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# NEWS

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## **“Arthur L. Trester” state historical marker will be dedicated in Amo, Indiana**

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for July 4, 2007. The state historical marker recognizing Arthur L. Trester will be dedicated at the Amo Interurban Reading Room, 4988 Railroad Street, Amo, at 4:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. As part of a larger July 4th celebration, there will be a supper and fireworks later in the evening.

The text follows for the state marker entitled “Arthur L. Trester”:

Born 1878 in Pecksburg (which was 2.1 miles east). Elected to Board of Control of Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) 1911, appointed Permanent Secretary 1913, continued after 1929 as Commissioner of High School Athletics. Under Trester, showcase of IHSAA became high school basketball, reflected in term “Hoosier Hysteria,” still used today. Under Trester, widely referred to as czar of IHSAA and high school athletics, IHSAA excluded black and parochial schools until 1942, stating they were not public high schools because of exclusive enrollment. He died 1944. Trester Medal for Mental Attitude first awarded 1945. Inducted into national (1961) and Indiana (1965) Basketball Halls of Fame.

Everyone is invited to attend this dedication ceremony for the state historical marker commemorating Arthur L. Trester’s contribution to the Indiana High School Athletic Association and high school basketball.

Historical markers commemorate significant Indiana individuals, places, and events, and they help communities throughout Indiana promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. Via the Internet, that history reaches a worldwide audience. For more than 90 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are approximately 500 of these markers across the state.

For a digital version of this release and further information about this marker, the state Historical Marker Program, and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau website at [www.IN.gov/history](http://www.IN.gov/history) or call 317-232-2537.

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