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 of 1956

## Neosho Senior High

Here's to the black and the gold, The colors we hold so dear.
The loyal sons of Neosho High,
Salute them from year to year.
So, here's to the black and the gold,
From dawn to the dark of night,
May the flag of dear old Neosho wave,
The black and the gold so bright.
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the
enthusiastic hours
organizations paper staff annual staff farewell



I
The best years of our lives

"A welcome from Mr. Barlow begins the year off right"...

"Fifty -cents down and a locker for our many books". ..

"Mr. Brown directs traffic in circles"...

"Have you paid your book fee?". . .

"Students, please take good care of your books! And do try to use them". . .

"First and foremost we MUST have a mirror. Then comes the books"....

"It's election time again! Vote Senior, vote Junior, those poor underclassmen".

## Election

"Listengang, vote for Spider"

"McCreery, quit making faces at the Seniors"


Erickson says, Junior fan" . .

"Baron don't grab that black jack, we 're not afraid"

"Hodges and his molls organize to sway some underclassmen votes"

"From the Pep Club, to the player, to the girl is the journey of a rose as showṇ by Caldwell and Carolyn. "
"The team loosens up for the Carthage game. The dance at the C. R. C. after the game concluded Rose Day at N. H.S."

Feature

"Rayma receives a congratulations for winning the DAR award from the other delegates, Marilyn Rouse, Diane Ca Hail, Sue Hatchett, and Janet Burch. "
"Timmy Brasiola was completely surprised when Corley Thompson Jr, awarded him the 1956 JC Sportsmanship Trophy at the football banquet.
"Under the supervision of Fern Hurn, this efficient crew keeps the office in tip-top shape.
"James and Emily head the refreshment line at the Sweetheart's Ball, which keeps Mrs. James Payne quite busy."




"A sample of N. H. S. 's beauty is Gail Weems.

"Famous last words, "Will I ever be hungry again?" Welcher seems to think so.
"The reward for four years of hard work comes when Rayma Hammer is announced Salutatorian and Kaye Williams, Valedictorian!"

"The football queen and her court smile gayly as the coronation comes to a close.
"There was a hot time in the old town that ni ht!"

"The 1955 track team had a successful season along the cinder path.

"Donna Hart, believe it or not, was the introducer!"

"But Higdon, you might muss Welcher's hair!"

"These smiling faces and tanned legs make up the 1955 tennis team!"

"It's bonnets on and chins up as the faculty prepares for the benefit volley ball battle with the students."

"No, not the Salvation Army, but Mrs. Coker played in the faculty band at the Polio Benefit.

"Robert Evans and Sweetheart Queen, Norma Cope, whirl to the music of the royalty dance ${ }_{11}$

"Mr. Fryback explains to his Science Club the difficult structure of these future Christmas trees. "

"She came, she saw, she conquered that plate of spaghetti. Douglas and Hammer earned this meal after a hard day at a speech tournament.

## Through The Year

## SEPTEMBER

5-School begins!
9 - Football begins and Neosho loses to Seneca 32-0
16 - Neosho loses to Rogers 29-13
17 - Band plays at Fayetteville
23 - Neosho loses to Nevada 19-12
30 - Neosho loses to Lamar 37-6


## NOVEMBER

3-6 - Debate Tournament At Fort Scott
4-Neosho wins over Webb City 14-12
12 - Barnwarmin'
17-18 - Debate Tournament at Muskogee
18 - Homecoming and Neosho beats Cassville
24-25 - Thanksgiving Holidays



## OCTOBER

7-Neosho wins over Monett 7-6
12 - Student body elects Student Council officers
14 - Neosho loses to Carthage 27-7
21 - Neosho loses to Aurora 13-12 on Rose Day
22 - Student Council Convention at Monett
22,23 - Mixed Chorus sings in Eureka Springs, Ark.
28 - Neosho wins over Mt. Vernon 19-12
30 - Chorus Fall Concert


