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## Upcoming Meetings

**Winter:** A possible Board Meeting in Terre Haute at the time of the third Wabash Valley Classic. — How many board members would be interested in conducting a board meeting in Terre Haute sometime during the Wabash Valley Classic? Let Roger or me hear from you.

**Summer (Paris or Terre Haute):** There is no winter meeting planned. Many times inclement weather is a problem. However, a summer meeting is being looked into. Contact has been made with Scott Johnson, our Illinois member and author of "Once There Were Giants," a comprehensive story on Illinois' version of the Milan Indians, the Hebron Green Giants. I'm sure he will have some of the books for sale at the proposed meeting. If you would like to get one now and I highly recommend it, contact the Illinois High School Association at (309)663-6377 or [ihsa@ihsa.org](mailto:ihsa@ihsa.org).

I have asked him to contact Larry Graham, who was the star of Odon, Indiana, High School in 1959 when it came within a point of going to the final four. Hopefully we can get him as a speaker for the meeting. He went on to coach Madison, Illinois, High School to two Illinois state championships.

The meeting will be held somewhere near the Illinois - Indiana border. We will also be considering taking Illinois basketball enthusiasts into the organization. Scott will be contacting those in his state who are interested.

At present, all is up in the air, with no final arrangements. There will be more on this subject in the two following newsletters.

If any of you have any suggestions, let me know.

**Have A Most  
Joyous And Happy  
Holiday Season!**

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## Editor's Notes

At the last board meeting it was of the opinion that the editor should be paid the astronomical fee of \$37.50 for each issue of Boxscore that is published. It was also decided that guest editors would be allowed to publish on occasion. Probably because of the huge salary allotment, treasurer Roger Robison has consented to do the next issue (Spring-2003) of Boxscore.

The board encourages and urges others to put forth their name for guest editor!

**A Sad Note:** It has been a sad month. On November 14, charter member Don White passed away at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. Don and wife, Ruth, were at the very first meeting of the IHSBHS and have been contributing and loyal members for our entire existence. I attended the visitation and was astounded by the number of people who were at the church to pay their respects. The line extended from the front of the church clear to the exit. My wife and I stood in line for 40 minutes.

Just prior to Don's death, long time member Dean Kendall's wife, Loraine, died. At the funeral, the pastor praised Loraine's gift of giving time to others, especially the hours spent by her and Dean in volunteering time at the Riley Hospital for Children.

I'm sure all members wish to offer their sincerest condolences to Dean and the White family.

**A Happy Note:** It was mentioned in the last newsletter that the White's son, Dale, had been nominated for this year's Hall of Fame Silver Anniversary team. It was recently confirmed that he is one of the selectees. Congratulations, Ruth.

## A Disgruntled Tiger

### Why He Left

Over the years, there have been certain schools noted for having the good fortune of having good players move into their district. Some of the more notable were Lafayette Jefferson in the Marion Crawley era and Frankfort during Everett Case's tenure.

Lebanon also had a goodly influx, beginning in the early sixties and continuing to the mid-eighties. Most notable were Steve and Brian Walker from the Clinton Central area. Both after leading Lebanon to the Final 4 and becoming All-Stars in 1975 and 1976 went on to stellar careers at Purdue.

On the other hand, Lebanon has lost some excellent talent. In 1992, after a great freshman season, Scott Combs (1,965) transferred to Paoli, becoming an All-Star in 1994. Caleb Springer (2,042), after finishing junior high at Lebanon, moved to Logansport, becoming an All-Star in 1997. Some years prior to this, a native born Lebanonite departed. This hadn't happened in the L.H.S. annals since 1911, when "Chine" Taylor left for Crawfordsville.

The 1978 Tiger roster contained three move-ins. They were Ed Thatcher from the Indianapolis area, Kevin Feltner from Zionsville and Jim Fisher from Southwestern of Shelby County. Thus, the playing future on the Tiger squad didn't look too "Rosy" for Albert Hendrix.

