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### Summer Meeting (July 1, 2000)

The summer meeting will be held in Vincennes, Indiana at the Wabash Valley Eye Center convention room, 2020 Clearview Drive, just off Hart Street, across from Vincennes Lincoln High School (see map-page 8). Our hosts, Randy Messel, Hugh Schaefer and Bill Stedman (Master of Ceremonies) have completed all arrangements.

In case a Board meeting is needed, it will be held from 12 noon to 1 pm. The social hour (1-2 pm) then follows. During this time IHSBHS authors are encouraged to display their publications which are for sale. A table will be set up and refreshments available. Next will be a short business meeting until 2:30 pm. Then for the next hour, some presentations will be made and our keynote speaker, Jack Butcher, will be introduced. Between 3:15 & 3:30 pm, a tour of three local gymnasiums will start. We will be escorted to Vincennes Rivet (the Holscher Gym), the Clark Gym (home of Lincoln's 1923 state champions) and the Adams Coliseum (home of Lincoln's 1981 champs).

For those requiring motel reservations, see information on page 5.

**DUES ARE DELINQUENT AS OF JULY 1, 2000.  
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### A Message From The President



I am highly complimented to have been elected president. However, the campaign was fierce and alone I spent \$45,750. I am also the third leading scorer in the

history of Indiana high school basketball - hope you are reading this closely.

Seriously, I first attended an IHS-BHS meeting in 1996, after which I joined and in 1998 was appointed to the Board. I am a 1957 graduate of Wiley High School, Terre Haute. Graduated from I. U. and its Law School in 1964. Spent 26 years in the FBI all around the country. I retired in 1990 and am now teaching at Butler University. I am researching Brazil High School and Clay County. I got this assignment from David Lee Compton.

Recently I reviewed several editions of Boxscore and found articles by 15 different authors. This surely is a tribute to our wide diversity of interests and depth of research. These articles, in my view, are the backbone of our newsletter and are something I always look forward to.

I urge all members and all who read Boxscore to submit your articles of interest for possible publication. It would be a nice problem, indeed, to have an embarrassment of riches - so many articles that we couldn't publish them all, which would continue to enrich the legacy that Boxscore has so far built.

Finally, many thanks to Ron Newlin, Executive Director of the Indiana State Museum Foundation for arranging facilities for our April 29, 2000 meeting.

Happy Summer, Bill Ervin

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## One Hit Wonders

Washington Ctr. (Whitley County)  
By Harley Sheets

### A Small School

At Washington Center in 1916 there was but one teacher and a principal, G. R. Hamilton, who was also the basketball coach. Of the 15 boys enrolled, the team was made up of Vernon Johnson-center, Howard Murray and Clarence Juillerat-forwards, Harold Moyer and Paul Murray-guards. Donald Kepler was the sixth man.

In the first regular season game, a rout of Jefferson Center (86-19), caused the Columbia City Post to state: "They have a team that will be heard of before season's end." The newspaper was prophetic in that this team won one of the 16 district (later changed to sectional) tournaments, putting them in the 16 team state finals.

### Failure Preceded Success

Success did not come easily. The 1915 team was of the same makeup as 1916, with the exception of the one substitute, and things were looking up in this previous year as they opened the state tournament at the district meet in Bluffton with a first game blowout of South Whitley (87-18). In this game Howard Murray poured in 24 field goals. But something happened in the interim and they were vanquished in the next game by Liberty Center.

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## Success In 1916

Howard Murray again set the pace in this regular season's opener. He scored 34 points in a 70-12 slaughter at South Whitley on an outdoor court.

Due to scanty newspaper coverage in these days, only five more games were uncovered - two wins (Etna Green & Roanoke) and three loses (Columbia City-twice & Huntington). Most likely, things weren't looking too good heading into the district (this time at Logansport), but things sure worked out well.

In the first game at Logan's new gym Walton was demolished (69-6), then Peru (35-13) and Bringhurst (31-25). In the championship game Logan was subdued, 29-16. The tourney referee placed both Murrays and Johnson on the all-district team. The Logansport newspaper praised the speed of WC's players.

