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I. INTRODUCTION

The Wabash Valley High School Association was formulated by a group of schools in eastern Illinois and western Indiana to foster better inter-school relations. From a geographical standpoint these schools are peculiarly located. The fields of rich corn land, extending for several miles both east and west from the Wabash River, have provided this part of the two states with a group of towns and villages that have maintained a fairly even balance of prosperity throughout a succession of economically lean and fat years. In addition to this, many of these towns are supplied with an abundance of fairly high grade coal, which has proved over and over to be a great financial asset.

Naturally, the prosperity of this area has been reflected in the growth and maintenance of its public schools, and we find throughout the Wabash Valley, almost without exception, many large and many small, adequate high schools, with ample enrollment to maintain well organized and well supervised athletic teams.

Situated in the approximate geographical center of this
territory, the city of Terre Haute provided an excellent financial and educational nucleus. The presence of two colleges has provided the community with a large supply of well-trained men and women. Since athletics has always been an integral part of our educational system, we find the stimulus of the athletic departments of these colleges having a wholesome and inspiring effect on the high schools throughout the Wabash Valley.

The Wabash Valley has long been famous for its high-school football teams, and the superiority and skill of the boys that have made these teams have not been questioned. Thus we find that football was the first sport to be recognized. In September, 1915, the initial effort was made to bring about a closer athletic relationship among the high schools of this locality.
II. EMBRYONIC INFLUENCES

Credit for this idea must be given to the late Ralph H. White, sports editor of the Terre Haute Tribune, who, on September 22, 1915, offered a football trophy to the outstanding team of the season located in "The sweep of the Wabash Valley." According to Mr. White, the purpose in offering this trophy was to "Stimulate interest in high school football, and to bring the sport up to a higher standard from the playing standpoint than ever before." The inscription on the trophy was to read, "Tribune Trophy Wabash Valley High School Championship." The basis for awarding the trophy was that of comparative scores and the results of the games played.¹

As a result of the offering of this trophy, Wiley and Garfield, the two public high schools in Terre Haute, were granted permission by school officials to renew athletic relationships on the gridiron, said relationships having been severed in the year 1912.²

According to the Terre Haute Tribune of October 20, 1915, every high school in the sweep of the Wabash Valley was considered eligible for the trophy. Among the schools

¹The Terre Haute Tribune, September 22, 1915
²Interview with L. B. Webster (May 1, 1933), Manager of Athletics, 1915, Wiley High School, Terre Haute, Indiana
that had signified their intention of competing were Wiley and Garfield of Terre Haute, Brazil, Linton, and Robinson, Illinois.

As a result of the bitter athletic rivalry between the competing schools, those in charge of awarding the trophy found a great deal of disagreement as to who should receive this first trophy. Three schools had outstanding teams, these being Wiley of Terre Haute, Indiana, Robinson, Illinois, and Georgetown, Illinois. Since there had been no board selected to award the trophy, it was quickly realized by school officials that some provisions would have to be made in the future to place the authority of settling disputes and awarding championships. However, the first football trophy was finally awarded to Georgetown, Illinois, thus bringing to a rather unsatisfactory close the first athletic season under the auspices of what was eventually to result in the Wabash Valley High School Association.

Immediately after the close of the football season of 1915, agitation for the Wabash Valley basketball tournament started. On January 14, 1916, through the efforts of the late Hal Mefford, athletic director of Rose Polytechnic Institute of Terre Haute, Indiana, the following schools

3 The Terre Haute Tribune, December 19, 1915
accepted invitations to participate in the basketball tournament to be held on February 5, 1916, at the Knights of Columbus Auditorium, in Terre Haute, Indiana: Paris, Illinois, Vincennes, Rockville, Clinton and the winner of the Terre Haute championship, which proved to be Normal High School, (now Indiana State Training High School). The officials selected to handle the tournament were Rufus Gilbert and "Dolly" Gray. Rockville won the first championship, defeating Paris 24 to 17 in the final game.

During this first year no effort was made to foster a track and field championship. The school year of 1915-1916 ended with the football championship going to Georgetown, Illinois, and the basketball championship going to Rockville. A great deal of interest in high-school athletics was stimulated as a result of these first efforts, but again the need was felt for some kind of a representative government that would direct and supervise all activities of the competing schools.

The fall of 1916 found the Wabash Valley teeming with football squads eager to enter the championship race. On September 28, 1916, the Terre Haute Tribune listed the following schools as having entered the competition for the championship: Garfield and Wiley of Terre Haute,

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4 The Terre Haute Tribune, January 14, 1916
5 Ibid., February 6, 1916
6 Interview with Ralph H. White (April 5, 1932), Sports Editor of The Terre Haute Tribune, 1911-1934
Linton, Jasonville, Worthington, Brazil, Bicknell, Bedford, and Clinton, in Indiana, and Robinson, Georgetown, Oaklalnd, Arcola, Effingham, Mattoon, Newton, Olney, Lawrenceville, Marshall, and Arthur in Illinois. Along with this entry list was the announcement that a board would shortly be selected to supervise the championship. According to the Terre Haute Tribune, the board was to have absolute control in awarding the trophy, each school to have a voice in the selection of a representative, and the board was to consider all matters which might come up during the season.

On October 15, 1916, representatives of twenty-five surrounding schools met in Terre Haute with T. W. Records, principal of Garfield High School, acting as chairman of the meeting. At this meeting the following board was chosen: J. O. Marberry of Robinson, Illinois, O. P. Reeves of Georgetown, Illinois, Fred Bourn of Clinton, Indiana, T. W. Records, and Ralph H. White of the Terre Haute Tribune. The functions of this first board were (1) to keep a record of the results of all games played in the Wabash Valley, (2) to determine the winner at the completion of the season, and (3) to act upon any protest which might arise during the season.7

From the outset it was quickly realized that the work of the board was no sinecure. Early in November an effort

7The Terre Haute Tribune, October 15, 1916
was made to arrange an elimination round among the football teams with outstanding records, and schedules were drafted with the ultimate aim in view of finding the Illinois champion and the Indiana champion. These two teams were to play, the winner to be considered the champion of the Wabash Valley for 1916. While this plan appeared to be workable at first, several obstacles proved unsurmountable. One of these was the fact that several of the contending schools had already scheduled games to be played late in November and refused to cancel these games in favor of the "elimination" games as arranged by the Board.

The Board faced its first eligibility protest when Oakland, Illinois protested a player on the Villa Grove, Illinois team on the grounds that said player was over the age of twenty-one years. The Board upheld the Oakland protest, and, after much bickering and argument, the governing body finally selected the above school as the football champions for 1916. Georgetown, Illinois, who had had possession of the trophy since the preceding year, delivered the award to the officials of Oakland High School.

On December 12 of that year one of the important steps in the formation of the present Association took place. The credit for this idea went to the late Denman Kelly, principal

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8 The Terre Haute Tribune, November 1, 1916
9 Ibid., November 10, 1916
10 Ibid., December 17, 1916
of Worthington High School, who sent a circular letter to all of the leading high schools in the valley. In this letter Mr. Kelly praised the Terre Haute Tribune for opening the way and declared that the school officials should not allow the idea of a mutual association to drop. He also suggested the idea of a Wabash Valley High School Association and with it the following: "To belong to the association would not necessarily interfere with their (the High Schools of the Wabash Valley) membership in their state association. Without having any particular disadvantages it would have the advantages of determining the athletic leaders in a large section of the country, a section which has a community of interests; of bringing Indiana and Illinois high schools into a closer relationship, and locally of taking advantage of the present praiseworthy interest and enthusiasm for athletics which has been aroused by the Terre Haute Tribune."¹¹

From this letter it can readily be seen that Mr. Kelly felt the need of a stronger organization and that it should be almost entirely controlled and supervised by the school officials themselves.

It is interesting to note that following the football season of 1916 Ralph H. White selected the first all-valley football team.¹²

¹¹The Terre Haute Tribune, December 12, 1916
¹²Interview with Ralph H. White (May 1, 1932), Sports Editor of The Terre Haute Tribune, 1911-1934
With the football championship safely tucked away in the trophy case at Oakland High School, plans were immediately broached for a Wabash Valley High School Basketball Tournament. T. W. Records, representing the association, went before the Indiana State High School Athletic Association Board of Control at Indianapolis, and asked permission for the holding of a basketball tournament at the Knights of Columbus Auditorium in Terre Haute. This tournament was to be supervised by Garfield and Wiley school officials and sponsored by the Terre Haute Tribune.13 The State Board of Control readily granted permission to hold the tournament, and, on December 29, 1916, it was announced that the tournament was assured and that it was to be an annual event.14

Early in January invitations to enter the basketball tournament were mailed out to every high school in the Wabash Valley with the understanding that the first sixteen entries to reach Terre Haute would be allowed to compete.15 On Saturday, January 13, 1917, the schedule was drawn for the tournament in the presence of a large group of Wabash Valley school officials.16

On Saturday, February 3, 1917, the final game of

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13 The Terre Haute Tribune, December 24, 1916
14 Ibid., December 29, 1916
15 Ibid., January 4, 1917
16 Ibid., January 14, 1917
the tournament found Rockville defeating Garfield 24 to 19, which was the second successive championship won by Rockville. Incidentally, according to the newspaper account of the tournament, each session was played before a capacity crowd, and much interest in the tournament was manifested in Terre Haute and throughout the Wabash Valley.17