### The Move

Hendrix had played a lot of summer ball at Dorner Park with some of the players from arch-rival Frankfort. He seemed to fit in well, so the unthinkable happened. A future Lebanon Tiger became a Frankfort Hot Dog!

However, the tremors, at this time, were not too resounding. After all, young Albert Hendrix was a junior and had not played a varsity game. None the less, Frankfort mentor John Milholland must have sensed something.

The 1977-78 regular season saw Hendrix running the Frankfort offense at point guard. The Dogs lost four of six to begin with, two coming in the Hall of Fame Classic. They then won three of four to even their record at 5-5.

### Tigers Win

The Tigers were next. They were 6-2, with losses to Lafayette Jefferson and Richmond. Another classic battle occurred between these ancient rivals, with Lebanon emerging with a one-point victory on Frankfort's home court. Had young Al made a mistake?

From here, both teams went on to register admirable records. At sectional time, Frankfort stood at 14-6, with Lebanon being its last loss. The Tigers were better, at 17-4. Both would host and win their sectionals setting up another match.

### Al's Revenge

Frankfort cruised through its sectional after a scare in the first game from Tri-Central. The Tigers barely survived theirs, as Zionsville move-in Feltner launched and made a 30-footer as time expired to beat his former teammates in overtime in the championship game at Lebanon.

In the regional at Frankfort, the Hot Dogs got sweet revenge by ousting the Tigers 65-58 in an afternoon game and gained a semifinal berth by eliminating Crawfordsville for the title.

At the semis in Lafayette, Frankfort took out Benton Central before succumbing to Merrillville, 80-68.

Young Al and the Hot Dogs had made a good run, but met their match in this very physical team from the region. The Pirates were in turn eliminated by a point in overtime by Terre Haute South, who then lost in the title game by one point to Muncie Central.

### Al Returns

Later, Albert Hendrix returned to his hometown and became a police officer for 10 years. Since 1994, he has been a detective with the Boone County Sheriff's Department. In his spare time, he has coached the Lebanon eighth grade team for 19 years, having but two losing seasons.

Among the boys he has coached in this span are Richie Mount, Scott Combs and Caleb Springer. All became Indiana High School All-Stars. Another one that could possibly be added to this list is Wayne Denger, a senior on this year's Tiger quintet.

Al attributes his success in basketball and life to John Milholland. He also said that John Milholland was not only an excellent basketball coach, but also a true friend and gentleman.



### Crawfordsville-Frankfort-Lebanon

These three ancient rivals grew up in the cradle of Indiana high school basketball and have accumulated eight state titles. Following you will find their head to head and overall records. Only records from 1911 to 2002 are included.

#### Crawfordsville vs.

Frankfort	25 wins - 50 losses
Lebanon	69 wins - 95 losses

#### Frankfort vs.

Crawfordsville	50 wins - 25 losses
Lebanon	83 wins - 68 losses

#### Lebanon vs.

Crawfordsville	95 wins - 69 losses
Frankfort	68 wins - 83 losses

#### Overall wins and winning percentage

Crawfordsville	1235-897	57.9%
Frankfort	1326-909	59.3%
Lebanon	1339-825	61.9%

#### State Titles

Crawfordsville	(1) 1911
Frankfort	(4) 1925-1929-1936-1939
Lebanon	(3) 1912-1917-1918

### Hoosiers In The National Federation Sports Hall Of Fame

Arthur L. Trout (Bruceville)	1982
Oscar Robertson (Indpls.)	1983
Rick Mount (Lebanon)	1986
"Fuzzy" Vandivier (Franklin)	1986
John Wooden (Martinsville)	1991
Larry Bird (French Lick)	1995
Terry Dischinger (Terre Haute)	1995

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## The Evolution Of Indiana High School Basketball

by  
Harley Sheets

### Part IV: The Early State Tournaments

#### An Overview Of The Early 20th Century

Carl G. Fisher, a self made millionaire born in Greensburg, Indiana, was making a large percentage of the headlines in these turn-of-the-century years. This slightly crippled boy made his big score in 1904 by founding Prest-O-Lite, the first company to manufacture sealed-beam headlights for automobiles. He also was the propagator of the 500 Mile Race Track and Miami Beach.