### Week Of The Finals

On the following Tuesday a reception was held for the team in Peabody, Indiana at the home of Arthur Page. The Columbia City Post suggested that the Washington Twp. people not overfeed the players. Miss Alma Thorn, the other teacher, and Mr. Hamilton spoke briefly.

Clarence Juillerat, one of the players still living at the time that this article was written, recalled that the finals were played in a one story frame building on the Indiana University campus. Because of poor communication in those days, the results of games were not immediately known. It was actually two days before some residents knew that Martinsville had taken out their boys by a 53-22 score.

### High Praise

The Indiana Daily Student, prior to the tourney finals, described WC as: "a real darkhorse which threatens to prove to be another Wingate." At the tournament's conclusion the Daily Student stated that: "Everyone of them was a real live fellow and as clean and manly

as men are, anywhere. Not one of them smokes or uses tobacco in any form. All are country boys who have been used to farming all of their lives. Every fellow on the team is a real athlete, despite the fact that the boys have worked under such handicaps."

### The Handicaps

Juillerat again reminisces back to the beginning (1914-15 was WC's first year as a member of the IHSAA). There was no gym at the school a la Wingate, so all games were played elsewhere. To have a place to practice, he remembers that all of the boys pulled together to construct an outdoor court by hauling sawdust to an area near the school and that the same people joined in to shovel snow drifts from the court when necessary, so the team could practice.

It is little known pioneers like this that helped bring about Indiana's great high school basketball tradition.

-----The End-----

*Editor's note: This story was taken in part from the Columbia City Post - February 1954.*

The IHSBHS Board of Directors have established an editorial committee. Following is the current setup:

### EDITOR

Harley Sheets

### EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Bill Ervin

John Ockomon

Bob Whalen

(see roster for mailing info)

### Message from IHSBHS Board

All IHSBHS officers and board members will automatically receive a copy of all meeting minutes. Other members desiring to receive a copy of meeting minutes can send a SASE to Bob Whalen, 908 Cottage Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

## A Glimpse At A Long Ignored But Enduring Basketball Legacy

By B. Michael McCormick

Indiana State's basketball tradition was established long before Hulman Center was built or Larry Bird was born. It flourished before the Sycamores' 1941-42 team featured 3 future pros.

George and Henry Percy and Harold "Stoop" Johnson are overlooked today, but all played in the National Basketball Association during 1946-47, the first season of its official existence.

Few colleges - big or small - can hail that achievement.

Glenn "The Fox" Curtis, a 1914 Indiana State alumnus who had won four Indiana high school basketball crowns before being lured back to coach his alma mater in 1938, was their mentor.

The 1942 Sycamores ran roughshod over most adversaries. After recording a 15-3 regular season mark, the Statesmen were invited to the National Collegiate Invitational Tournament in Kansas City, defeating Stevens Point and Simpson before losing to champion Hamline. It was the team's first post season appearance ever.

The Percy brothers were from Martinsville, Indiana, where Curtis had won schoolboy titles in 1924, 1927 and 1933. George, a senior, was the team leader and star on the last Curtis-coached Martinsville team in 1937-38. "He was quite a player," recalled John Baratto, the manager for several of Curtis' Indiana State teams. "He was 6-foot-2 and tough, a real competitor." George was extremely deceptive; a stop and go player," Joe Short, a key reserve on the team, remembered. "He could completely fool you."

Henry, like Short, was a sophomore reserve in 41-42. "He was smooth and a good outside shooter," Short maintained. "Henry might do well today with the 3-pointers, but he wasn't as intense

as George."

Johnson, a senior from Richmond, Indiana, was a 6-foot-6 workhorse in an era when the foul lane was much narrower. "Harold was a wide body who parked near the basket," recalls Carl Parks, a retired director of the ISU Foundation and a longtime fan. "Like anyone who played for Curtis, 'Stoop' worked hard."

Johnson, a happy-go-lucky prankster off the court, later had a distinguished career with the Indiana State Police.

Besides the aforementioned three, the 1941-42 team spotlighted 6-foot-4 senior John Avelis, a voracious defender, senior Bob Buscher and junior Freddie Stelow.

Avelis was adaptable. "He could run the floor, drive and shoot on the move," Parks recalled. He played with a brace on his leg, so he wasn't a speed demon, but he had a good all-around game," Short recalled. "An excellent role player," veteran observer Charley Fouty noted. John died 21 years ago.

