



Mr. King honors Mr. Bays for his years of service to the athletic program of the school corporation.

Mr. Bays keeps a birds-eye view of the action inside the new press box. Mr. Bays announced all the home games and was the official scorer at basketball games.

Teacher, Coach; Bill Bays Retires

A well committed teacher, as well as a sports fanatic, retired after 35 years of service.

After graduating from Marshall High School in Illinois, Mr. Bays went to Indiana Stae where he received his degree in history.

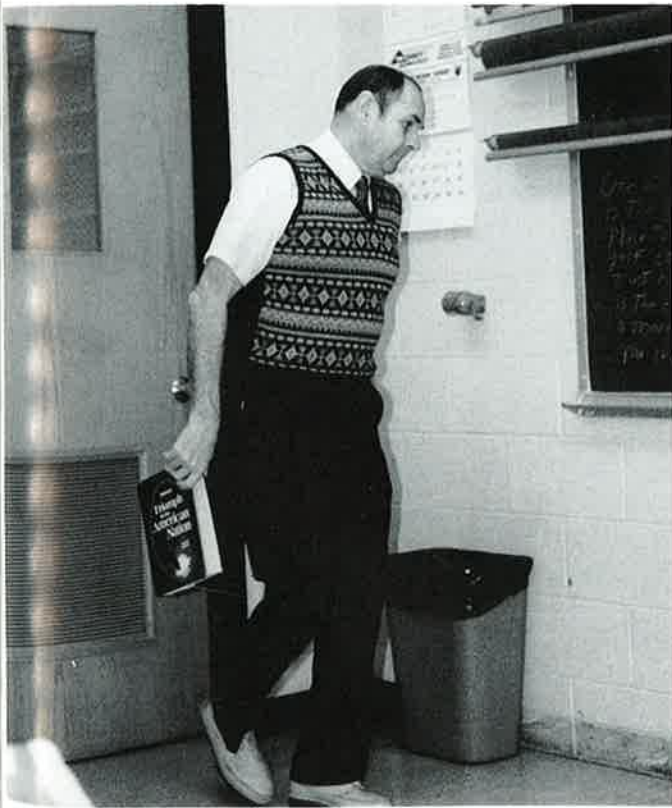
In his 35 years, Mr. Bays taught U.S. history, world history, seventh-grade social studies, eighth-grade U.S. history, economics, sociology, and government.

Not only was Mr. Bays so interested in history, but in most sports, too. "The career that I've had, I basically owe to my interest in athletics," he said. Mr. Bays has coached varsity football, girls varsity basketball, 7-9 football, 7-9 basketball, 7-8 girls basketball, and he coached golf every year. He even sang the national anthem at a girls varsity basketball game when the recorded version wouldn't work. Of course, the crowd sang along.

Talking about our rivalries, he stated, "Right from the start, we have been big rivals with Greencastle." There were times, he said, that we were rivals with Southmont, but Greencastle was always our main rival in basketball and football.

During senior night this year, Mr. Bays was honored with a plaque for his years of coaching and teaching. When asked what was going through his head at the time, he stated, "There has been a lot of good times, and it went through my mind that I'm not going to be here much. I'm going to miss the competition."

The school will miss him, too. Mr. Bays is one man who will never be forgotten. • By Melissa Lamb



Mr. Bays in the classroom. Every day, he wrote a thought of the day on the chalkboard for which students could be amused, and, sometimes, challenged.