In 1912, he organized the Lincoln Highway Association under the sponsorship of the Indianapolis Auto Club. Its purpose was to fund an east-west highway across the United States. To energize funding, a tour was proposed to travel by car over a mixed terrain of plains, rivers and mountains.

All cars involved were manufactured in Indiana. Names such as American, Apperson, Empire, Haynes and Henderson. Marion, Marmon, McFarland, Pathfinder, Premier and Pilot.

The tour concluded in San Francisco on August 3, 1913, but by the time the tour began on July 1, \$500,000 of road improvements had been made on the route due to the intense interest it had sparked. This included approximately 30 bridges, grading and paving. Many towns near the road contributed to get the route changed so it would go through their communities.

Later on, Fisher promoted the Dixie Highway, which would extend from Indiana to Florida, to bring people to Miami Beach. Today, I-75 does the same.

But things other than Carl Fisher's programs were making news. The Federal Income Tax was instituted in 1913. The Panama Canal was opened and World War I began in 1914. And the telephone system was extended to the West Coast in 1915, much like the railroad in 1910.

It was at this juncture that the Indiana high school basketball tournament was evolving, albeit somewhat ineptly.

Down through history, mistakes have been made and inequities have occurred. Mankind in most cases observes and corrects. The 13 colonies, after gaining independence, had the benefit of historical precedent and therefore were able to choose the best aspects of other governments and insert them into the Constitution. Such was the case in the initial years of the state tournament. Let us take a look at the first four years (1911-14).

#### 1911 and 1912

In these two years, those in charge opted for an invitational format. What were deemed to be the best teams from each of the state's then 13 congressional districts were to take part. However, in this debut year, only 12 did so. The Indianapolis district, still smarting from the high jump fiasco\*, refused to let either one of its schools (Manual and Shortridge) participate.

Crawfordsville and Lebanon, though only 23 miles apart, were evidently not in the same district and met for the championship. Junior "Chine" Taylor, who had played for Lebanon the previous year, played this year for Crawfordsville. He scored seven points in Crawfordsville's 24-17 win. Ironically, "Chine's" son, son-in-law and grandson all played for Lebanon in later years. Foremost among them was his grandson, Jeff Tribbett, who played basketball with two basketball legends - Rick Mount in high school and "Pistol" Pete Maravich at L.S.U.

In 1912, Lebanon shook off its doldrums from the 1911 loss and pummeled all four opponents on its way to the title. Its 52-12 victory over Franklin still stands as the biggest differential in a final game win.

In Lebanon's four wins, Junior "Pug" Dale scored 82 points, thus scoring more points individually than any team in the tournament other than his own. And he did it without the benefit of being able to shoot his own free throws. Senior Dick Porter was Lebanon's designated free-thrower. This record held until 1946, when Jumpin' Johnny Wilson tallied 85 in the final four games for Anderson.

Dale after a stellar coaching career in Illinois, was inducted into its high school Hall of Fame in its second year of existence.

#### 1913

Because of the haggling which is bound to occur in invitational affairs, due to the fact that there are always those who will say that some of the best teams weren't included, the board of control opened this year up to all comers. The small Montgomery County school of Wingate grabbed the laurels in a five overtime game with South Bend (Central).

#### 1914

With basketball gaining momentum, 77 teams trekked to Bloomington this year. The organizers definitely were not prepared for such an influx and some teams were put at a distinct disadvantage.

The brackets were a mess. There were 32 and 18 teams in the top two brackets - 16 and 10 in the bottom two. Lebanon, coached by "Piggy" Lambert, was again one of the favorites. They were placed in the 32 team bracket, but pretty much had Wingate's number, having won both previous encounters, a 19-point win in 1913 and a 26-22 win in the regular season of this year. However, that would come to an end as this 1914 grueling endurance race continued. The chart below will speak more to the unfairness of the tournament than words can express.