Buscher sometimes led the team in scoring. "Bob was an auto mechanic while attending school and often came to practice with oil and grease on his hands," Short explained. "He worked extremely hard and got a lot of points going to the basket."

"A tough-nosed kid," Fouty said. "He worked like hell for everything."

By all accounts, Stelow, the only underclassman starter, was the best of the lot. "A great athlete," declared Baratto, who was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame after a notable high school coaching career.

"Stelow was ahead of his time. He could do it all, proclaimed Parks, who still lists the Hammond Clark product high among ISU's all-time best. "He was a big guard for those days - about 6-foot-2." Fouty, a 1946 Indiana high school All-Star who was a nationally



recognized college basketball referee for many years, goes further: "Stelow was the best passer I have ever seen in basket-

ball. And that includes Larry Bird! The game has changed since, but Stelow was so versatile he would have changed with it," Fouty added. High praise indeed from one of the college game's keenest observers for over 50 years.

Tragically, Freddie was killed in an auto wreck after surviving service with the Army Air Corps in World War II. "Had Curtis remained at State and Stelow not been killed, he and Fouty would have been the starting guards in 1946-47," offered Short, who like Stelow had his college career interrupted by the war. But Curtis, who had compiled a 121-46 record, was solicited to coach Detroit in the new professional basketball league and three Indiana State players joined him. Another of Curtis' high school players from Martinsville, John Wooden succeeded him.

Before the forties ended, three more ISU players - Duane Klueh, Bobby Royer and John Hazen - were NBA veterans.

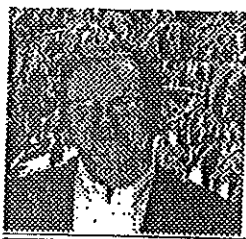
The men mentioned here are just a few of those who played and coached in a slighted but enduring heritage.

====The End====

*Editor's note: Mike McCormick is an IHSBHS member, an attorney in Terre Haute and undoubtedly the number one sports historian in Vigo County and arguably the whole state.*

### SUMMER MEETING

Come to Vincennes and meet Jack Butcher, Indiana high school's all-time winningest coach & Lloyd Bateman, its first 2000 point career scorer. The meeting will be at the Wabash Valley Eye Center, 2020 Clearview Dr., across from Vincennes Lincoln High School.



## Godfathers Of The Indiana All-Star Game (1928 - 42) By Roger Robison

Part I of this article, *The Indiana Coaching School*, appeared in the 1999 Fall and Winter issues of Boxscore. It told of the circumstances leading up to Indiana's first All-Star game - the coaching clinics, the presentations, the exhibition games, etc..... Many basketball luminaries participated - John Wooden, "Piggy" Lambert, "Doc" Meanwell, "Phog" Allen, Claire Bee, Sam Barry and "Tony" Hinkle. Glenn Curtis, Alva Staggs, shoe guru Chuck Taylor and two Illinois high school state championship coaches (Selmer Storby-Quincy '34 and Mark Peterman Canton '28 / Springfield '35) to name a few.

These seminars enthusiastically continued until 1942 when World War II somewhat interfered. Everett Case, the original promoter, was drafted along with many other top notch mentors. However, Cliff Wells one of Case's early proselytes in the venture, continued to hold sway. It is known for sure that he kept this coaching apparatus together, at least, until he took the head coaching job at Tulane University in 1946 and possibly by some means into the mid 50's. Following is Part II.

### The First Indiana All-Star Game Prior Proceedings

In 1938-39, Everett Case won his fourth state title at Frankfort, tying him with Glenn Curtis. As he had in 1936, he scheduled a barnstorming tour (August 8-29) using a mix of both his '36 and '39 state champs. The tour consisted of eight games, with victories against the Monticello, Sheridan, Logansport, Elkhart, Richmond, Hammond and Vincennes All-Star teams with one loss intermingled

The games coincided with the 11th

annual Indiana Coaching School now held at Logansport. This year it drew 110 coaches from 20 states, Canada and Paris, France. The key speaker was H. C. Carlson from Pitt. He spoke on Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday evening a dinner sponsored by the Kiwanis Club was held at the Logansport Country Club. Carlson narrated movies. On Wednesday Case lectured. That night, the exhibition game against the Logansport All-Stars was played with a demonstration of the new rules for the 1939-40 season. On Thursday and Friday, Glenn Curtis and Cliff Wells spoke. This year the school let out early as there was something different scheduled in Indianapolis.