Early in the fall of 1917 T. W. Records of Garfield High School was forced to relinquish his position on the board of directors, and the following men made up the board for the ensuing year: E. E. Hylton of Garfield High School, E. W. Montgomery of Brazil, J. F. Henderson of Oakland, Illinois, W. E. Harnish of Marshall, Illinois, and Ralph H. White of the Terre Haute Tribune. Under the ruling agreed upon during the preceding year, only football games played between schools in the Wabash Valley were to be considered in the awarding of the championship.18 The season was uneventful as far as protests and friction between schools was concerned. On December 6, 1917, Chairman Harnish called a meeting of the board to award the championship. The following high schools had completed very successful seasons and had filed claims for consideration for the championship with Ralph H. White:

17 The Terre Haute Tribune, February 4, 1917

18 Interview with Ralph H. White (May 1, 1932), Sports Editor of The Terre Haute Tribune, 1911-1934
Jasonville, Indiana and Garfield of Terre Haute, Indiana, and the following Illinois schools: Villa Grove, Marshall, and Robinson. 19

On Friday, December 7, 1917, it was announced that Jasonville was named the champion of the Wabash Valley, having won seven games and lost none, and having scored one hundred forty-nine points to six for their opponents. 20

19 The Terre Haute Tribune, December 5, 1917
20 Ibid., December 7, 1917
III: EARLY GUIDE POSTS

Following the awarding of the championship it was decided to perfect a permanent organization, and a meeting was called for Saturday, December 15, 1917, to be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in Terre Haute.¹ As a result of this meeting thirteen high schools formed an organization known as the Central Wabash Valley Conference. The following thirteen schools were classified as charter members: In Illinois, Oakland, Paris, Robinson, and Marshall and in Indiana, Wiley and Garfield of Terre Haute, Staunton, Brazil, Glenn, Jasonville, Rockville, Prairie Creek and Clinton. The following officers were elected: G. W. McReynolds of Brazil as president, W. E. Harnish of Marshall, Illinois as vice-president, Ralph H. White of Terre Haute as secretary-treasurer, W. W. Keith of Paris, Illinois and W. W. Wright of Rockville, Indiana, as board members.²

W. E. Harnish, W. W. Wright and T. W. Records were named as a committee to submit a constitution and a meeting was called for Saturday, December 22, 1917. At this

¹The Terre Haute Tribune, December 14, 1917
²Ibid., December 16, 1917

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meeting a constitution was submitted, and a copy was sent to all member schools. It was decided that all schools holding membership in the conference were eligible to compete in the annual basketball tournament. In regard to selecting a football champion, it was agreed to form a schedule committee and each school to be required to play at least half of their games with member schools in order to be eligible for consideration for the championship. It was further agreed at this meeting to send President McReynolds to Indianapolis in order to obtain the sanction of the Indiana High School Association Board of Control for the holding of the Wabash Valley High School Basketball Tournament. Early in January this sanction was granted and Garfield High School was selected as the host school for the basketball tournament to be held on February 8 and 9, 1918. Rose Polytechnic Institute, through Coach Rufus Gilbert, offered to assist the Garfield authorities in staging the tournament. All schools wishing to enter were asked to submit their entries to E. E. Hylton of Garfield.

Sixteen teams constituted the field, and on Saturday night, February 9, 1918, for the third successive year, Rockville won the championship defeating Edwardsport in

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3 The Terre Haute Tribune, December 23, 1918
4 Ibid., January 10, 1919
the final game 52 to 30. The tournament was played at the Knights of Columbus Auditorium and was considered highly successful in every respect.\(^5\)

The early fall of 1918 found all public gatherings prohibited because of the epidemic of influenza that covered practically the entire United States. Consequently, it was not until late in October that the high schools in the Wabash Valley were allowed to play each other in football.

According to the record, there were only four high school football teams in action in the Wabash Valley. These were Paris, Illinois; Robinson, Illinois; Brazil, Indiana; and Garfield or Terre Haute.\(^6\)

On Saturday, December 21, 1918, the Tribune trophy committee consisting of L. B. Webster, Rufus Gilbert, and Ralph H. White awarded Garfield High School the football championship.\(^7\)

It was noteworthy that at this time, according to Charles Zimmerman of Garfield High School, activities of the Wabash Valley High School Board of Control were virtually suspended due to the World War and the influenza epidemic. It was only through the personal efforts of Ralph H. White that any interest was maintained in

\(^5\)The Terre Haute Tribune, February 10, 1919

\(^6\)Garfield High School Year Book, 1919, page 30

\(^7\)The Terre Haute Tribune, December 21, 1918
athletics among the Wabash Valley high schools and that a football champion was selected. On Sunday, January 12, 1919, it was announced that sanction had again been secured from the Indiana High School Athletic Association Board of Control for the holding of the annual Wabash Valley High School Basketball Tournament. The dates selected for the tournament were February 7 and 8 and L. B. Webster, E. E. Hylton, E. B. Clogston, and Howard Byrn were named as the committee to make final arrangements. It was agreed to hold again the tournament at the Knights of Columbus Auditorium in Terre Haute and that the field be limited to sixteen teams. Since Rockville High School, by virtue of their three consecutive championships, had secured permanent possession of the Tribune Basketball Trophy, the Terre Haute Tribune agreed to furnish another award. Birch Bayh and Mervin Swango were selected to officiate at the tournament. The first sixteen schools to mail back their entry blanks were to be allowed to compete.

In the final game of the tournament, Robinson High School defeated Garfield High School by a score of 21 to 8 to win the title.

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8Interview with Charles Zimmerman (January 12, 1935), Principal, Garfield High School, Terre Haute, Indiana
9The Terre Haute Tribune, January 12, 1919
Ibid., February 9, 1919
IV. FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The fall of 1919 found a revival of high school football throughout the Wabash Valley area. However, any definite organization was non-existent and apparently there was no governing board appointed or elected. Fortunately Robinson boasted the only undefeated high school football team in this locality; therefore, they were indisputably considered to be the football champions for the season and were awarded the trophy.\(^1\) During the fall of 1919 it was generally felt that there was a need for the revival of the Wabash Valley High School Association, and through the efforts of Ralph H. White and P. M. Watson, notice was sent out that there would be a meeting of high school representatives in the Tribune Building at 1:00 p.m., December 6, 1919. All schools within a radius of fifty miles of Terre Haute were invited to attend this meeting, and the following schools responded with representatives: Clinton, Odon, Sullivan, Worthington, Glenn, the Terre Haute high schools, Wiley, Garfield, and Normal (now State Training), Paris, and Robinson.\(^2\)

\(^{1}\)Interview with Ralph H. White (May 12, 1932), Sports Editor of The Terre Haute Tribune, 1911-1934

\(^{2}\)Handbook of the Wabash Valley High School Association, 1924-1925
At this meeting the present Wabash Valley High School Association was organized for the purpose of sponsoring all types of inter-school activities. A constitution was adopted and the following officers elected:


Mr. McReynolds has this to say about the formation:

"In selecting a name for the new organization we purposely avoided the title 'athletic association' because we wanted to broaden the scope of activities sponsored by this organization. The original purpose of the founders of the association was to promote several activities among the member schools instead of limiting the scope to that of athletics. After the first two years of the life of the association, new officers replaced the old ones, and interest was concentrated on athletics to the exclusion of all other activities. I always thought this was a mistake."

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3 The Terre Haute Tribune, December 7, 1919
4 Ibid., January 4, 1920
5 Mr. George W. McReynolds, Clinton, Indiana, to the author, March 25, 1935
Under this constitution as adopted, any school within a radius of sixty miles of Terre Haute was allowed to become a member, providing they were in good standing in their State High School Association. The constitution, except for several amendments, is still in existence and still functions for the association.

On January 2, 1920, Garfield and Wiley of Terre Haute withdrew from the association. A few days later D. M. Davis, supervisor of physical education in the Terre Haute public schools, announced the cause of the withdrawal. He felt that Garfield and Wiley should conduct an invitational tournament of their own and not come under the Wabash Valley High School Association. Subsequently, the Annual Wabash Valley High School Basketball Tournament was awarded to Clinton and was scheduled to be held on February 6-7, 1920. Birch Bayh and Marshall Wilder were selected as the officials.

Normal High School of Terre Haute was crowned the champion, defeating Bloomingdale in the final game 25 to 18.

Through the combined efforts of Professor Charles Bacon and Mr. Howard W. Byrn, both of the Indiana State Normal School, a Current Event Bee and a Musical for

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6 The Terre Haute Tribune, December 7, 1919
7 The Terre Haute Star, January 2, 1920
8 The Terre Haute Tribune, January 4, 1920
9 Ibid., February 8, 1920
valley high schools were held at Normal Hall on April 2, 1920. The Current Event Bee was patterned after the old-fashioned spelling bee, but instead of spelling words, questions were asked concerning current happenings. Over three hundred queries were used, ranging from slightly technical ones to complicated, political ones.¹⁰

Robinson High School was proclaimed the winner of the Current Event Bee when Miss Velma Caplin and Kent Hunt Lewis, both of Robinson, tied for first honors. Clarence Corbin of Normal High School was second and Harry Stickler of Clinton High School was third.¹¹

In the Musical, held at intervals of the Current Event Bee, Paris High School was awarded first honors when Miss Emily Pearl Frazier was declared the winner with a vocal rendition. Louise Ogden of Clinton High School won second place with a piano solo, and Miss Ruth Weng of Normal High School, Terre Haute, third place with a piano selection.¹²

Professor Bacon and Mr. Byrn were the judges of the Current Event Bee while Professor Tilson, Miss Lucy Arthur, and Mr. Harry Crawford were the judges of the musical.¹³

The schools which competed in both contests were

¹⁰ *Normal Advance*, April 7, 1920
¹¹ *The Terre Haute Star*, April 3, 1920
¹² *Idem.*
¹³ *The Terre Haute Tribune*, April 3, 1920
Paris, Illinois; Robinson, Illinois; Staunton, Clinton, Brazil, and Normal of Terre Haute. It was hoped by those in attendance that this type of competition would be continued in the Association and would, in the near future, rank on a par with the other forms of inter-school contests. 14