	LEBANON	WINGATE
Fri 9am	Amboy (32-13)	
10am		Milan (42-14)
5pm	Darlington (42-11)	
8pm		Westport (33-13)
9pm	Bedford (48-16)	
Sat 8am		Crawfordsville (24-1)
9am	Whiting (17-15)	
1pm	Marco (34-21)	Clinton (17-13)
3pm	New R'mond (19-9)	
5pm	Wingate (8-14)	Lebanon (14-8)
8pm		Anderson (36-8)

In the Wingate-Lebanon game, the action became brutal. Lambert had assigned Tommy King to contest Homer Stonebraker, who had scored every point in Wingate's previous win against Clinton.

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\* In the initial Indiana State Track & Field Meet, a Lafayette boy was awarded first in the high jump with a leap of 5'4,"although a Manual boy had cleared 5'5."

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King had broken his shoulder earlier in the season and in a scrum under one of the baskets, King refractured the bone. Wingate went on to win 14-8, then beat Anderson badly for the 1914 title. After the game, the Lebanon coach stormed toward the Wingate locker room but was restrained.

The schedule was an obstacle to Lebanon, but so was King's loss. The Indianapolis News, in selecting the All-State team, commented, "Choosing the guards was the easiest. King of Lebanon and Blacker of Wingate stand out as the classiest individuals seen during the tournament. King borders on the marvelous as a speedy, heady guard. His playing was the feature of every game in which he played and his natural ability as a basketball player make him the hardest man to get the ball around in the state. In addition to his ability to break up the passing of opponents he is probably the superior to any high school player on account of his ability to get the ball out of dangerous territory, both by passing and individual effort. Therefore, he is made the floor guard."

An article in the Lafayette newspaper stated, "The interscholastic basketball state tournament as carried out at Indiana University last week is not a fair test of the comparative skill of competing teams is the belief of the Lafayette high school delegation which attended.

It is believed here that the playing of so many games in such a short space of time means simply the survival of the team possessing the greatest endurance and physical strength. Local fans do not think that the Wingate five is the most skillful high school team in the state."

"It is felt here that the Lebanon and another team or two were superior so far as skill and knowledge of the points of the game of basketball are concerned. It is suggested by the local fans that the tournament be extended over a greater number of days and that the various teams have their schedule arranged far enough in advance to allow them to make the trip on the days they are to play. To play more than one game a day is too much for high school athletes who do not possess the well trained muscles of college athletes."

To the IHSAA's credit, sectionals were instituted in 1915, which would pair the field to 14, the week prior to the finals.

Over the years many other changes have been incorporated for the benefit of the game.

Mistakes occurred, improvements made!

====The End====

**Tournament Leading Scorers**

1911		
NAME/SCHOOL-GAMES		POINTS
Myers (Crawfordsville -4)		58
Brumbaugh (Bluffton-3)		41
Stevenson (Crawfordsville-4)		26
Taylor (Crawfordsville-4)		24
Porter (Lebanon-3)		22
<b>1912</b>		
Dale (Lebanon-4)		82
Porter (Lebanon-4)		57
Pruitt (Franklin-4)		39
E. Heise (Orleans-3)		36
Hamner (Franklin-4)		30
<b>1913</b>		
Almost unverifiable		
<b>1914</b>		
Worley (Lebanon-7)		112
Stonebraker (Wingate-6)		105
Castle (Rochester-5)		66
McClure (Anderson-6)		55
Vater (Whiting-3)		46

**Indianapolis News All-State First Five 1913**

- Forwards**  
 Dale (Lebanon)  
 Stonebraker (Wingate)  
**Center**  
 Hake (Gary)  
**Guards**  
 Bacon (South Bend)  
 Shaw (Crawfordsville)

**1914**

- Forwards**  
 Sager (Culver)  
 Vater (Whiting)  
**Center**  
 Stonebraker (Wingate)  
**Guards**  
 King (Lebanon)  
 Blacker (Wingate)

Note: The Indianapolis News did not start selecting All-State teams until 1913.