As early as April 1939, rumors began circulating that Case had something special in mind for his senior laden champs. On Sunday, June 25, 1939, the Indianapolis Star announced that an All-Star game would be played at the Butler Fieldhouse on August 18th. Case and his senior grads from Frankfort would take on a team of state All-Stars selected by the Star readers. The newspaper then conducted the balloting for the top 10 players and the two top coaches.

By July 26th the readers had nominated 79 players and 25 coaches. There were 250,000 votes cast for the top players. But the top 10 votegetters bore no resemblance to the All-State team selected after the tournament and included only one player, George Crowe, from a Sweet 16 team. Thus, for the first time, players from teams that did not do well in the tournament had a chance for recognition. Tom Downey (Anderson grad) and "Buck" Plunkitt (Frankfort grad) won coaching honors. As previously mentioned, the basketball school let out early on Friday, August 18th so that those wishing to attend this very first All-Star game could do so. Sold were 5,200 tickets in spite of a driving rainstorm. A free clinic at 2 pm preceded the game. Case had his usual

cronies there to talk basketball. Among them were Archie Chadd, Orville Hooker, Chet Kessler, Frank Barnes, Lambert and Curtis. Official Nate Kaufman from Shelbyville discussed the new rules. Ralph Vaughn and Ed Denton, along with "Buck" Plunkitt's Southport Cardinal basketball team, helped with demonstrations.

The BIG GAME was a BIG disappointment as the ex-Hot Dogs could not score. Cook and Pyle mustered but 8 points between them and they obviously missed underclassman Laughner's offense and Davis' defense. Cook and Davis had both set records during the regular season. To fill out the team, Case chose some secondary players from his 1938 and 1939 teams. So this group was no match for the All-Stars.

It seems that Cook, Johnson and Pyle, who had been chosen All-State and who played for Frankfort in the All-Star game, should have been honored with All-Star status. High point man Don Frazier of Greencastle was chosen MVP for the game. This decision ignored Johnson, who took scoring honors for the game, and Mr. Basketball, George Crowe, who shut down Frankfort with his defense.

### Aftermath-I.H.S.A.A. Backlash

Amid rumors of the impending All-Star game, IHSAA Commissioner Arthur Trester, dubbed King Arthur by the media, had issued a warning that even graduating seniors could jeopardize their school's membership. On May 20, 1939, the I.H.S.A.A. Board of Control (BOC) affirmed (what everyone wanted to know) that all athletic games were to be under their direct supervision in CASE someone might forget. On June 7th, Trester and the BOC reviewed the rules on out-of-season participation. Since Case and Wells had been having exhibition games and

See All-Stars Page 7, Col. 1

**Montgomery Co. Basketball History**  
By Bob Whalen

**High Schools In Montgomery County**

I believe that Indiana high school basketball started in Crawfordsville, Indiana which is in Montgomery County. It was from here that three of the first four state champions came (see map on page 8) - Crawfordsville (1911), Wingate (1913 and 1914). Crawfordsville also claimed seven state titles prior to the first tournament. And believe it or not, Breaks claimed a title in 1905!

After I started doing research, I wondered just how many high schools had existed in Montgomery County. I once read that there had been 22 and that was before the opening of the two consolidated schools - North Montgomery and Southmont - in 1971. I have found 22, including North and South, and have been told of two others that I have not confirmed. I did find that there were two schools that went up to the eighth grade.

During my research, I have found that 19 of the of the 22 did have basketball teams at one time or the other. I'm not saying that the other three didn't, but if they ever did, I have never found anything to substantiate the fact. The three uncertain schools were Brown's Valley, Shannondale and Whitesville.

I will list the 19 teams that I have valid records for, and chronologically the year they started, plus the year they last played.