Mr. H. W. Byrn said, "The Current Event Bee was one of the most profitable and interesting events I have ever known in high school work. The questions were based upon such magazines as 'The Literary Digest', 'Time', the magazines used being announced several months before contest time. During the day preceding the contests a High School Teachers' Conference was held with departmental and general meetings and this also was very profitable. These non-athletic activities were originally of outstanding importance in the Association's activities but the athletic interests, especially basketball, crowded them out, I think, much to the loss of the valley schools." 15

With the end of the football season of 1920, Robinson High School maintained its winning ways on the gridiron and was again awarded the championship of the Wabash Valley. Incidentally, this was the second consecutive season that the Illinois school had played through its schedule without losing a game. 16

14 The Terre Haute Tribune, April 3, 1920

15 Mr. Howard W. Byrn, Alamofa, Colorado, to the author, March 22, 1935

16 The Terre Haute Tribune, December 5, 1920
V. EXPANSION AND STABILITY

On Saturday, January 8, 1921, it was announced that thirty-one high schools were members of the Association. The Board at this time consisted of: G. W. McReynolds of Clinton; George Seitz of Robinson; H. W. Byrn of Normal of Terre Haute; L. Cunningham of Rosedale, and J. O. Fortner of Bloomington. At this same time it was announced that the annual basketball tournament would be held on February 4-5, 1921, and, due to the fact that twenty-two high schools were entered, preliminary tournaments would be held at Clinton and Sullivan one week before the finals. Birch Bayh and Marshall Wilder were again selected as the officials for the final tournament, which was held at the Knights of Columbus Auditorium in Terre Haute.¹

Clinton won the championship, defeating Freelandville in the final game 30 to 27.²

The spring of 1921 found the Wabash Valley High School Association enlarging the scope of its athletic activities, at the decline of its other activities, and on Saturday, May 7, the first track and field meet under

¹The Terre Haute Tribune, January 8, 1921
²Ibid., February 6, 1921

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the auspices of the association was held at Robinson, Illinois. According to the record only six teams competed in the meet. They were as follows: Robinson, Oblong, Hutsonville, Palestine, Normal of Terre Haute, and West Terre Haute. Robinson won the championship, scoring ninety-six points. Normal was second with twenty-six points, and Oblong was third with seventeen points. 3

On Saturday, November 21, 1921, at a meeting held in Terre Haute, Robinson High School was awarded the football championship for the third consecutive time. Its record for the season was eight games won, none lost and one tied. Those present at the meeting were D. M. Davis of Terre Haute, J. D. Hull of Sullivan, E. O. May of Robinson, Charles Zimmerman of Garfield in Terre Haute, and J. O. Fortner of Bloomingdale. At this meeting it was decided to hold the final basketball tournament on February 3-4, 1922. 4

During the fall of 1921, Wiley and Garfield of Terre Haute came back into the association. On January 8, 1922, it was announced that thirty-two high school teams would be entered in the annual basketball tournament. Again it was found necessary to hold preliminary tournaments at Clinton and Sullivan. According to

3 The Terre Haute Tribune, May 8, 1921
4 Ibid., November 22, 1922
available records, the board at this time was composed of the following men: J. O. Fortner of Bloomingdale, president; J. D. Hull of Sullivan, vice-president; Charles Zimmerman of Garfield, secretary-treasurer; E. O. May of Robinson, Illinois board member and D. M. Davis of Terre Haute, board member of Indiana.5

Sixteen high school teams were assigned to each preliminary center, and eight winners from each place competed in the final tournament held in the Knights of Columbus Auditorium in Terre Haute on February 3-4, 1922. The officials selected for the final tournament were Ross Smith of Indianapolis and Louis Williams of Champaign, Illinois.6

The championship was won by Freelandville when they defeated Oblong 21 to 14 in the deciding game.7

During the spring months of 1922, track interest increased with the result that fifteen schools were represented in the second annual track and field meet. This meet was held at Robinson, Illinois, on May 6, and was won by Mt. Carmel, Illinois. Besides the winning school, Robinson, Bridgeport, Casey, Willow Hill, Oblong, Marshall, Lawrenceville, Palestine, Hutsonville, Brazil, Vincennes and Normal, Wiley, and Garfield of Terre Haute competed.8

5 The Terre Haute Tribune, January 8, 1922
6 Idem.
7 Ibid., February 5, 1922
8 The Terre Haute Star, May 7, 1922
During the fall session of the Indiana State Teachers' Association in 1922, a motion was introduced at the high school athletic meeting that, had it been passed, would have seriously affected the Wabash Valley Association. This motion was designed to prohibit all tournaments which contained schools from outside the state of Indiana. However, the motion was voted down and the Wabash Valley was allowed to continue without being molested.9

On Saturday, October 28, 1922, the fall meeting of the association was held at the Chamber of Commerce building in Terre Haute, and the following board was elected: J. O. Fortner of Bloomingdale, president; J. D. Hull of Sullivan, vice president; Charles Zimmerman of Garfield of Terre Haute, secretary-treasurer; E. O. May of Robinson, board member of Illinois and D. M. Davis, board member of Indiana.10

The board did not meet again until Saturday, December 16, 1922, when the annual football championship was awarded to Oakland, Illinois High School. Three other member schools were considered for the title, namely, Robinson, Willow Hill, and Garfield of Terre Haute. However, the Oakland team had won ten games without a defeat or a tie

9 The Terre Haute Tribune, October 20, 1922
10 Ibid., October 29, 1922
to mar its record, while each of the other contenders had lost one or more games. At this meeting it was decided that the annual track and field meet would be held at Robinson on Saturday, May 5, 1923.  

On January 7, 1923, it was announced that the annual basketball tournament finals would be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Terre Haute on February 2-3, 1923, with preliminary tournaments being held at Clinton, Sullivan, and Paris, Illinois the week before.  

The final game of the tournament saw Robinson defeat Brazil 27 to 23, for the championship. The officials were Graham and May.  

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, Bridgeport, Illinois won the third annual track and field meet from a field of fourteen Wabash Valley schools.  

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11 The Terre Haute Star, December 17, 1922  
12 The Terre Haute Tribune, January 7, 1923  
13 Ibid., February 12, 1923  
14 Ibid., May 6, 1923
VI. CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGES

Early in the fall of 1923 Birch E. Bayh, who had succeeded D. M. Davis as director of Physical Education in the Terre Haute Public Schools, invited the association to hold its annual meeting in the newly erected Wiley gymnasium. As a result, the representatives convened there on October 6. The entire board of the previous year was re-elected with the exception of Mr. Bayh, who had been appointed to take the place of D. M. Davis as board member from Indiana. At this meeting it was agreed that the annual dues should be $1.50. It was also voted to rewrite the constitution. The date for the annual basketball tournament was set for the first Friday and Saturday in February. There was considerable discussion in regard to the method of awarding the football championship, and there was some talk of abolishing it entirely. However, nothing along this line was definitely settled, but it was agreed to hold another meeting on November 4, to devise a better method of determining the football title winner.  

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1 Interview with Ralph H. White (May 12, 1923), Sports Editor, The Terre Haute Tribune, 1911-1934

2 The Terre Haute Tribune, October 7, 1923
Consequently, at this special called meeting on November 4, the board voted:

(1) to award the championship to the school having the highest percentage

(2) that a school must play at least four games with schools in the association in order to be considered

(3) that the above schools must have an enrollment of 300 or more.

At this same meeting Robinson, Illinois was awarded the annual track and field meet to be held on the first Saturday in May. It was also decided to hold again preliminary tournaments in basketball.³

On Saturday, December 15, the board awarded the 1923 football championship to Robinson, Illinois. Three teams, Robinson, Westville, and Newton, were undefeated, but the latter two schools were eliminated, due to the fact that they had not played teams as strong as those Robinson had played.⁴

Preliminary basketball tournaments were held on January 25–26, 1924, at Brazil, Clinton, Sullivan, and Robinson with four teams, from each center, earning the right to play in the finals at Terre Haute.⁵

On February 2, 1924, Linton won the championship by defeating Wiley of Terre Haute, 17 to 11, in the final

³The Terre Haute Tribune, December 4, 1923
⁴Ibid., December 16, 1923
⁵Ibid., January 27, 1924
also presented a claim but since the championship was won by Vincennes, who scored 34½ points. Bridgeport, Illinois was second with 31½ points, and Robinson, Illinois was third with 21 points.

One of the features of the meet was furnished by the Gerstmeyer High School band, of Terre Haute, under the direction of Mr. Stanton. The band supplied music throughout the afternoon.

Bicknell, Indiana, and Westville, Illinois both claimed the football championship for the fall of 1924. The Westville claim was automatically eliminated because they had played only two valley schools. Clinton, Indiana also presented a claim but since the championship was

6 The Terre Haute Tribune, February 3, 1924
7 The Terre Haute Star, February 3, 1924
8 The Terre Haute Tribune, May 4, 1924
awarded on a percentage basis, Bicknell was given the trophy, having won ten games and lost one against Clinton's record of eight games won and one lost.\(^9\)

The winter of 1924-1925 found fifty-seven schools eligible for competition in the annual basketball tournament, the preliminaries of which were held on January 23 and 24, and the finals on January 30 and 31. The following four centers were selected for the preliminaries: Clinton, Linton, Brazil, and Robinson. The final tournament was held in the Wiley gymnasium in Terre Haute and was won by Vincennes. The "Alices" defeated Lyons 43 to 23 in the championship game.\(^10\)

In the spring of 1925, sixteen schools competed for the fifth annual Wabash Valley High School track and field championship, which was held at Robinson, Illinois, on Saturday, May 8. "Fritz" Chrisler and A. A. Stagg, Jr., both of Chicago, were the head officials for the meet.

