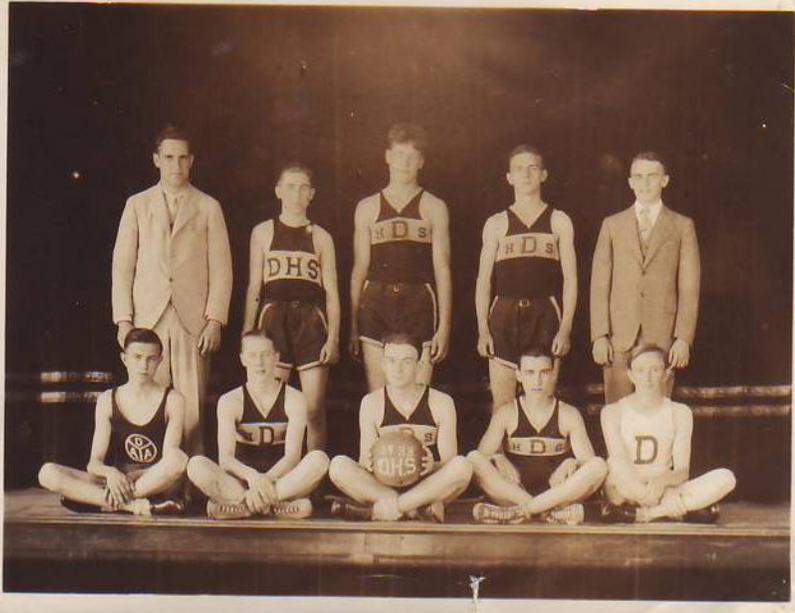


1933 Dushore High School basketball team



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## **TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM . . . while dusting**

For those of you who remember Dick Holcombe, you can recall the well of information he was. For those of you who didn't know the man, suffice it to say that some of his knowledge went with him. That's the case with this week's article: the photo we've featured was one left over from ongoing research with Dick, most of

which was concerning questions about articles in his book *Reflections*.

We know the photo is of the 1933 Dushore High School basket ball team. What we did not know at the time of Dick's death was the identity of the players. Then from the Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1933 Sullivan Review & Gazette and Herald comes the following piece of front page news:

"Dushore High School Defeats Wyalusing – In a fast game, the Dushore High School boys defeated Wyalusing at Dushore, Tuesday, December 19. An interesting point in that LeRaysville who defeated our team last week has once been defeated by our tonight's opponents. After establishing a good lead of nine points, at the end of the third quarter the Dushore team "coasted" to victory. The final score was 10 – 12.

"The only drawback to the game was the fact that Eugene Hannon, Dushore's left guard, was hurt in the last quarter, giving everyone a severe fright until it was learned that nothing very serious had happened. Leonard Fehr was high scorer for the game and Frank Crandell is for the season."

This piece led us to the Dushore High School compiling which has graduating classes for 1932 and then 1935 – no 1933 or 1934. So, next we looked into the school's newsletters called the "Maroon and White" and lo and behold there it was! Front row from left to right are Edward Watson, Howard Robbins, Leonard Fehr, Frank Crandell and Edward Pardoe. Standing back row from left to right are Mr. Waltz, Ernest Hatton, Gerald Shaffer, Eugene Hannon and Richard Holcombe (student manager of the team). Dick was also class president.

A little side story is that the 1933 article that this piece about the basket ball team appeared in also ran (again on the front page) a piece about Dick's getting his first deer. It had 22 points and its ears were split which brought the assumption that it was one of the deer brought into this county about 1915. Although this may be possible, it seems unlikely that a deer would survive 18 years from the time of its being brought here.

One more point to make at this juncture is that it's not uncommon for us to uncover more than just one article or one obituary while doing research on our microfilm. The advantages that the microfilm printer/reader gives us has been an extraordinary assist in discovering the history of Sullivan County and its people. And for that we give thanks to Dick and Sally Sick Kahler for their generosity that made all this possible.