

# Past Times

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The 1958 Harbor Springs High School Varsity Basketball team. Members are from left to right: S. Gokee, T. Burns, G. Moulton, R. Clarke, B. Fowler, D. Barnefiher, J. Meyer, P. Graham, B. Lauer, R. Lauer, K. Garver, A. Allerding, Coach Paige, Managers, G. Pamp, J. VanHoven. *Photo from HSAHS files.*

## **MARCH MADNESS: MEN'S BASKETBALL IN HARBOR SPRINGS**

By Ed Meyer

When March arrives, some people think about spring. Others, like myself, know that it means March Madness is close at hand. Let's go back and look at March Madness in Harbor Springs.

I found that around 1914 the Harbor Springs School Board was looking for a better place to play basketball other than Melching Hall, the upstairs of the Melching Boat Works building, which was located next to The Pier Restau-

rant. They would rent the space on game nights for fifty dollars a year. It wasn't well laid out to play basketball, and the signs - "No Spitting on the Floor", didn't help. Electors voted 440 to 85 to build a new school and new gymnasium. That same year, the team captured the Northern Michigan title. Some members of that squad were Stanley Wager, Fred Garipey and Nobel Dewitt.

Looking at the banner hanging in the existing gym, you can see that the boys started winning Districts in 1927. After winning the Districts that year, Coach Howard N. Dickie along with Captain Harold Hahn, Guard Robert Cornell,

Forwards Leone Stewart and Elmer Linehan, Center Floyd Lane and substitutes, Claud Allerding, Howard Taylor and Harold Campbell lost to the Petoskey St. Francis team (15-11) in the Regionals. So, we were out of it. But due to financial troubles, St. Francis was not able to raise the money to travel to the State finals and our team was invited in their place. We went and got beat by Three Oaks, 25-12.

In 1929, they went all the way to State and won the State title. The Districts were held in Charlevoix where we beat Mancelona (34-8), East Jordan (31-9) and Boyne City (22-11). From there

we moved on to the Regionals at Petoskey. They started with a bye, then met up with Gaylord and won 37-8. Next, came Boyne City, and we beat them by one point. At the State finals in Detroit, we played Algonac (15-13) and then played Lake Linden, again winning by a point. In the final game we played St. Michael's. The game ended in a tie, but we won in overtime 6-1 and became State Champions. Seniors who played their last game for Harbor High that day were Elwood Winegarden, Harold Campbell, Elmer Linehan, Kendall Grimes and Howard Taylor.

We captured districts for the years 1930, 41, 42, 58, 63, 64, 65, 68, 71, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83 and 84. The Regionals were won in 1929, 30, 41, 42, 58, 63, 71, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78 and 82. Going to the State Finals thins out a little, we make it in 1929 and were State Champions and were runner up in 1941, 74 and 76.

I know a lot of the people would agree that when March Madness comes around, you always remember one name: Charles Paige. You might say he is Mr. Basketball - a legend and an inspiration to anyone who knows him. His record while coaching in Harbor Springs was 401 wins to 168 loses. For 27 years, he and the teams he coached, brought us home: 15 District Championships, 9 Regional titles, 5 State Semi-finals appearances and 2 State Runner-up finishes. Charley was inducted into the Michigan Coaches Hall of Fame, an honor he so rightly deserved.

Of all the years of Charley Paige's coaching, the year 1958 stands out the most. The team that year consisted of Sam Gokee,

Terry Burns, Gary Moulton, Richie Clarke, Bill Fowler, Dean Barnefiher, Jack Meyer, R. Graham, Bob Lauer, Randy Lauer, Ken Garver, Allen (Ace) Alderding and managers, George Pamp, and Jay VanHoven. We were beaten by Muskegon Christian in the semi-finals. That year, fans showed their support by doing the weirdest things. The lady teachers dyed their hair red, the junior girls wore silver hair and the senior girls dyed theirs orange and black. Men teachers got butch haircuts late at night at Clip's Barber Shop and people danced in the street till 2:00 a.m.

One last thing, who remembers the signs,

"SIT DOWN CHARLEY"?