The track and field championship was won by Bridgeport, Illinois, scoring 22 3/5 points. Bicknell and Brazil were tied for second position with 22 points.\(^11\)

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\(^9\) The Terre Haute Tribune, December 14, 1924
\(^10\) Ibid., February 1, 1925
\(^11\) Ibid., May 9, 1925
VII. CONTINUED PROGRESS NOTED

Twenty-nine high schools throughout the Wabash Valley competed during the fall of 1925 for the annual football championship, and on Saturday, December 5, Linton and Gerstmeyer of Terre Haute were awarded a co-championship. Due to the fact that a Terre Haute school was a claimant for the trophy, B. E. Bayh and Charles Zimmerman temporarily withdrew from the board during the presentation of the championship claims. Thus, the following men composed the board which made the award: H. R. Gerhard, Martinsville, Illinois; G. W. McReynolds, Clinton; E. O. May, Robinson, Illinois; J. O. Fortner, Bloomingdale; and J. R. Colbert, Marshall, Illinois.¹

On Saturday, January 9, 1926, plans were perfected for the annual basketball tournament with sixty-three schools forming the entry list, fifty-two from Indiana and eleven from Illinois. However, the membership of the Wabash Valley High School Association at this time numbered seventy-two schools. Due to various reasons, nine schools did not enter the race for the basketball championship.²

¹The Terre Haute Tribune, December 6, 1925
²Minutes of the Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, January 9, 1926
Five preliminary tournament centers were selected as follows: Clinton, Clay City, Lyons, Vincennes, and Robinson. It was interesting to note that seven hundred fifty-six boys were listed as eligible to compete in the preliminaries, which were to be held on January 22 and 23, with the finals on January 29 and 30. Karsh of Belleville, Illinois; Hale of Anderson, and Hendrickson of Vincennes were the arbiters for the final tournament. The Wiley High School gymnasium was the scene of battle for the final play.

In the final game Clay City defeated Van Buren 26 to 12. During the final tournament Victor Gibbens of Clay City set a new scoring record of sixty-one points for the four games.

The annual track and field meet was held on Saturday, May 1, at Robinson, Illinois, with H. O. Chrisler of Chicago acting as starter. Linton won the title, scoring 23\(\frac{1}{2}\) points. Bridgeport, Illinois, was second with 22\(\frac{1}{2}\) points, and Wiley of Terre Haute, and Brazil tied for third place, with 18 points.

On Saturday, December 4, 1926, the annual football championship was awarded to Casey, Illinois, by the Board of Control, consisting of J. O. Fortner, B. E. Bayh, J. R.

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3 The Terre Haute Tribune, January 10, 1926
4 Ibid., January 24, 1926
5 Ibid., January 31, 1926
6 Ibid., May 2, 1926
Colbert, E. O. May, and Charles Zimmerman. Jasonville also presented a claim for the championship although they had been defeated in a game by their alumni. The Jasonville school officials proposed that such a game should not be counted as a regularly scheduled game, but the Board of Control ruled otherwise. 7

At a meeting held Saturday, January 8, 1927, at the Wiley gymnasium, the Board of Control decided to have eight preliminary basketball tournament centers, due to the increased roster of competing teams. Seventy-two schools were assigned to eight centers, these centers being Robinson, Illinois; Martinsville, Illinois; Rockville, Sullivan, Brazil, Pimento, Vincennes, and Linton. In this manner two teams were to come out of each preliminary tournament to compete in the finals to be held at the Wiley gymnasium on January 28-29. The preliminaries were to be held on January 21-22. 8

On Saturday night, January 29, Linton defeated Vincennes 28 to 13, winning the 1927 basketball championship. The officials for the final tournament were Clarno, Ashley, and Williams. 9

Linton again won the annual track and field meet held at Robinson, Illinois, on May 7, 1927. The winning

7Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, December 4, 1926
8The Terre Haute Tribune, January 8, 1927
9The Terre Haute Star, January 30, 1927
school scored 24 4/7 points; Montezuma finished second and Greencastle third, in a field of twenty-four schools.  

On September 17, 1927, J. M. Boston of Hymera, was elected president of the association at the annual fall meeting held in the Wiley gymnasium. O. W. Walters of Casey, Illinois, was elected vice-president. Other members of the board consisted of Charles Zimmerman, Garfield of Terre Haute; E. O. May of Robinson, and B. E. Bayh of Terre Haute. At this meeting it was decided to hold the preliminary basketball tournaments on January 20 and 21, 1928, and the final tournament on January 27 and 28, 1928. 

At the board meeting held Saturday, December 2, 1927, Casey, Illinois was awarded the annual football championship for the second consecutive year, being undefeated throughout the season. Three other schools, namely, Sullivan, Worthington, and Marshall, Illinois, presented claims, but as each of these had lost one or more games, their claims could not be allowed by the Board of Control. 

Eighty-three schools, a record number, were entered in the annual basketball race, and for the first time fifteen preliminary tournaments were held at the following centers: Lawrenceville, Martinsville, and Robinson in

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10 The Terre Haute Star, May 8, 1927
11 Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, September 17, 1927
12 The Terre Haute Tribune, December 3, 1927
Illinois, and Vincennes, Rockville, Cayuga, Sandborn, Lyons, Hymera, Sullivan, Pimento, Clay City, Brazil, Bloomfield, and Concannon, in Indiana. Two teams were designated to come to the finals from the Parke County preliminary at Rockville, thus making up a field of sixteen teams that competed for the championship.\footnote{Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, January 7, 1928}

Brazil won the deciding game and the 1928 title by defeating Hutsonville 30 to 21. The final tournament was held in the Wiley gymnasium and the referees who handled these games were Russell, Griffith, and Williams.\footnote{The Terre Haute Star, January 29, 1928}

The annual track and field championships were again held at Robinson, Illinois. Lawrenceville, Illinois, scored twenty-three points to win the 1928 title. Garfield of Terre Haute, and Sullivan tied for second place by counting twenty-two points. A total of twenty-two schools were represented by athletes in the meet.\footnote{The Terre Haute Tribune, May 6, 1928}

At the opening of schools in September, 1928, the enrollment of the Wabash Valley High School Association was ninety-two, the largest it had ever been.

The annual fall meeting was held at the Wiley gymnasium on September 15, 1928, with Jesse Boston of Hymera, presiding. An important amendment was passed at this meeting, relative to the method of awarding the football
The calendar of athletic events for the coming year was fixed, with the preliminary basketball tournaments to be held on January 18 and 19, and the finals one week later. The final tournament was to be staged at the new Indiana State Normal gymnasium, in Terre Haute. The annual track and field meet was awarded to Robinson, Illinois, the date of which was May 4, 1929.17

O. W. Walters of Casey, Illinois, vice-president of the association, was replaced by R. B. Browne, also of Casey, Mr. Walters having moved out of the valley. E. O. May and Charles Zimmerman were re-elected the board members from Illinois and Indiana respectively.18

Clinton, Indiana and Lawrenceville, Illinois were awarded a co-championship in football for the 1928 season at a meeting of the Board of Control on December 8, 1928. Clinton had a record of ten games won and no defeats while Lawrenceville's slate read eight games won and no losses.19

On Sunday, January 6, 1929, it was announced that eighty-four net teams would compete in the preliminary

16 The Terre Haute Tribune, September 15, 1928
17 Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, September 15, 1928
18 Idem.
19 The Terre Haute Star, December 9, 1928
basketball tournament of January 18 and 19. 20

Wiley High School of Terre Haute was victorious over Brazil 32 to 24, in the final game of the tournament which was held at the Indiana State gymnasium. An added feature of the final tournament was the broadcasting over the air, through station WBOW, of the play-by-play action. Officials were L. M. Clarno, P. W. Williams, and W. Belcher. 21

On May 5, 1929, Lawrenceville, Illinois won the track and field championship for the second consecutive year. In doing so, the Illinois school scored forty-two points. Brazil, with twenty-eight points, and Wiley of Terre Haute, with twenty-four points, finished in second and third positions. In this meet Ivan Fuqua, Brazil, established a new individual high point total by scoring twenty-one points. 22

In connection with the meet, a Band Carnival was included, in which twelve member schools participated. To Mr. E. O. May goes the honor of originating and fostering such an activity. The schools sending bands were Bridgeport, Casey, Gerstmeyer, Lawrenceville, Marshall, Newton, Oblong, Palestine, Robinson, Vincennes, Westville, and Wiley. These twelve schools were represented by three

20 The Terre Haute Star, January 6, 1929
21 Ibid., January 27, 1929
22 The Terre Haute Tribune, May 5, 1929
hundred sixty musicians.

The musicians assembled for a parade about the business section of the city and marched in a body to Highland Park, where the annual Valley Meet was in session. During the early part of the meet the various bands played, and later in the afternoon they joined in one great band for a brief concert.

A committee had selected from the three hundred sixty, one hundred of the best musicians that would give proper balance of instruments for the All-Wabash Valley Band.  

E. J. Boroughs, host director, conducted the one hundred piece All-Wabash Valley Band in a program of ten numbers. This program was given at 7:00 p.m. and was complimentary to the public.

\[\text{References:}\]
\[\text{Files of the Wabash Valley Band Carnival, April 18, 1929, Robinson, Illinois}\]
\[\text{Program of The All Wabash Valley High School Band Sunset Concert, May 4, 1929, Robinson, Illinois}\]
VIII. ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
ON SHAKY GROUND

At the meeting on Saturday, September 21, 1929, B. E. Bayh was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the Board of Control. John Moss of Paris, Illinois, was elected to fill the unexpired term of Robert Browne, Casey, Illinois, as vice-president, Mr. Browne having moved out of the valley.¹

A change was made in the method of awarding the football championship in that a tie game should count as one-half game won and one-half game lost.²

The following motions were carried, regarding the annual basketball tournaments:

1. That the secretary write for approval to the National Federation of State High School Associations as in past years. In case approval is not granted, the Board of Control was authorized to proceed in the manner it thought best.