- Crawfordsville.....1900-to date
- Breaks \* .....1904-circa 1914
- Darlington.....1907-70
- New Richmond ....1908-53
- Elmdale \* .....1908-circa 1912
- Yountsville \* .....1908-circa 1912
- Wingate .....1910-53
- New Market.....1911-70
- Waynetown.....1914-70
- Mace.....1914-24

- Ladoga.....1916-70
- Bowers.....1917-55
- New Ross.....1917-70
- Linden.....1918-70
- Waveland.....1918-70
- Alamo.....1920-67
- Coal Creek Cent....1954-70
- No. Montgomery...1971-to date
- Southmont.....1971-to date

\* These schools never participated in the state tournament. It is believed that some years they didn't have enough boys to form a team.

-----The End-----

**Great Indiana Basketball Players**  
By Harley Sheets

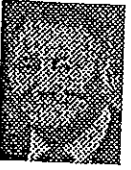
As I was going through some old files I came across a clipping that I had cut out of the Indianapolis News. The article ran back on March 22, 1997. It was entitled, *Big O Tops All-Time Best*. It was stated that the idea was the brainstorm of WTHR-TV (Channel 13), The Indianapolis News & Star. The newspapers polled readers as to their favorite boy players. The results brought forth these top 10 individuals.

01. Oscar Robertson - Indpls. Attucks
02. George McGinnis - Indpls. Washington
03. Damon Bailey - Bedford No. Lawrence
04. Rick Mount - Lebanon
05. Larry Bird - Springs Valley
06. Steve Alford - New Castle
07. Kent Benson - New Castle
08. Glenn Robinson - Gary Roosevelt
09. Shawn Kemp - Concord
10. Jimmy Rayl - Kokomo

Some things that stand out about these players as a group are: (1) only Shawn Kemp and Larry Bird did not achieve Mr. Basketball status; (2) only Robertson (55,56), McGinnis (69), Bailey (90) and Robinson (91) played on state championship teams; (3) only Robertson and Bird have been impact players, professionally; (4) only Alford & Benson played for NCAA champions, while Robertson, Mount & Bird were on NCAA runners-up.

**In Memory of Frederick Eli Althaus**

IHSBHS member Fred Althaus (75), passed away on February 29, 2000 of cardiac arrest.



"Fred Althaus was one of the most decent human beings I have ever met," said Indiana Supreme Court Justice, Randall Shepard. Althaus had served for five years as bailiff to Shepard, when Shepard was a Vanderburgh County Superior Court Judge.

"He treated the thousands of people who came through our court with great courtesy. He made ours a better court and he made me a better judge," Shepard said.

When Shepard moved to the higher station, Althaus remained as bailiff to Superior Court Judge Thomas Lockyear. He worked with Lockyear for 12 years before retiring. He had previously served for 23 years on the Evansville Police Department.

"Broc" Jerrel, a star on Evansville Bosse's 1944 and 1945 state champions, said, "When I was a freshman I saw him win a triple overtime game for Evansville Central against Boonville by hitting a shot from the top of the key."

In 1942, Althaus, a senior, was selected All-State first five by the Indianapolis News. After leading Central to sectional and regional titles, Central was defeated by eventual state champion, Washington (22-20). For some reason he was omitted from the 1942 Indiana All-Star Team.

Fred was a member of numerous fraternal organizations and a Naval veteran of World War II.

All IHSBHS members wish to extend our belated, sincere condolences to Fred's wife, June, and the rest of the family.

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\$59.99 + tax 1 person - 1 kingsize bed  
\$66.99 + tax 2 people - 2 queensize

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Be sure to say you are with IHSBHS and ask for a discount. There are other motels. Wendell Trogdon says the Executive Inn is the one of his choice.

## Spring Meeting Minutes Revue

The spring meeting was held in Indianapolis at the Wulsin Building adjacent to the Indiana State Museum. There were 16 in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President-Pro Tem John Ockomon. The minutes were read and the treasurer's report was read by Roger Robison as Treasurer Bob Whalen was unable to attend. The IHSBHS has a balance of \$300.43 in addition to a \$600.00 CD.

Ockomon has retrieved the Joe Quigley Memorial Library, and it will be housed at the Clinton County Historical Society (Old Stoney) in Frankfort, Indiana. The books were all labeled and referenced at the last Board meeting in Crawfordsville on May 13, 2000. Many thanks to Tiuu & "Doc" Robison for the labels!