## **DECEMBER 2004 TO FEBRUARY 2005 MEMBERSHIPS**

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## **FIRST ANNUAL FUND DRIVE EXCEEDS GOAL**

The HSAHS Board of Director's wants to thank our 143 donors who contributed to the 2004 Annual Appeal raising over \$16,000. Proceeds from the Annual Appeal will fund the design phase of the "A Museum Grows in Harbor Springs" project to renovate and open a historical museum in the original City Hall. A listing of donors will be published in the Annual Report.

## **HUNTING FOR YEARBOOKS**

We are looking for the missing years in our collection of Harbor Springs yearbooks. The earliest year we have on our shelves is 1922. We wonder if there are editions prior to this year that were produced? We are also missing: 1923, 1925 - 1928, 1930, 1932 - 1950 and the years between 1971 and 1991. During World War II, no yearbooks were published; or, perhaps just pages, most likely not bound. For these years we would be grateful to have copies.

If you would be willing to make a tax deductible donation of a yearbook from one of the missing years, please contact the HSAHS at, (231) 526-9771, or send the book to P.O. Box 812, Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740. We will publish the results of this hunt in our summer newsletter.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hibernation! Perhaps this describes the groundhog's winter life, but not the HSAHS this winter. Our Board and volunteers have been extremely busy during these past winter months.

Postcard Book Committee members Bruce Gathman, Mary Cummings, Tanya Graham, Jerry Burns and Rich Bachus have been hard at work designing and promoting "In All the World, No Place Like This". Order your copy before the May 1<sup>st</sup> to receive the advance order discount using the enclosed stuffer.

The Victorian Tea Committee members outdid themselves decorating the Shay House and preparing homemade goodies fit for a Queen for our 90 guests. Thanks to committee members Sarah Cohen, Sandy Croll, Rosemary Decamp, Patti Grannis, Eleanor Jardine, Loretta Knight, Karen Searles, Sharon Thornton and Barbara Young for organizing this successful fundraiser. We promise a repeat next year!

Thanks to the First Community Bank, HSAHS has winter offices

in the bank's office building for Executive Director Linda Young and a workspace for volunteers. We are now a year-round operation!

A recent grant from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the L'Arbre Croche fund has enabled us to upgrade our computer software for donor and collection management – an important step as we plan for the future.

A new series of talks at the library will begin in April. The "I Remember" theme will feature talks and opportunities to remember good ole Harbor. Join us on April 13 at 7:00 p.m. for the first program. Call one of the committee members, Ethel Rose, Eleanor Jardine or Ed Meyer if you have an idea for a future program.

And last but not least, we're developing plans for the historic City Hall. See the calendar for the community input meetings. Come and share your ideas.

*Lois Cassidy*  
HSAHS President

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## CURRENT EVENTS

### SPRING CALENDAR

#### COMMUNITY INPUT MEETINGS

Help us design the future Harbor Springs Area History Museum.

Join us for a one hour meeting and share your vision for the museum.

Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.  
at the Harbor Springs Library

Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at  
the City Hall on Zoll Street.

#### "I REMEMBER" TALKS AT THE LIBRARY

This spring, HSAHS will begin a series of talks at the Harbor

Springs Library. The bi-monthly series will feature area residents who will recall earlier times in Harbor Springs. The first program will be on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Harbor Springs Library. Ed Meyer remembers "Early Harbor Springs Happenings".

#### HIGH TEA IN HARBOR

A sumptuous array of sweets and savories greeted guests at the Victorian Tea at the Shay House. Flowers by Sandra Croll.



HSAHS photo.

### SPRING BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held at the Harbor Springs Library 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

### POST CARD BOOK

#### DON'T MISS OUT!

May 1st is the deadline for ordering pre-publication copies of *"In All The World, No Place Like This"* at the advance order discount price of \$50.00 plus \$3.00 tax per book. If you plan to pick the book up this summer, you can save the \$5.00 shipping charge. See the enclosed flyer or call the HSAHS office, 231-526-9771, to request an order form. Gift certificates are available for the perfect gift for Mother's Day or Father's Day!