monmouth, Winchester, and Fort Wayne Southside.

→ Earl Park in Benton county was Straight's first stop as a high school coach.

→ "I was teaching fifth grade at Kentland, when Bill McGrath, who was the head coach at Earl Park was called into the service, two games into the 1950-51 season.

"It was quite an experience, taking over a team in mid-season," he said.

Straight did more than take over the team, he coached them to a sectional title at Boswell the following season. The Cardinals then won the first game of the Lafayette Jefferson regional before bowing to the host team in the regional final.

"We had a bunch of good kids, good county athletes, from good families. Not one of them went on to play college ball," he added.

His next coaching stop was at Rensselaer. "We were pretty bad. I think only one out of those three seasons did we even approach breaking even," Straight said.

He spent the next two seasons as an assistant coach at Hammond, before taking over the head coaching reins at Highland, which was just opening it's doors. "My first season there we had all freshman and sophomores, no one had any varsity experience," he said. In what may have been one of his finest coaching jobs, he coached Highland to a 16-4 record in the school's second season.

He then was hired at Huntington, which turned out very well for both him and the school. His teams won the Huntington sectional every year between 1960 and 1966. His teams also won three straight Marion regionals. And, his 1964 team, supplied him with the highlight of his career, going all the way to the final game before losing to Lafayette Jefferson.

An Indianapolis sports writer nicknamed this team the "Clean cuts."

One thing from that 1964 team that Straight is really proud of, had to do with something they accomplished away from the basketball floor.

"All 12 players we certified for the tourney that season graduated from college," Straight said. "And, all 12 played football in high school."

The Indiana Broadcasters and Sportswriters named Straight the Coach of the Year for the job he did with the Vikings.

There was plenty of talent on that team. "(Mike) Weaver played ball at Northwestern, Shoemaker and

NEXT I.H.S.B.H.S. MEETING

Straight Talk, continued

Underhill played at Ball State, Senneff played at Wheaton, and Martin and Schoeff played for Norm Ellenberger in Illinois." (Martin finished his college days at Huntington College.)

Straight coached at Huntington for two more seasons before the school became Huntington North in 1966. He coached one season at North before stepping up to the principal's position, a job he held for 19 years before retiring in 1986.

His high school record was 286 wins and 108 losses.

In addition to being named to the Indiana High School Basketball Hall of Fame in 1979, Straight is also in the Ball State Hall of Fame, and the Hammond City Hall of Fame. He was also name Ball State University Alumni Coach of the Year three times.

Straight was with the IHSAA for 10 years, was president of the Indiana Coaches Association, and has held several positions with the Hall of Fame.

"Mr. Eskew brought me aboard as an associate director," he said. Straight has also been an executive vice-president, and president of the Hall. He is currently the Northern region vice president.

Bob and his wife, Jean, have been married for 48 years. "I had a typical coach's family, four daughters," he says. In addition to the four daughters, (Cheryl, Barbara, Diane, and Beth) Bob is a proud grandfather eleven times. And to show he passed his talent along, one of his granddaughters played ball at Roncalli and is now playing at Butler.

MEMBER PROFILE

Don and Ruth White

Don E. White graduated from Linden High School in 1949, received a bachelor's degree from Indiana State in 1953, and master's degree in 1963. His expertise is in the fields of Industrial Arts and Mathematics. He taught two years at Darlington, and three years at Linden High School, both now part of the North Montgomery School Corporation. Don started teaching high school math at Covington High School in 1958. Don and Ruth moved from Crawfordsville to Covington in 1959. He taught at Covington until May of 1987 when he started working for the Indiana Department of Transportation in the Testing Department, and retired from there on July 1, 1996.

Don served on the IHSAA Executive Board and Board of Directors from 1968-1974. He also served as A.D. at Covington for five years. He is now serving on the Covington Community Corporation School Board, is treasure of the Library Board, financial secretary of the Covington United Methodist Church, and a member of the Optimist Club.