The summer meeting in Vincennes was next discussed. All pertinent information can be found on page 1.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers-Bill Ervin, President; Roger Robison, President Elect; Bob Whalen, Treasurer. Motion to accept was made, seconded and carried. Since Ruth White has decided not to run for another term we are looking for a secretary. All board members would like to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication.

After business our guest panel of Howard Catt, Dee Compton and Jim Stutz kept us spellbound with their experiences (many quite hilarious) in coaching and administration. IHSBHS presented them with a small gift to show our appreciation.

A tour was then taken of Attucks, old Cathedral and Arsenal Tech High Schools.

Editor's note: Although my association with the Hall of Fame has been a little rocky on occasion, I have always found these three inductees to be exceptionally friendly and cordial. Howard, with his outgoing and genial personality, always has a funny joke or story to tell (most of them clean). He and his two friends didn't let us down and I would like to offer my personal thanks. HBS

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Member Profile  
(Randy Messel)

Randy was born at Bossier City, Louisiana in 1954. It's not known if he is of Cajun decent or has ever messeled around with voodoo. Most IHSBHS members have never met him because he doesn't come to our meetings, but it's almost guaranteed that he will be at Vincennes since he is one of the co-hosts and lives but a short distance away in Bicknell.

He attended his first Indiana high school basketball game in 1959 (Bicknell vs. Edwardsport) and graduated from North Knox in 1972. He graduated from Vincennes University with a degree in Journalism and English. Has been a 14 year member of the Society for American Baseball Research. In high school, participated in basketball, football and baseball, with baseball being his best sport-earning three varsity letters. Has been involved in softball (slow & fast pitch) for the past 30 years as both player and coach. Started the Bicknell Co-Ed Softball League in 1990. Co-Director of the Bicknell Labor Day Co-Ed Softball Tournament, one of the largest in the state. Has worked as a sports writer, off and on, since 1972. Did it full-time for the Vincennes Sun-Commercial in the 70's. In the '80's, he was editor and sports editor for the Knox County Daily News in Bicknell. Has operated his own insurance agency for the last 15 years.

Randy has also been an associate director of the Hall of Fame, has been a member of the IHSBHS shortly after it was started and has for the last five years been broadcasting baseball and basketball on his area's local radio station.

Randy seems to be a very busy fellow. Therefore, he probably doesn't have time for voodoo anymore, if indeed he ever did mess with it. And perhaps we can forgive him for not attending meetings. Everyone is encouraged to come to Vincennes to meet Mr. Messel. It may be your only chance.

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Member Profile  
(Bill Stedman)

Dr. Bill Stedman grew up in New Lebanon (Sullivan County) and attended school there until the 8th grade. In 1950-51 Merom and New Lebanon consolidated into Gill Twp. using the school building in Merom. As a senior Bill had the honor of playing for Gill Township when that school won its only sectional championship in 1955.

After high school he earned degrees from Indiana State and I. U.'s School of Dentistry and is still pulling molars in Vincennes, Indiana.

He is widely recognized as a fine musician, specializing in stringed instruments and bluegrass music. He is, according to some in the Vincennes area, one of the best Indiana high school basketball fans in the state and is the author of *Ninety Years Of Alices, The History of Vincennes Lincoln Basketball*.

Bill and his wife have two daughters. His hobbies are, quite naturally, music and high school basketball, plus golf, photography and fishing.

His most memorable sporting event was the 1949 *Indy 500*. Most memorable high school basketball game - Vincennes Lincoln's state championship win over Anderson in 1981.

His biggest dislike is TV announcers using their positions to set the standards to their liking for various sports.

Bill will MC our summer program in Vincennes. Ya'll come!!!!

## OPINION REQUESTED

A suggestion has been made that the Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society's title be shortened to the Indiana Basketball Historical Society. The board and officers would like input from other members on this matter.

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**All-Star (Cont. from Page 4, Col. 3)**


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using graduated seniors at the coaching school for years, it was apparent that the IHSAA had no jurisdiction over graduates. Evidently, Trester could find no legal way to interfere with the All-Star game, in spite of reviews with the BOC on May 20th and June 7th. However, it was obvious that King Arthur was against post-season games and that he would use every means at his disposal to discourage them.