## DECEMBER

6 - Neosho loses to Cassville 55-40
9 - Neosho wins over Webb City 60-47
10 - Football Banquet
13 - Neosho loses to Mt. Vernon 47-43
16-Neosho wins over Nevada 53-51 Christmas vacation begins
23 - Rainbow Christmas Dance
26-31 - Neosho Invitational Basketball Tournament
31 - The old year ends at the CRC watch party

1-A new year!
2 - School resumes
3-Neosho loses to Lamar 46-31
6-8-Debate Tournament at North Kansas City
6 - Neosho loses to Carthage 56-53
10 - Neosho loses to Aurora 43-36
12-13-CURIOUS SAVAGE presented
17 - Neosho wins over Monett 70-38
20 - Neosho loses to Cassville 88-63
26 - New Orleans Debate Tournament
27 - Neosho Invitational Debate Tournament Neosho wins over Mt. Vernon 63-54
30 - Student-Faculty Benefit Volleyball
31 - Neosho wins over Nevada 66-46


MARCH
3-Big Nine Speech Tournament Grab-A-Lad
6-9-Regional Basketball Tournament
10 - Carthage Debate Tournament 16-17-N.F. L. at Springfield


MAY
2-3-Chorus Tour
4 - Junior-Senior Prom
10 - Yearbook Coronation
16 - A ward Assembly
20 - Baccalaureate
21 - Senior Assembly
24 - Commencement
25 - School's out!


## FEBRUARY

3-Neosho loses to Lamar 52-72
10 - Homecoming -Neosho loses to Aurora 53-52
13 - Band Box Supper
Mixed Chorus sings at Aurora
14-Neosho wins over Anderson 72-60
16 - Band Concert
17-Neosho wins over Monett 70-38
18 - Sweetheart's Ball
20 - Neosho loses to Webb City 56-48
21 - National Honor Society Assembly
24-Carthage defeats Neosho 79-63


APRIL
8 - Mixed Chorus returns to Eureka Springs
13 - Pittsburg Relays State Speech Contest
17 - Band Tour
18 - Track meet at Lamar
24 - Track meet at S.M.S.
27 - Track meet at Nevada

 those pots and pans," is the cry of the student body when lunch time rolls around. Mrs. Tuter, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kulp, and Mrs. Puckett do an able job!...
"Keith Rose and Luther Pogue give Mike, J. C. , and Robert a little spurring on. .


The cake that the cooks served at open house was very delicious!...


Keth, what do you think about the price to tea in China?"...

the people
around us


## R. W. Anderson

Superintendent of Schools
A school is only as good as its leaders. We are fortunate to have as Superintendent of the Neosho schools, R. W. Anderson. Under his leadership our schools have continually progressed. Our new and beautiful high school building is but one of the improvements that Mr. Anderson has helped to bring about. Looking at his record of achievement, we know that the future of our schools could be put into no better hands.


## The Wheels Behind

## Our Educational System



Dr. Harry Bridges
President of Board

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Seldom receiving recognition or honor the Neosho Board of Education has headed the Neosho Schools with great wisdom and foresight. It is the task of this group of businessmen to approve all bills, salaries, and the annual school budget. They must also decide on all rules and regulations for our school system. The members of this board who so willingly give of their time without expectation of any material reward are: H. R. Bridges, president; Paul Clark, Tom McClintock, Foster Evans, Bill Collie, Hale McGinty, and Perry Bliss. They perform a valuable service for which we are extremely grate ful.

Perry Bliss
Treasurer
W. R. Collie

Tom McClintock Secretary

Paul Clark
Vice-President

Foster Evans

Hale McGinty


Energy, Patience and Foresight


Gene Courdin
Vocational Agriculture
F.F.A.