Ruth G. White graduated from Roachdale High School (Putnam County) in 1950. Roachdale is now part of the North Putnam School Corporation. She attended business school and started working in the summer of 1950. Ruth worked in Crawfordsville, at Eli Lilly in Indianapolis, and at R.R. Donnelleys in Crawfordsville before getting married in 1955. Ruth was a domestic goddess until 1970, when she started working part time at a local dime store. She then worked at various offices in the county courthouse, and went full-time in 1975 as a county probation officer, a position she still holds.

Ruth is also a member of the Covington United Methodist Church, and a former church organist. She belongs to several other community

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COURTHOUSE DIRECTIONS

If coming from the South up SR 63, go over I-74, about 1 mile, to US 136, go right (east) on US 136. US 136 will take you past the courthouse (it will be on your left), enter from the south side door. (This is not the main entrance.)

If coming from the North down SR 63, exit at US 136, go left (east) on US 136, US 136 will take you past the courthouse (it will be on your left), enter from the north sided door. (This is not the main entrance.)

If coming in on I-74 from the east or west: exit at the 8 mile exit into Covington (this is 11th St.). Take 11th to the flashing red light. Turn left (west) you are now on US 136 or Liberty St., this will take you past the courthouse, (it will be on your right.)

Directions for the I.H.S.B.H.S. Board of Directors to the "White House"

Board Will Meet at 12:00 Noon

Coming from the South up SR 63, after you go over I-74, continue about one mile, exit at US 136. Go right on US 136, and cross the Wabash river. After a 1/4 mile, US 136 goes right, (Catholic Church on SE corner, new Casey's on NE corner), you go straight (you are now on Pearl St. Stay on Pearl to 9th St. Turn left on 9th. White House is located at the corner of 9th and Orchard (1306 9th St.) Park in lot north of the house.

If coming in I-74, exit at 8 mile exit into Covington (11th St.) Take 11th to flashing red light at US 136. Turn left (west) on US 136, and go two blocks to 9th St. Turn right on 9th. Take this to the White House at 1306 9th St.

The White's, Continued

clubs, is an avid reader, and enjoys craft work and spoiling her grandchildren.

Don and Ruth also have a 75 acre "ranch" north of Covington, and have a small herd of Angus cattle.

The Whites have three grown children. Sharon lives in Phoenix Arizona, and her husband Chuck operates a machine shop in Glendale. Dale lives in Bloomington, Illinois and is a vp for resource development at Lincoln Christian College in Lincoln, Ill. Dale has a son, Kevin, who is 16 and a sophomore at Normal High School. Son Mark lives with his wife Melissa in the Southport area, and a senior auto claims representative for State Farm. They have a daughter, Elise, who is 18 months old.

Dues were due on July 1, 1997. If you have not paid your dues, this will be the last copy of the newsletter you will receive.

The following is a reprint of Joe's obituary taken from the South Bend Tribune on July 31, 1997

A.J. Quigley

March 26, 1943-July 29, 1997

A.J. "Joe" Quigley, 54, of Duluth, GA, died on Tuesday, July 29, 1997.

The funeral service will be held in the Crowell Brothers Peachtree Chapel Funeral Home in Norcross, GA.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. this evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Quigley, a native of South Bend, Ind., was employed with the Douglas-Guardian Service Corporation for 2-1/2 years, and had 24 years of service with EQUIFAX.

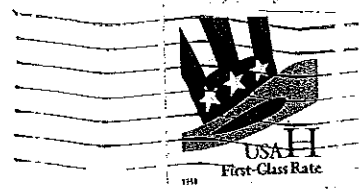
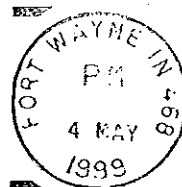
He was a member of the National Organization of Eagle Scouts and was

an officer of the Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society.

Mr. Quigley is survived by a son, Timothy Quigley of Vidalia, GA; a daughter, Franceen Hett of St. Augustine, FL; his parents, Arthur and Arlene Quigley, Sr. of South Bend, IN; three sisters, Kathleen Sullivan of Winterset, Iowa, Patricia Bodnar of Dayton, OH, and Mary Frances Price, Grapevine TX; and by several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to: National Boy Scouts of American, P.O. Box 152079, Irving TX 75015-2079 in memory of Mr. Quigley.

Arrangements by the Crowell Brothers Peachtree Chapel Funeral Home, Norcross, GA.



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