After the first All-Star game, the BOC met on August 26th to critique it and to discuss IHSAA membership for colored, private and parochial schools. The latter was stonewalled and would not be approved until the spring of 1942 (see the 1999 Fall Issue of Boxscore, Racism In Indiana By Harley Sheets on Page 6, Col. 2). On September 23rd, the King and his controlled Board of Control discussed the fact that their concept of participation in a post-season All-Star game was a violation of the spirit and purpose of the IHSAA rules and regulations. On October 25th, the IHSAA Constitution was so revised. It now stated that any school official, coach or teacher that participated in such games would cause their school to be suspended from the IHSAA. Referees were also warned. In November, Trester summoned Frankfort School Superintendent O'Bannon, Principal Condon and Coach Case to Indianapolis to present information to them about post-season play.

Clutching at straws, Trester finally found a technicality with which to punish Frankfort. Lewis Cook was ineligible to play basketball in 1939-40 because he was 20 years old. Therefore, Case had used him in the All-Star game. Nevertheless, Cook had enrolled at Frankfort in September of 1939 for his senior year in order to graduate. Since he was a returning student, he fit the

bill for a violation. Trester was happy, Case was reprimanded, Frankfort was sanctioned and Cook was made the fall guy for wanting to finish high school. On November 16th, Trester and the BOC placed Frankfort on probation until June 1, 1940. The mild reprimand was undoubtedly a reflection of the weak case against Case.

Thus, as of October 25, 1939, the post-season game was declared illegal and banned, but the IHSAA had no jurisdiction over graduated seniors, the Indianapolis newspapers and college coaches. Therefore, the games would continue as an Indiana-Kentucky series. Trester died in 1944, but the IHSAA continued to impotently oppose the All-Star game until 1961. In 1962 another big brother, the NCAA, became the sanctioning body for games involving high school graduates.

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### **A Message From Patrick Bishop**

Having for some time been worried about not hearing from Patrick, I enclosed a personal message to him in the last newsletter conveying my concern. I had previously tried to reach him by calling his previously given phone number, but another party who answered did not know him. Shortly thereafter, I received a long hoped for call.

Patrick conveyed to me that the phone number that he had given was his mother's, that she had moved and had given it up. He said that he has continued to receive and enjoy Boxscore and expressed his appreciation.

He was very happy to let me know that his mother, at 65, had just graduated from college and that this had encouraged him to do the same.

Other good news is that his pain has subsided to a big degree, he now has a newer car and might even come to the

summer meeting.

It was very nice to have such a positive conversation with our special member and I'm sure all IHSBHS members are happy to know that things are looking up for him. HBS

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### **A REQUEST**

All IHSBHS members, who are authors, are encouraged to send a resume (not over 75 words) of each of your publications to the editor. You should include cost, plus postage and handling, year published and an address if you wish that the request for your publication be sent to someplace other than your address in the membership roster. See example below. Mailing information will not be considered a part of the 75 word resume.

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### **IHSBHS Author**

*Where In The World Is Wes Del,  
Westview and Wapahani*  
by Harley Sheets

This book chronicles the advent of high school consolidation. It will tell you that the former schools of Amo, Clayton and Stilesville now form Cascade High School. It lists the nicknames of all the former high schools, schools that went undefeated during the regular season and much more. Vol. I (1982), Vol. II (1988)

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 Volume II may be purchased by sending \$3.50, plus \$1.50 postage & handling to Harley Sheets, 635 S. State Road 39, Danville, IN 46122. Only about 30 copies remain. Anyone who purchases Volume II will receive a free copy of Volume I.

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It is with much regret that Ruth White has informed the Board that she will not stand for re-election as secretary. Ruth and her husband, Don, have been invaluable assets to the IHSBHS. One of the many things they have done is the making of labels for the newsletter. As the new editor this service has made a difficult, but enjoyable task much easier. I would like to offer my personal thanks to these dedicated members. HBS

# The Cradle of Indiana High School Basketball

The numbered squares indicate high school basketball state championships in chronological order, starting with the first tournament in 1911. Later on, Frankfort (1925, 29, 36 & 39), Franklin (1920, 21 & 22) and Martinsville (1924, 27 & 33) won multiple titles. Lafayette (Jefferson) designated 5 on the map added championships in 1948 & 1964.