Mrs. Richard Fauhl English

William Fryback
Science

Mrs. Chauncey Hastings Study Hall

Calvin Lane
Football Coach
Track Coach
Physical Education

## Ada Hancock

Commerce
Assembly Committee
National Honor Society

Russell Johnson
History
Psychology

Marion L. Bell Are Theirs

Science
Student Council
Ralph J. Brown
Diversified Occupation
Guidance Counselor


Mrs. Joe Coker
Government



J. Ellis Latimer

Industrial Arts
Vocational Training
Golf Coach

Buck Lowery
Auto Mechanics

Doyle McKinney
Vocal Music
Dramatics

Forrest Miller
Mathematics

James Payne
English
Wildcat's Meow


Mary Ann Perdue English
Dramatics


seniors


Paul Allison
Paper Staff 1, 2, 3, 4 N.F. L. 1

Cosmo Club 2, 3
Patsy Ball
F.H.A. 1

Office Assistant2
F. F. A. PRESIDENT EVERT LYONS Basketball Candidate 3 Tennis 1,2,4

STATE SOLO AWARD GAIL WEEMS

Jim Bates


Eugene Brasiola Class President 4 Student Council 1, 3 Track 1, 2, 3, 4 Football 2, 3, 4 Basketball 1,2,3 N Club 2, 3, 4


Diane CaHail National Honor Society 3,4 Cheerleader 2,3,4 Annual Editor 4 Football
Candidate 1
Carlos Baron Class President 3 Steering Committee 3,4 Annual Staff 4 Cosmo Club 2


Curtis Bishop
Chuck Bleakley
F.F.A. 1 Basketball 1

Janet Burch National Honor Society 3,4 Cheerleader 3,4 Triple Trio 3,4 Barnwarming Queen 2
Student Body Treasurer 4 Music Council 2,3,4


Mary Burrow Pep Club 2, 3

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY PRESIDENT SUE HATCHETT


Mary Chancellor N.F.L. 2, 3,4 Science Club 3,4 Pep Club 2, 3, 4 Office Assistant 3,4 Paper Staff 1


Norma Cope
Girls' State 3 F.H.A. 2, 3

Pep Club 2, 3, 4 Home Room Officer 4

Harold Cook Barnwarming King 2
F.F.A.

Basketball

Raymond Cobb Wildcat's Meow 2, 3, 4
Cosmo Club 2, 3, 4 Home Room
President 4

FOOTBALL QUEEN JUDITH ROBERTS


Ray Cooper


Karl Cotton
Football 1, 2, 3, 4 Student Council 4 N Club 3,4 Operetta 3,4
School Plays 2,3,4


Marilyn Cox

Mary Lee Daniels. F.H.A. 1,2

Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4 School Play 3 Paper Staff 3,4


Nancy Daniels
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4


Joe Dawson Pep Club 1.3

MIXED CHORUS PRESIDENT DON HALL

Clint Dingman


Don Duncan
Football 2, 3,4 N Club 3,4
Class Officer 3,4
Student Council2,3 School Plays 1,2 Operetta 3,4

FOOTBALL CO-CAPTAIN RONALD SAGE


Don Fairchild


Donna Jo Garner National Honor Society 3,4 Paper Staff 1, 2, 3,4 N.F.L. 3, 4 Pep Club President 4 Teen Town
Council 1, 2, 3,4


Shirley Garoutte
F.H.A. 3, 4

Home Room President 4


> D. J. Fry
F.F.A. 1


Edith Gilstrap
Pep Club 1, 2, 3

Robert Evans
N Club 2, 3, 4
Music Council 2,3,4
Football 1, 2, 3, 4 Operetta 3,4 Steering
Committee 3,4
School Plays 3,4


Mary Lou Freund Yearbook
Candidate 4
Cosmo Club 3,4 2, 3
Paper Staff 2,3
Pep Club
1, 2, 3, 4
Science Club
3, 4


David Garrison
Paper Staff 4
Paint Daubers 1,2
Science Club 3,4



Daniel Green
COUNTY F.F.A. TREASURER BOB WELSH
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3,4 Science Club 3,4
Carol Green
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4