**Notes and Quotes**

From Member John Preheim:

I read your article on the National High School Federation in the Summer 2002 Boxscore with some interest. You quoted from a conversation with John Gillis of the NFSHSA who is a native of Mitchell, South Dakota. You made some references to Mitchell High School's record in basketball as well as the Corn Palace.

I grew up and attended high school in Marion, South Dakota located about 45 miles southeast of Mitchell. I still have some relatives, including a brother, living in the area. This led me to do some research on both Mitchell basketball and the Corn Palace.

Mitchell is on the west end of the corn belt which extends from Ohio to South Dakota. Go 100 miles west of Mitchell and the country becomes mainly cattle range land. The first Corn Palace was built in 1892 as a place for the Corn Belt Exposition. It was a small but ornate building. South Dakota still being settled at the time, settlers were encouraged to bring their corn and display it around the outside of the building to show how fertile the South Dakota soil was. This first building outgrew its use and was replaced by a larger

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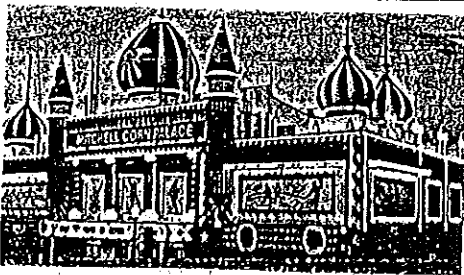
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Corn Palace in 1905. This was also outgrown and replaced by the current one in 1921. This edifice attracts about 500,000 visitors each year. It is a multiple use building with its main use being a basketball arena. The Mitchell High School Kernels and Dakota Wesleyan University play their home games there. It is also frequently used by other high schools and for a number of high school basketball tournaments.

Because of farm work, I was not able to play basketball in high school until my senior year. It was always a dream to play on the Corn Palace floor. That is where we played our district tournament games in the state tournament. I have seen a number of games there.

Gary Munsen has been the coach at Mitchell since 1973. He has won 8 state championships. Mitchell plays in South Dakota's largest class. His overall boys record is 513-211 including his first job at Marion, my alma mater. Coach Munsen was fired at Marion, not because he wasn't a successful coach, but because the school board president's son did not start and did not see enough playing time. Munsen also coached the Mitchell girl's team. His 13 year record was 225-69 and 3 state titles.

Another interesting sidelight is that "Sparky" Anderson was a native of Bridgewater, South Dakota, a tiny town located halfway between Marion and Mitchell.

I hope you find this information interesting

Thanks for the job you do with IHS-BHS and although I'm not an active member, I always enjoy reading the Boxscore.

The End

Editor's note: It is beyond my comprehension how a corn palace ended up in South Dakota. Shouldn't it have been in Iowa, where the corn grows as high as an elephant's eye or at least in Illinois or Indiana?

Cliff's Brother, Lloyd

Lloyd Wells who guided Putnamville High School to the Wabash Valley prelim championship in the 1936-37 school year was not allowed to coach them in the sectional. Following is an excerpt from the Greencastle Daily Banner (March 1, 1937) entitled "Basketball Nonsense"



Lloyd Wells who spent his own time and money in developing a basketball squad at Putnamville into the Wabash Valley prelim champions in January, cannot coach these boys in the sectional meet which gets underway here Thursday night.

Wells, a clerk at the Indiana State Farm, who worked with Putnamville's "Gymless Wonders" has been ordered to stay away from the squad by A. L. Trester, commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association. It seems that a coach must be a regularly employed member of the school faculty and despite the fact that Wells has a license to teach and has taught and coached in years past, the Czar of Mount Ihsaa rules that someone else must direct the Putnamville netters or the school will be placed on probation or even kicked out of the association.

