

# Do You Remember?

## 1937 Leipsic High School – Girls' Basketball Team

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In the school year of 1936-37, the Leipsic High School girls had a very outstanding basketball team. The girls' basketball game was played much differently then than it is now.

The girls' team played their game before the varsity boys' game and the rules were not at all as they are now. Each team had three forwards and three guards.

On one end of the court were the Leipsic team's forwards and the other teams' guards. On the opposite end was the other team's forwards and the Leipsic guards.

The girls were not allowed to cross the middle of the floor. They also were allowed only one dribble with the ball. Only the forwards were allowed to shoot the basketball; guards were not allowed to attempt to make points.

The girls also used a slightly smaller basketball than did the boys.

The teams, both boys and girls, had a curfew of 10 p.m. and if you missed school in the morning or afternoon, you could not play ball that night. You had to attend school the day a game was played.

About this time, the new gymnasium was built and Leipsic hosted the county, sectional and district basketball tournaments.

The junior class sold refreshments at all these tournaments and thus made their money for their senior trip.

Team Members – Mary E. Place, Edna Mae Vogelphol, Helen (Hazlett) Place, Elizabeth (Keeran) Rayle, Florence Bennett, Louise Moore, Vivian (Keeran) Byrkett, Audrey (Sherrick) Cupp, Mary (Folk) Ayers, Wanda (Shively) Engard, Mable Crist, Carrie Mae Sweigart, Rosemae Donahue, Gloria Cody and Virginia (Edwards) Smith. Miss Ruth Timmerman was the team's chaperone and Shelly Radenbaugh was the Coach.