2. That the Association accept President Hines' invitation to hold the final tournament in the gymnasium of the Indiana State Teachers

¹Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, September 21, 1929
²Idem.
College. This invitation was extended last March and accepted by the Board of Control subject to the approval of the members present at the annual meeting.

3. That the general plan for holding preliminaries be similar to that of last year.

4. That County teams be grouped together in one preliminary center, provided five or more principals in the county express the desire to the Board of Control by December 5, to be so grouped.

5. That the management of the final tournament be in the hands of the Terre Haute high schools.

6. That four officials be employed for the finals.

7. That all other details pertaining to the tournaments be cared for by the Board of Control.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Control the following regulations for the 1930 track and field meet, and those to follow, were adopted:

1. That no individual contestant shall be permitted to compete in more than three
events, relays to count as regular events.

2. That no contestant shall be permitted to compete in both the half mile and mile events.

3. That beginning with the 1930 meet the following four relays would be run:

Medley: 220-440-880-mile
Regular: 440 yd.
Regular: 880 yd.
Regular: mile

If a contestant competes in the mile in the regular events he would not be permitted to compete in the Medley relay.4

Some doubt was expressed at this meeting as to whether or not the annual basketball tournament would continue as the National Athletic Body was beginning to frown on interstate meets. A suggestion was made to have a Wabash Valley Tournament in Indiana and one in Illinois, with the two winners to meet for the championship, but it was decided to wait for further developments along this line before coming to some conclusion.5

Lawrenceville, Illinois, and Marshall, Illinois, were awarded a co:championship in football for the 1929 season at a meeting held in the Wiley gymnasium on Saturday.

4 Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, September 21, 1929
5 The Terre Haute Star, September 22, 1920
December 7, 1929. Dissension was displayed over the method of awarding the championship, but no changes were made although several were suggested.6

A committee reported that the secretary of the National Athletic Body saw no reason why the Annual Wabash Valley Basketball Tournament should not be held as usual. Therefore, arrangements were completed to use the Indiana State gymnasium for the final tournament.7

On Sunday, January 5, 1930, it was announced that eighty-eight valley member schools would compete for supremacy in the annual basketball tournament. Fifteen preliminary tournaments were to conduct play, with one team coming to the finals from each of the fourteen centers and two teams coming from the Parke County preliminary.8

One important move made by the Association was to pass a resolution governing protests during tournament play. It was as follows: "No protest on the judgment of an official during the tournament would be given consideration."9

Wiley of Terre Haute won the 1930 basketball championship by defeating Clinton 30 to 11 in the final game of the tournament. The deciding game was remarkably clean. Only two personal fouls were charged against Wiley and

6The Terre Haute Tribune, December 8, 1929
7Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, December 7, 1929
8The Terre Haute Star, January 5, 1930
9Ibid., January 5, 1930
four against Clinton. The officials for the final tournament were Clarino, Williams, and Belcher.  

Wiley of Terre Haute triumphed, also, in the annual track and field meet held at Robinson, Illinois, on Saturday, May 3, 1930. The "Red Streaks" scored forty-three and one-half points, Lawrenceville, Illinois scored thirty-four points, and Martinsville, Illinois scored thirteen points, to rank first, second, and third, in a field of twenty-one competing schools. Pat Page, of Indiana University, served as referee and starter.

Twelve schools again took part in the musical activities which paralleled the annual track and field meet. The school bands entered were Bridgeport, Casey, Gerstmeier, Lawrenceville, Marshall, Newton, Oblong, Palestine, Robinson, Vincennes, Wiley and Garfield. Three hundred fifty-nine musicians, representing these schools, assembled as one great composite band, in the afternoon, and played four numbers.

Mr. A. A. Harding, of the University of Illinois bands, was the guest conductor of the All-Wabash Valley Band. As of last year, the Sunset Concert was complimentary to the public.

An attempt was made at the fall meeting in September

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10The Terre Haute Tribune, January 26, 1930
11The Terre Haute Star, May 4, 1930
12Files of the Wabash Valley Band Carnival, April 8, 1929, Robinson, Illinois
to alter the method of awarding the football championship, and the following plan was presented: "To use only games between member schools as the basis for determining the valley championships." However, the motion failed to carry. A motion was also made to extend the limits of the Wabash Valley membership to seventy-five miles radius of Terre Haute. This also failed to pass.\textsuperscript{13}

One motion which did pass was that of discontinuing the discus and javelin events in the annual track and field meet. Since neither of the State Meets in Indiana or Illinois included these events, it was thought to be a logical step.\textsuperscript{14}

Preliminary basketball tournament dates were set for January 23 and 24, with the finals being played on January 30 and 31, 1931.\textsuperscript{15}

Jesse Boston of Hymera was re-elected president of the Board of Control, and R. R. Geddes of Marshall, Illinois, was elected vice-president, each for a three year period.\textsuperscript{16}

The Board of Control decided to give a testimonial dinner in honor of Ralph H. White on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary as a local sports editor. The

\textsuperscript{13}The Terre Haute Star, September 21, 1930
\textsuperscript{14}Idem.
\textsuperscript{15}Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, September 20, 1930
\textsuperscript{16}Idem.
date was set for October 7, 1930.\textsuperscript{17}

Ninety-seven schools were now members of the Wabash Valley High School Association.\textsuperscript{18}

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\textsuperscript{17} Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, September 20, 1930

\textsuperscript{18} Idem.
IX. MINOR IMPROVEMENTS MADE

At the winter meeting of 1930, postponement was found necessary in the awarding of the football championship for the season just past. Martinsville, Illinois; Marshall, Illinois; and Bloomfield, Indiana, all entered claims for the title. Both of the Illinois schools figured in protest charges filed against them, and the Board delayed final action in its selection, pending further investigation. It was shown at this meeting that Martinsville had been forced to forfeit one of its games, due to using an ineligible player. As there had been no opportunity to investigate the Marshall situation, the Board moved to refrain from awarding the trophy until a later date.¹

On Wednesday, December 17, 1930, the Board of Control met at the Elks' Club in Terre Haute, and out of that meeting came the following verdict: "On the basis of the Constitutional provision, Section 3, Article 3, the Board of Control, after carefully checking the games won and lost, unanimously voted to award the Wabash Valley Association football championship for 1930 to Bloomfield."²

¹Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, December 6, 1930
²Ibid., December 17, 1930

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Eighty-four teams made up the starting field in the annual basketball tournament staged at fifteen centers on January 16 and 17, 1931, with the winners meeting at the Indiana State gymnasium one week later.³

As a result of this elimination, Lawrenceville, Illinois, was supreme in the final tournament play, defeating Switz City 32 to 24, in the deciding game. The spacious Indiana State gymnasium was crowded to capacity at all sessions. Clarno, Williams, and Belcher served as officials in the final tournament.⁴

On Sunday, April 5, 1931, the Terre Haute Tribune and the Terre Haute Star, Terre Haute's two newspapers, merged and the Sunday edition was to be published under the name of "The Terre Haute Tribune and The Terre Haute Star." Consequently, the annual trophies furnished in both football and basketball would now bear the inscription, "TRIBUNE-STAR TROPHY."⁵

Wiley of Terre Haute retained its track and field title when the thinclads representing this Terre Haute school amassed a point total of thirty-seven and one-half points in the annual meet held at Robinson, Illinois, on May 2, 1931. Vincennes scored thirty-one and one-half points and Linton scored twenty-four points, to finish

³The Terre Haute Star, January 16, 1931
⁴The Terre Haute Tribune, February 1, 1931
⁵The Terre Haute Tribune and The Terre Haute Star, April 5, 1931
second and third respectively. Charles Werner, University of Illinois, served as referee and starter.6

Fifteen high school bands, composed of four hundred fifty-five musicians, participated in the Third Annual All Wabash Valley Band Carnival, held in conjunction with the annual track and field meet. The schools represented were Lawrenceville, Marshall, Glenn, Linton, Bridgeport, Oblong, Wiley, Palestine, Vincennes, Casey, Mt. Carmel, Newton, Rockville, and Garfield.7 A. A. Harding was the guest conductor and Harry E. Hart was the host conductor.8

At the fall meeting in September 19, 1931, a very important amendment to the constitution was adopted:

The proposed amendment to strike out Section 4, Article III, of the By-Laws, and substitute the following paragraph was accepted:

"A school which violates a rule of its State High School Association must answer to that organization. If protest against any school is made because of alleged violations, such protest must be made to the duly constituted authority of the State High School Association.

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6 The Terre Haute Tribune and The Terre Haute Star, May 3, 1931
7 Files of The Wabash Valley Band Carnival, April 20, 1931, Robinson, Illinois
8 Program of The Third All Wabash Valley High School Band Sunset Concert, May 2, 1931, Robinson, Illinois
At any given time the Board of Control of the Wabash Valley High School Association will construe its member schools to be in good standing unless otherwise declared by their respective State Associations prior to that time. 9

The following proposals for guidance of the Board of Control were adopted:

1. The Board of Control is hereby instructed to distribute the proceeds of the Final Basketball Tournament in 1932 and the following years as follows:

   a. Pay the expenses incidental to the tournament.

   b. Pay each team four cents per mile per man (limit twelve men to team) to and from tournament (shortest route).

   c. Divide remainder equally among the sixteen teams competing.