Wells tells us that his coaching was protested after Putnamville had won the prelim tournament here in January. Maybe it was because he is a brother of Cliff Wells, noted Logansport mentor. Maybe it was because somebody couldn't take it. We don't know, but we hate to see a man who has given freely of his time, money and experience, to help a bunch of young men without a gymnasium learn the fundamentals of basketball and then go ahead and win from Russellville, Cloverdale and Roachdale to give Putnamville its first championship in the school's history told to step down just when the boys need him most.

The End

Editor's note: Besides his tendencies toward racism, this is just one more thing that makes me wonder who the people were that chose to honor Arthur Trester by having his name attached to the Mental Attitude awards.

All-Time Winningest Coaches

1,274	Morgan Wooten (Maryland)
1,244	Robert Hughes (Texas)
1,122	Ralph Tasker (Ohio & New Mexico)
1,096	Bill Krueger (Texas)
1,026	Leslie Gaudet (Louisiana)
1,021	Walter VanHuss (Tennessee)
924	Eric Staples (Georgia)
904	Warren Rutledge (Virginia)
896	Charles Womack (Texas)
890	Don Coleman (Texas)
886	Kenneth Cleveland (Texas)
885	Ronald Bradley (Georgia & Florida)
866	Joe Gallager (D.C.)
866	Bert Jenkins (Mississippi)
857	O. W. Follis (Texas)
856	William Kean (Kentucky)
875	Sam Richey (Mississippi)
855	Vernon Osborne (Tennessee)
855	Ronald Ladner (Mississippi)
848	Bud Lathrop (Missouri)
847	Bill Armstrong (California)
843	A. L. Treadway (Tennessee)
840	Ernest Eldridge (Tennessee)
840	Bob Paynter (Arkansas & Tennessee)
829	Louis Cvijanovich (California)
826	Dick Van Scoyc (Illinois)
818	Harvey Reid (North Carolina)
818	Willie Scoggins (Alabama)
809	Arthur Trout (Illinois)
806	Jack Butcher (Indiana)

Editor's note: Indiana, at last has a coach on the elite list of the National Federation of State High School Associations. However, it should be noted that Indiana has been one of the most, if not the most restricted in the number of games which high schools are allowed to play.

Most Wins (Nationally)

Centralia, IL	1,919-802
Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett, TN	1,865-616
Collinsville, IL	1,869-610
Quincy, IL	1,722-616
Ashland Paul Blazer, KY	1,677-690
Paducah Tilghman, KY	1,610-643
Central City, KY (closed)	1,578-556
Williamsport, PA	1,568-653
Muncie Central, IN	1,542-682

Most State Championships (Nationally)

Cheyenne Central, WY	24
Jersey City St. Anthony, NJ	23
Kansas City Wyandotte, KS	20
New Haven Hillhouse, CT	20
Little Rock Central, AR	18
Miami Senior High, FL	17
Portsmouth, NH	16
Phoenix Union, AZ	16
Macon Lanier, GA	16
Mitchell, SD	15

Editor's note: All above records were taken from the High School Federation handbook with the exception of Muncie Central's record. It's doubtful, but can anyone come up with another Indiana high school with more wins? All records are thru 2002 except Kingsport which is thru 2001.



Wabash Valley Classic

This year's Classic will feature three new teams - Greencastle, Monrovia and Riverton Parke. It will be held on December 26, 27, 28 and 30. No Sunday games. The first three days will feature 8 games. On the last day, Monday, only four. A ticket for the entire tournament will cost \$14.00. A single day admission is \$5.00. Following is the line up for the first day with school class in parenthesis. Start time is 10 a.m.