Don Hall
Football 1, 2, 3
Basketball 1,2,3
Track 1,2
Chorus President 4 Boys' Ensemble 4 Class Officer 2


Rayma Hammer Girls' State 3 N.F. L. 3,4

Paper Staff 1,2,3 School Plays 3,4 Annual Staff 3


Sue Hatchett Class Officer 4 Annual Staff 3,4 Cosmo Club 3, 4 National Honor Society 3,4
Tennis $1,2,3,4$


Larry Hatfield F.F.A. 2

Margie Hays F.H.A. 2,3 Pep Club 2


Shirley Holzhauer Pep Club 1, 2, 3 Yearbook Attendant 1
Student Council 1

Gary Higdon
President Cosmo Club 3
President N.F.L. 3 President of Student Body 4 Class President 2 N.F. L. 1, 2, 3, 4 National Honor Society 3,4


Jim Hodges
Football 2, 3
Golf 4
Student Council 4
Rifle Club 4


Kenneth Howland Baseball 2
Basketball 1, 2
Anderson F.F.A.
Vice -President
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3

NEW YORK TOUR REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT EVANS

Robert Howland Class President 2
F.F.A. Secretary 3
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3


Shirley Jackson Pep Club 4 Student Council Alternate 4

FIRST GIRL ON N.H.S. GOLF TEAM
DONNA MARBLE


Dortha Kingry Pep Club 3,4 F.H.A. 1,2,3


Jackie Kraft

Doyce Latimer


Shirley Lynn Home Room Officer 3

Sue Carol Lehar Pep Club 1,2,4 Home Room Vice-President 4


Charles Livingston Football 1, 2, 3, 4 N Club 3, 4

Evert Lyons
F.F.A. 2, 3, 4
F.F.A. President 3
Barnwarming
Candidate 3


Betty McGrane
Pep Club 1, 2, 3,4
Home Room
President 1

| $\substack{\text { JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT } \\ \text { CARLOS BARON }}$ |
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James McIlvaine


Billy Marks


Betty Martin Pep Club 3,4

Carolyn Mitchell F. H. A. 1, 2

Pep Club 1,2, 3,4
Paper Staff 3, 4 Girls' State 3


Jimmy Murray
Paper Staff 1,4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
School Play 1, 3, 4


Donald Newdiger
Football 3
Football Manager
4


Stanley Oliver N Club 2, 3, 4 Track 2,3,4 Football 2, 3, 4 Basketball 2 School Play 2 Operetta 3,4 Annual Staff 4


Ila Osborne Pep Club 4 (absent when pictures taken)

THREE YEAR STUDENT WAYNE SMITH



Doug Potts N Club 3, 4 Football 3,4 Basketball 2, 3, 4 Track 3,4 Paper Staff 3,4 School Play 3,4 Operetta 3,4

GIRLS' STATE DELEGATE NORMA COPE

Barbara Ramsey Pep Club 3,4

Wayne Rentfro

Leland Robinson National Honor Society 3,4
Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball1, 2, 3, 4
Track 1, 2, 3, 4
N Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Class President 1


Marilyn Rouse Annual Editor 4 Football
Attendant 4 Sweetheart Attendant 3 Steering
Committee 3
Music Council 4
Pep Club Officer 4


TV GUEST STAR ON MELODY MATINEE MARGARET LAHMAN

Ronald Sage All State Football Team 3
Football 1, 2, 3,4
School Play 2,3
Operetta 3,4
Annual Staff 4
Paint Daubers 3

## Billie Scott



Dale Shilling F.F.A. 2

ANNUAL EDITOR MARILYN ROUSE

Lawrence Shuey
Boxing 3,4
F.F.A. 2


Arnold Smith


Wayne Smith Rifle Club 4 Science Club 4


Rosetta Snow Drum Majorette 2,3,4
Sweetheart Queen 2
Barnwarming
Candidate 3
Neosho Miss
Merry Christmas
4
Annual Staff 4