2. Member schools shall not be permitted to enter nor use their second teams in either the preliminary or final basketball tournaments. 10

On December 5, 1931, the Board of Control awarded to Casey High School the football championship for the season

9 Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, September 19, 1931
10 Idem.
just past. The Illinois school had a record of eight wins, no defeats, and one tie.\(^1\)

B. E. Bayh announced at the meeting that sanction had been secured from the National Federation of State High School Association to hold again the annual Wabash Valley Basketball Tournament.\(^2\)

A new rule in Illinois, however, threatened to make a change in the entry list as the Illinois State Board had passed a rule limiting the number of tournaments beside the State Tournament.\(^3\) But this rule, after all, did not affect the entry list.

On January 17, 1932, an announcement was made that eighty-five schools would make up the field for the annual Basketball Tournament. Fifteen centers would conduct preliminaries on January 22 and 23 with the surviving teams, meeting at the Indiana State gymnasium on January 29 and 30, to determine the champion.\(^4\)

Bainbridge won the title by defeating Dugger in the deciding game, 15 to 10. It was estimated that three thousand fans attended the Saturday night game.\(^5\)

At a meeting held at the Elks’ Club, in Terre Haute, February 11, 1932, some suggestions were brought up

\(^{11}\)Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, December 5, 1931

\(^{12}\)The Terre Haute Tribune and The Terre Haute Star, December 6, 1931

\(^{13}\)Idem.

\(^{14}\)Ibid., January 17, 1932

\(^{15}\)Ibid., January 31, 1932
concerning the improvement of the final tournament. They were as follows, as taken from the minutes:

1. Suggestions for Improving.

a. From reports of Principals

(1) Brazil—Change officials. Get younger men.

(2) Clinton—Direct crowds to south-west entrance for admittance to relieve congested south-east entrance.

(3) Montezuma—Keep visitors out when teams are practicing in the Indiana State Teachers College gymnasium.

(4) Newport—Get a new group of officials. Allow more time between games for warming up.

(5) Oblong—Eliminate Form 11 and corresponding report on preliminaries.

b. Made by Secretary

(1) Change color and size of roll tickets. Do not use white, rose, sky blue, orange, yellow.

(2) Have color of tickets in season books conform to color of general admission.

(3) Eliminate top cover and back on complimentary books.
(4) Save tickets collected at door and put them in a sack at end of each session.

(5) Make pass outs for each session and use.
   (Means extra printing)

(6) Help: 2 ticket sellers in east booth.
   1 ticket seller in west booth (Mgr.).
   2 ticket takers on east.
   1 ticket taker on west.

(7) No ribbons to contestant. (a) Give complimentary books. (b) Have principal identify. (c) Have principal call for tickets at beginning of each session.

(8) Special bleachers in front of and on stage for contestants and guest teams. Borrow bleachers from North Terre Haute. Permit to go up and down back stairs only.16

16 Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, February 11, 1932
X. VALLEY ASSOCIATION AGAIN SANCTIONED
BY NATIONAL FEDERATION

Something that had never before happened in Wabash Valley High School Association history occurred on Saturday, May 7, 1932, when Wiley High School of Terre Haute won the annual track and field championship for the third consecutive year. Coach V. R. Rutherford's thin-clads totalled thirty-seven points. Vincennes scored thirty-one points and Robinson, Illinois, scored twenty and one-half points. Fourteen school competed in the meet held again at Robinson, Illinois.¹

Due to the financial conditions of some of the member schools, and date conflicts of others, the Band Carnival was not held this year. So few schools proposed to take part that Mr. E. O. May, who had been handling the arrangements for the carnival, decided against attempting to stage it.²

The annual fall meeting of the association was held on Saturday, September 17, 1932. A motion was made and carried that the fifty yard dash be eliminated from the

¹The Terre Haute Tribune and The Terre Haute Star, May 8, 1932
²Files of The Wabash Valley Band Carnival, 1932, Robinson, Illinois
annual track and field meet.³

B. E. Bayh was re-elected secretary-treasurer for a three year period and Ralph E. Stringer of Robinson, Illinois, was elected to fill the unexpired term of E. O. May, who had moved out of the valley.⁴

On Saturday, December 4, 1932, the Board of Control awarded the football championship for the season just past to Charleston High School. The Illinois school won eight games, lost none, and tied one. Several members at this meeting voiced their disapproval of the method of procedure by which the champion was selected. Ray Hanna of Jasonville suggested that only games with member schools should count in the valley standing. E. C. Boyd of Clinton proposed using some type of rating system similar to the Dickerson System. However, nothing definite along this line of thought came out of the discussion.⁵

B. E. Bayh reported that sanction had again been secured from the National Federation body to continue the annual basketball tournament.⁶

Eighty-eight schools participated at various preliminary tournaments that were held at fifteen centers, on January 20 and 21, 1933, with the winners meeting at

³Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, September 17, 1932

⁴Idem.

⁵The Terre Haute Tribune and The Terre Haute Star, December 5, 1932

⁶Idem.
the State gymnasium on January 27 and 28. Officials for the final tournament were Irvin Springer, Vaughn Russell, and A. C. Daugherty.

Hutsonville was crowned the 1933 basketball champion of the Wabash Valley, when, on January 28, the Illinois school defeated Rosedale 29 to 18. D. Cauliflower, of the victorious school, came within three points of equalling the tournament scoring record when he totalled fifty-eight points.

Robinson, Illinois won the thirteenth annual track and field meet held at that town on May 6, 1933. The Robinson thinclads scored forty-nine points with Bridgeport, Illinois finishing second and totalling twenty and one-half points. Brazil ranked third by gathering eighteen points. Only eleven school competed.

At the annual meeting held in Terre Haute on September 16, 1933, Jesse Boston of Hymera was again re-elected president to serve his third term of three years. Harry Gilmore of Sullivan was elected vice-president to serve until 1936. Other members of the Board of Control were Ralph Stringer of Robinson, Illinois; Claude Noble of Rockville; and B. E. Bayh of Terre Haute.

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7 The Terre Haute Tribune and The Terre Haute Star, January 22, 1933
8 Ibid., January 29, 1933
9 Ibid., May 7, 1933
10 Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, December 16, 1933
An amendment to the constitution was passed which affected the membership of the association. The new amendment read as follows:

"In counties where the majority of the schools are within the sixty mile radius and are members of the association, other schools in the county at a greater distance from Terre Haute than sixty miles shall be eligible to membership provided all other requirements are met."\(^1\)

The dates for the annual preliminary basketball tournaments were set for January 19 and 20, 1934, and the finals for January 26 and 27. The date for the annual track and field meet was set for May 6, 1934.\(^2\)

The Board voted to continue the practice of the past few years, of admitting, gratis, to the final tournament, teams that were defeated in the preliminary tournaments.\(^3\)

\(^1\)Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, December 16, 1933.

\(^2\)Idem.

\(^3\)The Terre Haute Tribune and The Terre Haute Star, September 17, 1933.
XI. ATTEMPTS MADE
TO STIMULATE MORE INTEREST
IN TRACK-FIELD AND FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the winter meeting of the Board of Control held in Terre Haute on Saturday, December 2, 1933, Linton was awarded the annual football championship. The "Miners" had a record of nine games won, no defeats, and no ties. Two other schools entered claims for the title, namely, Clinton and Oblong, Illinois. The first named had a record of nine games won, no losses, and one tie while the Illinois school had won seven, lost one, and tied one.¹

Again much dissatisfaction was expressed in the method of awarding the football title, and B. E. Bayh requested that all schools interested send in any suggestions that they might have, regarding a better plan in determining the champion.²

In the preliminary basketball tournament for 1934, ten centers were selected to contribute one winning team for the final tournament while three other centers, located at Vincennes, Mecca, and Lyons, were allowed to send

¹Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, December 2, 1933
²The Terre Haute Tribune and The Terre Haute Star, December 3, 1933
two teams into the finals. This was done in order to permit the determining of county champions in Knox, Parke, and Green counties, without violating the Indiana High School Athletic Association's rule in reference to the number of basketball tournaments in which a school could compete. Officials selected for the final tournament were A. C. Daugherty, Charles Jenson, and Vaughn Russell. 3

In the final game of the tournament, Dugger won the title by defeating Switz City 25 to 19. 4

At the annual banquet held just before the deciding game, C. W. Whitten, Manager of the Illinois High School Athletic Association, declared in his address that, "The Wabash Valley High School Association Basketball Tournament is firmly fixed and stands in a favored position with the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations." This statement would seem to eliminate any doubt in regard to the future of the Valley Association's tournaments and proved to be a source of much satisfaction among the member schools, who for several years have felt that the Valley Association might be forced to discontinue the inter-school contests which involved both Indiana and Illinois High Schools. 5

At the annual track and field meet held at Robinson,

3 Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, December 2, 1933

4 The Terre Haute Tribune and The Terre Haute Star, January 28, 1934

5 Idem.
Illinois, May 6, 1934, Vincennes captured the championship, scoring twenty-two and one-third points while Robinson and Brazil tied for second place, scoring seventeen points each. 6 Thirteen teams competed in the meet.