- Bloomfield (1) vs. Shakamak (1)
- Rockville (1) vs. Turkey Run (1)
- Sullivan (3) vs. Northview (4)
- So. Vermillion (2) vs. Terre Haute No. (4)
- Cloverdale (2) vs. Monrovia (2)
- Greencastle (3) vs. Terre Haute So. (4)
- Riverton Parke (1) vs. Marshall, IL
- West Vigo (3) vs. Vincennes (3)

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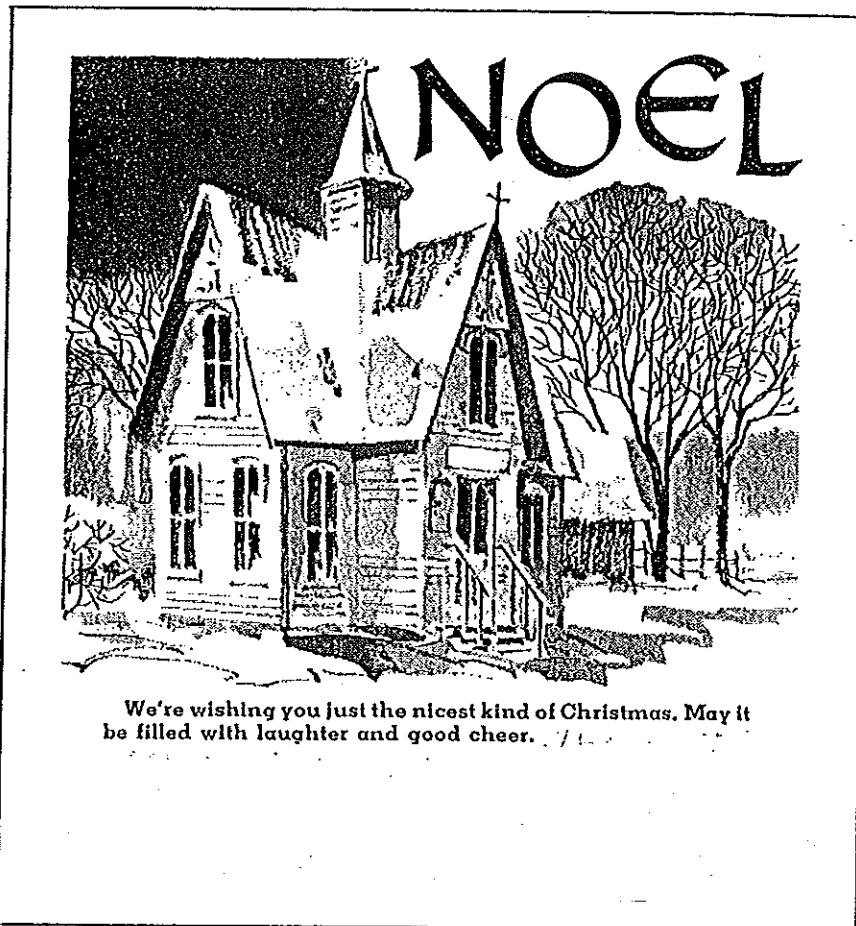
Hall Of Fame Classic  
(December 28, 2002)

- DeKalb (4) vs. Perry Meridian (4)
- Lebanon (3) vs. Hammond Noll (3)

Member, Rocky Kenworthy, has done an excellent job of publishing the 35th edition of the Indiana Basketball Handbook (previously done by David Pert). I had to pick my copy up at his house because no one in Hendricks County or Boone County now distributes it. If you would like to find the nearest facility in your area where you can get your free copy, contact Rocky at 317-539-2422 or eMail him at vols@indy.net.

Bob Adams has a CD rom disc for sale with many high school records on it. IHSBHS is to receive \$5.00 for each one sold. If interested, contact Bob at unlocks@decaturnet.com.

Be sure to remember that Roger Robison will be publishing the Spring 2003 Boxscore while I am in England and France. So be sure to contact him with any information, stories or ideas. He may be reached at 812-331-8018 or by eMail at hotdog@compuserve.com.



We're wishing you just the nicest kind of Christmas. May it be filled with laughter and good cheer.



1914 Indiana Student All-State Team. L to R: Ralph Worley (Lebanon), Herman "Buz" Sayger (Culver), Homer Stonebraker (Wingate), Jesse Graves (Wingate) and Thomas King (Lebanon). Picture taken from Harley Sheets' postcard collection.