During the spring of 1934 Secretary B. E. Bayh called a meeting in Terre Haute of the representatives of all valley high schools interested in formulating a new plan to determine the football championship, and at this meeting several plans were presented for consideration. These suggestions and plans were turned over to a committee composed of Charles Zimmerman of Garfield, Paul Kelley of Sullivan, and V. R. Rutherford of Wiley with the understanding that they were to report to the association at the fall meeting held annually in September. 7

This meeting was held on September 15, 1934, in Terre Haute, and the following plan providing for the determination of the football championship was adopted:

The annual football championship shall be awarded to the school which has the largest number of points at the close of the season, the points to be derived as follows:

For a victory over a team which has a percentage standing of

6 The Terre Haute Tribune and The Terre Haute Star, May 7, 1934

7 Interview with V. R. Rutherford (December 27, 1934) Director of Athletics, Wiley High School, Terre Haute Indiana
750 or over at close of season.... 10 points
500-750 " " " " ..... 7 points
250-500 " " " " ..... 5 points
0-250 " " " " ..... 3 points

In case of tie games, one-half of the above points shall be allotted.

Only games played with member schools shall be counted in the standing.

In determining the season standing of any team, tie games shall be considered as half won and half lost.

Schedules of all football schools must be submitted to the secretary on or before October 1. Games added to the schedule after this date shall not be considered when the award is made.8

At this meeting the following calendar was adopted:

Meeting of Board of Control to award 1934 football championship, Terre Haute, Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m.
Preliminary Basketball Tournaments, Friday and Saturday, January 18 and 19, 1935
Final Basketball Tournament, Friday and Saturday, January 25 and 26, 1935

8Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, September 15, 1934
Annual Track and Field Meet, Saturday, May 4, 1935. 9

Much dissatisfaction had been expressed during the past year or two regarding the lack of interest in track and field throughout the Wabash Valley, and a committee was appointed, consisting of Ralph Stringer of Robinson, Jerry Goodman of Linton, and V. R. Rutherford of Wiley, to investigate the cause and to try to devise a remedy that would bring about more participation and more interest in this branch of athletics. This committee was to report its findings to the Board of Control before the annual track and field meet to be held in May, 1935. 10

At the Board meeting on December 1, 1934, Bicknell was awarded the first football championship under the new system. The rating of the first seven schools was as follows:

Bicknell.............42 points
Sullivan.............39.5 points
Robinson.............31.5 points
Linton.................30 points
Marshall..............25 points
Clinton..............16 points
Gerstmeyer..........16 points 11

9Minutes of the Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, September 15, 1934
10Idem.
11The Terre Haute Tribune and The Terre Haute Star, December 2, 1934
At this meeting Principal R. R. Geddes of Marshall, Illinois, was added to the former committee, consisting of Charles Zimmerman, Paul Kelley, and V. R. Rutherford. The new committee was asked to study the workings of the new plan and make any recommendations that they might seem fit for improving it.\textsuperscript{12}

Ninety-five schools formed the starting field in the annual basketball tournament, preliminaries of which were held at fourteen centers, one winner coming from twelve centers, and two each from the Knox and the Parke county centers.

In the final tournament held in the Indiana State gymnasium, Cloverdale won the championship by defeating Honey Creek 25 to 17 in the deciding game. Officials were Charles Jenson, Stanley Porter, and Glenn Filley.\textsuperscript{13}

On Saturday, May 4, 1935, Wiley won the annual track and field meet held at Robinson. The Terre Haute school scored thirty and one-fifth points in coming out on top. Lawrenceville finished in second place, with Vincennes bringing up in third position.\textsuperscript{14} Seventeen schools furnished the competition in the annual classic, which had for its referee and starter, Wendel Wilson, of the University of Illinois.\textsuperscript{15}

\textsuperscript{12}Minutes of The Board of Control Meeting, The Wabash Valley High School Association, December 1, 1934
\textsuperscript{13}The Terre Haute Tribune and The Terre Haute Star, January 27, 1935
\textsuperscript{14}Ibid., May 5, 1935
\textsuperscript{15}Official Program of The Fifteenth Annual Track and Field Meet, The Wabash Valley High School Association, May 4, 1935
A. CONSTITUTION OF THE WABASH VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I
Name

This organization shall be known as the Wabash Valley High School Association.

ARTICLE II
Object

The object of this Association shall be to encourage and promote the best interscholastic activities of the schools belonging.

ARTICLE III
Membership

Any school within a radius of sixty miles of Terre Haute either in good standing in the Indiana or Illinois High School Athletic Association upon payment of the annual dues shall be a member of this Association.

ARTICLE IV
Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Association will be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and

1Handbook of The Wabash Valley High School Association, 1924-25
Section 2. All officers must be executive heads of their school systems or their authorized representatives.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected as follows:

President—one year (term expires 1924)
Vice-President—one year (term expires 1924)
Board Member from Illinois—two years (term expires 1925)
Board Member from Indiana—two years (term expires 1925)
Secretary-Treasurer—three years (term expires 1926)

Each officer after this election (1923) to be elected for three years.

Section 4. The officers of the Association shall constitute a Board of Control, which shall have general charge of the affairs of the Association and are hereby authorized to exercise all the powers and duties expressed or implied in this Constitution and these By-Laws. Three members of the Board of Control shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. The Board of Control shall have power to fill any vacancy which may occur. In case of any controversy being brought before this Board which involves a school of which any Board member is an official other members of the Board shall name another representative from this Association to take the place of such interested member for hearing such controversy, such temporary member shall have full power to act as a Board member for the controversy.
ARTICLE V
Meetings

Section 1. The executive head of each school, or authorized representative shall represent the members of this Association at all meetings.

Section 2. There shall be an annual meeting on the third Saturday of September at Terre Haute.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President and shall be called by the Secretary-Treasurer upon the written request of five schools.

Section 4. Representatives of sixteen of the schools of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI
Funds

Section 1. The Board of Control shall determine all necessary expenditures of money.

Section 2. The annual dues shall be One Dollar and Fifty Cents ($1.50). Dues must be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer on or before the date of the annual meeting.

Section 3. When necessary the Association may levy assessments upon its members.

ARTICLE VII

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote
and By-Laws by a majority vote at any annual meeting, provided that such amendment has been submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer not less than seven days before such annual meeting. All such proposed amendments shall be submitted to all members of the Association by the Secretary-Treasurer not less than five days before the annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Eligibility of Players

In all contests between schools of this Association the eligibility rules of the state from which the school comes shall be the rules applying to that school. The blanks required by the Illinois State Board shall be the official eligibility blanks of this Association.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. Members of this Association are not governed by the rules of the Association when playing with schools not belonging to this Association.

Section 2. Lists of eligible players should be sent to the principal of the competing school not more than ten nor less than five days prior to the time of the contest. If more than two schools are involved the lists shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer.
Section 3. The football championship shall be awarded to the school having the highest percentage of all games played, but no school shall be considered a contender for the championship unless it shall have played at least four games with members of the Association having an enrollment of 300 or more. The Board of Control shall award a permanent football trophy each year.

Section 4. Protests must be made in writing and submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall notify the school against which the protest is lodged and shall notify all members of the time set for hearing.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to send the proceedings of all the meetings of the Board of Control to the schools constituting the membership of the Association.

Section 6. Any school permitting its membership to lapse shall be reinstated upon the payment of $5.00.

ELIGIBILITY RULES OF ILLINOIS

ARTICLE I

Eligibility of Players

To represent a school in the Association in any athletic contest a pupil must be eligible under the following rules:

Section 1. He shall not have reached his twenty-first birthday.
Section 2. He shall not play on any high school team nor contest in any athletic event after he has been in school eight semesters; and the eighth semester of possible eligibility shall follow consecutively after the seventh. Furthermore he shall not compete for more than four seasons in any branch of athletics.

Section 3. He shall not have played on any college or university team.

Section 4. He shall not have graduated from any four year high school course nor its equivalent.

Section 5. He shall be doing passing work in at least fifteen hours of high school work per week.*

Section 6. He shall, unless he be entering upon secondary school work for the first time, have credit on the school records for fifteen hours of school work for the previous semester.**

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*By passing work is meant work of such a grade that credit would be entered on the school records, were credit given at the time of the issuance of the certificate.

**Note: If, from some necessity he shall have been out of school for some period of time, the expression "for the previous semester" shall be understood to mean the last semester during any part of which he was a member of any school.

If he should change his school connections during a semester "credit on the school records" shall mean credit from the old school accepted at the new after establishing his residence there by one month's attendance provided he was eligible at the old school at the time of his transfer.
Section 7. He shall have been enrolled not later than the beginning of the eleventh school day of the semester.

Section 8. If his school connection shall have lapsed for a period of more than ten consecutive days (disabling sickness of self or immediate family excepted) he shall be ineligible for the remainder of the semester.

Section 9. If he shall have been in attendance ten days or more during any semester, he shall be counted as having been in attendance said semester.

Section 10. He shall be an amateur, one who has never used and is not now using his knowledge of athletics or his athletic skill for gain as a participant in athletic contests. He shall not have played on any teams on which there are paid players.*

Section 11. He shall always have contested under his own name.

Section 12. If a pupil plays a match game on any other than the team representing his own school without the previous written consent of the principal, he is ineligible from the date of such match game through a period equivalent to one whole semester. All of this time shall be made up of time in which the pupil is in actual attendance in the high school.

*Note: A paid player or one who uses his athletic skill for gain is interpreted as one who receives money in excess of the amount necessary to cover actual hotel bills and actual fares for transportation.
Section 13. When his scholastic standing is below the ninth grade he shall be ineligible to compete.

Section 14. In case he is transferred from another school he shall not be eligible for one year unless his parents are residents in the district to which he is transferred. This rule shall apply only in case the school from which he is transferred offers work of the corresponding year in which he is ranked.

Provided, however, that any pupil who actually lives at home or with his legal guardian and who transfers to or from a high school belonging to this Association and conducted by a normal school, college or university for purposes of practice teaching shall, upon transferring to or from such school become eligible at once if such transfer occurs between years or semesters or after one month if it occurs within a semester.

Section 15. In case of the Junior College student in all Junior College athletic contests he must observe all the rules of the Association except those relating to age limit and residence. He is eligible for only two semesters when the college is under one-year organization and four semesters when under the two-year organization.

Section 16. He shall not be ineligible through absence on account of military service to state or nation in time of war or in time of any national or state emergency.
Section 17. He must never have accepted any reward of any kind having a utilitarian value of more than one dollar either as a direct or indirect compensation for athletic knowledge or skill or in consequence of being on an athletic team.*

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR INDIANA

Section 1. Each contestant must have and be maintaining for the current semester, a passing grade in each of three or more studies requiring a minimum of fifteen regular High School recitations per week, exclusive of rhetoricals, physical training, military drill and deportment; in his last preceding semester in school he must also have met the same requirements throughout the entire semester.

Section 2. Students enrolled for the first time must comply with the requirements of the rules, the average standing required for the preceding semester being obtained from the records in the last secondary school attended.

*Note: This rule shall not be interpreted to prohibit the acceptance of medals, cups or watch fobs given as tokens of athletic achievement to participants in athletic meets or tournaments in which three or more high schools participate and which are limited to high school pupils or to participants in non-interscholastic contests open to high school pupils and other contestants on equal terms. Provided that in either case the awards must be made by the organization conducting the meet or tournament.
Back work may be made up, providing that it is done in accordance with the regular rules of the school and becomes a matter of final record before the opening day of the semester.

Interpretation--In each of the studies representing the minimum requirement of work specified above, the following shall govern: (a) For the current semester the average of the period grades up to the time of certification must be passing; (b) for the current or school grading period the average of the daily or weekly grades must be passing; (c) if the average of the period grades at the beginning of any grading period is below passing in any study, the pupil is ineligible as far as that study is concerned for the entire grading period.

Enrollment

Section 1. No student, who has been enrolled as a High School student in any High School, shall be permitted to participate in any inter-high school contest as a member of another high school until he has been enrolled in such high school for one full semester, unless the parents of such student actually change their residence to the second school district. In the latter case, the student will be as eligible as he was in the school from which he withdrew.
Interpretation---

(a) A student enrolled in one High School of a city or school corporation shall be ineligible in another High School of the same city or school corporation until he has been enrolled in the other High School for one full semester, unless there are definitely marked school districts and his parents actually change their residence to the new district.

(b) Students finishing the courses offered in schools maintaining less than four years of High School work are not bound by this section.

(c) The fact that a transfer has or has not been issued or that the student pays or does not pay his tuition, has no bearing on this section.

(d) Parts of two semesters do not make a full semester.

Section 2. No person, who has been enrolled as a student in an institution of college standing, and has done work which may be counted toward a degree in that institution, shall be eligible as a member of any athletic team under the I.H.S.A.A. rules in any game with any other team, either within or without the State of Indiana.

Section 3. (a) Any student who has been enrolled twenty (20) or more days between September 1 and December 1 for four times shall be ineligible for football.
(b) Any student who has been enrolled twenty (20) or more days between December 1 and March 1 for four times shall be ineligible for basketball, except a student who entered high school for the first time during the second semester of a school year and who did not participate in any game during this semester, shall not be ineligible for basketball until he has been enrolled thereafter twenty (20) or more days between December 1 and March 1 for four times.

(c) Any student who has been enrolled twenty (20) or more days between March 1 and June 1 for four times shall be ineligible for baseball and track, except a student who entered High School for the first time during the second semester of a school year and who did not participate in any game or meet during this second semester shall not be ineligible for baseball and track until he has been enrolled thereafter twenty (20) or more days between March 1 and June 1 for four times.

Section 4. A student withdrawing permanently from school within the first twenty school days of a semester shall not be regarded as having an opportunity to engage in athletics that semester unless he has already played in one or more interscholastic games, in which case he shall be regarded as having engaged in athletics for that season.
Section 5. The eligibility rules of this association shall apply to students taking part in all contests, whether with schools inside or outside of the State of Indiana.

Section 6. In order to be eligible for athletic competition during any semester a student must have entered some public High School within the first twenty school days of the semester in which the contest occurs.

Participation

Section 1. Any member of a High School athletic team who participates in an athletic contest as a member of any other similar team the same season, shall be ineligible to compete under these rules for the remainder of that season.

Section 2. A student, who has played in one or more inter-scholastic games in any season shall be regarded as having engaged in athletics for that season.

Football Certificates

Section 1. On and after January 1, 1911, no student shall be eligible to play football unless he has been examined by a regular physician and his physical condition has been pronounced satisfactory. Further, such a student shall not be eligible until the physician's certificate
Section 2. On and after January 1, 1911, no student shall be eligible to play football without the written consent of his father, mother or guardian. Said written consent shall be attested by the Principal, and shall be filed with the Permanent Secretary of the association. The copy of said written consent shall be attached to the Physician's certificate when filed with the Permanent Secretary.

Remuneration

Section 1. No High School student shall be eligible to participate in any inter-school contest under the rules of the Indiana High School Athletic Association, if it shall be known that he, or any member of his family is receiving any remuneration, either directly or indirectly, to influence him or his family to reside in a given school district in order to establish eligibility on the team of said school, and any school permitting such participation shall, upon satisfactory evidence, submitted to the State High School Board of Control, be suspended by them from membership in the I.H.S.A.A. for a term of not less than one year. This rule shall not interfere with the right of High School pupils to work during vacation or during
out of school hours in order to earn their way through High School. It shall apply to the use of any funds created by gift or by subscription with the intent of offering them or parts of them for the free use of the player or any member of his family as an inducement to get them to change their residence to the district of the said school and to maintain resident therein.

Post Graduates

Section 1. Post graduates are not eligible but students graduating from regular courses of less than four years in length shall not be deemed post graduates.

Section 2. A student is a post graduate of a High School when he has completed the work required for graduation by that school and has received his diploma providing the school offers four years of work.

Section 3. Students meeting requirements for graduation in three and one-half years in a High School with a regular four year course shall be eligible to participate in school athletics the last half of the fourth year, providing they meet all the other eligibility rules of the I.H.S.A.A.

Age

Section 1. Students shall be ineligible for any athletic competition upon reaching the age of twenty-one.
Amateurism

Section 1. All contestants in the I.H.S.A.A. must be amateurs.

Section 2. Professionalism is defined in the I.H.S.A.A. as accepting remuneration, directly or indirectly, for playing on athletic teams, for officiating or managing under assumed names. Reasonable meals, lodging and transportation may be accepted, if accepted in service and not in any other way.
B. BOARD OF CONTROL OF
THE WABASH VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

1919

G. W. McReynolds, Clinton, president
P. M. Watson, Robinson, vice-president
H. W. Byrn, Terre Haute, secretary-treasurer
E. E. Hylton, Terre Haute, Indiana board member
W. W. Keith, Paris, Illinois board member

1920

G. W. McReynolds, Clinton, president
P. M. Watson, Robinson, vice-president
H. W. Byrn, Terre Haute, secretary-treasurer
Joseph Lacey, Sullivan, Indiana board member
W. W. Keith, Paris, Illinois board member

1921

G. W. McReynolds, Clinton, president
J. O. Fortner, Bloomingdale, vice-president
H. W. Byrn, Terre Haute, secretary-treasurer
L. Cunningham, Rosedale, Indiana board member
George Seitz, Robinson, Illinois board member
1922

J. O. Fortner, Bloomingdale, president
J. D. Hull, Sullivan, vice-president
Charles Zimmerman, Terre Haute, secretary-treasurer
D. M. Davis, Terre Haute, Indiana board member
E. O. May, Robinson, Illinois board member

1923

J. O. Fortner, Bloomingdale, president
J. D. Hull, Sullivan, vice-president
Charles Zimmerman, Terre Haute, secretary-treasurer
D. M. Davis, Terre Haute, Indiana board member
E. O. May, Robinson, Illinois board member

1924

J. O. Fortner, Concannon, president
J. R. Colbert, Marshall, Illinois, vice-president
Charles Zimmerman, Terre Haute, secretary-treasurer
B. E. Bayh, Terre Haute, Indiana board member
E. O. May, Robinson, Illinois board member

1925

J. O. Fortner, Concannon, president
J. R. Colbert, Marshall, Illinois, vice-president
B. E. Bayh, Terre Haute, secretary-treasurer
Charles Zimmerman, Terre Haute, Indiana board member
E. O. May, Robinson, Illinois board member
(Continued)

1926

J. O. Fortner, Concannon, president
J. R. Colbert, Marshall, Illinois, vice-president
B. E. Bayh, Terre Haute, secretary-treasurer
Charles Zimmerman, Terre Haute, Indiana board member
E. O. May, Robinson, Illinois board member

1927

Jesse Boston, Hymera, president
O. V. Walters, Casey, vice-president
B. E. Bayh, Terre Haute, secretary-treasurer
Charles Zimmerman, Terre Haute, Indiana board member
E. O. May, Robinson, Illinois board member

1928

Jesse Boston, Hymera, president
Robert Browne, Casey, vice-president
B. E. Bayh, Terre Haute, secretary-treasurer
Charles Zimmerman, Terre Haute, Indiana board member
E. O. May, Robinson, Illinois board member

1929

Jesse Boston, Hymera, president
John Moss, Paris, vice-president
B. E. Bayh, Terre Haute, secretary-treasurer
Charles Zimmerman, Terre Haute, Indiana board member
E. O. May, Robinson, Illinois board member
1930

Jesse Boston, Hymera, president
R. R. Geddes, Marshall, Illinois, vice-president
B. E. Bayh, Terre Haute, secretary-treasurer
Charles Zimmerman, Terre Haute, Indiana board member
E. O. May, Robinson, Illinois board member

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