Carole Spencer Paint Daubers 2,3,4
Annual Staff 4
Pep Club 2, 3, 4 Home Room Officer 4


Mary Standefer Drum Majorette 2 N.F. L. 2, 3, 4


Margaret Stark
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4 Student Council 3
Steering
Committee 4
Operetta 3,4
Ninette 3,4
Music Council 2, 3, 4


Peggy Stillions F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4 Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4 Barnwarming Candidate 4 Office Assistant 4


Johnny Thomas

> BOYS' STATE DELEGATE DOUGLAS POTTS

GIRLS' STATE DELEGATE DIANE CAHAIL


Nelvina Tice

Gail Weems
Pep Club 1,2,3,4 President of Paint Daubers 3
Paper Staff 1, 2, 3,4 Student Council 1,2,4 Secretary of Cosmo Club 2


Bob Welsh
F.F.A. 2, 3,4 Pep Club 4 Student Council3 F.F.A. County Association Treasurer F.F.A. Officer 3,4


Ruth Whitlock
AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL AWARD EDMON POWELL

Roy Wilson


Carolyn Wittmann
Steering
Committee 3,4
Student Council 4 President Cosmo Club 4
Science Club
Officer 3,4
Wildcat's Meow 4

juniors

Joyce
Adams
John
Altizer

Joan
Ball

Charles Belt

Bryant Blakeley



Nolan Cope


Howard Crumbliss


James
Cummings


Curtis Daniel


Betty
Darnall


"We threw the doors open and the parents flocked in!"


"This picture sponsored by Revlon"


Mary Ann Franks


John
Garoutte


George
Gibson


Emily Glenister


Herman
Griffin


Peggy Gunlock

"Man, was Brasiola surprised when he had to speak at the Pep Rally! "

Ray Gene
Hill

Roy
Hill

Norma
Hoagland

"Garrison really got a kick out of that assembly."



Mary Hoover

Doris Hood

Larry Holloway

Gary Houk


Jerry Hudson



Bessie
Lowery


James
McClendon


Mary Alyce McCreery


Jerry Mahaffey


Barbara

Charlotte

Marks

Marble


Dorene
Marks

Richard Mason

"A smile and a sigh of relief from Rayma and Norma as Girls' State comes to a close."

"The Sophomores sure thought that was a funny one!"


Denny Mathis

Larry Messer

Paul Millender

Marlene Miller



Dorothy Simmons

Wayne Shuey


"Jo, Buck, Marilyn and Timmy enjoy the feast at this Senior whing-ding!"



Junior Whitman


Ruth Whitman


Pearl Williams


Beverly
Wilson


Clara
Winchester


Rick Wittmann

"The choristers take a break at the Monett junction on their way to a week-end performance at Eureka."


Marie
Young


## $\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet$

sophomores

"Stanley and Barbara present a cozy scene at the CRC. Mary Alyce sits back and looks on. "

Jerry Adams Robert Anderson Jan Austin Hazel Barkley

Roger Barlow Harold Bass Karen Bebee Charlott Belt
na Bevis Carolyn Bishop Marilyn Bogle Diane Branham


Richard
Branham

Richard Brown

Don Branick

Sherry
Buchanan

Barbara Burr

Richard Bush

Kenney Caldwell



Barbara Chester


Wesley
Clark


Dona
Cobb


Bonnie Cogbill Junior Combs Karen Cook Sharon Coombes

Gary Cooper Gerald Cornett Charles Crawford Martha Crowder

Bonnie Dawson Stephen Drake Loretta Eads Emmet Erwin

"Butch catches Glenna for a short 'bye before she hops the bus and he runs to basketball practice.



Farol Gunlock


Karen Gunlock


Mary Sue
Guy


Judy
Haas


Barbara Hadley


Andy Hager


Charles Hall


Gene Hall


Nancy Hames


Charles
Hammer


Brenda Hammond


Roy Harper


Charles Hearne

"The Juniors started the year out right with a 'Come as you are' party. Beware boys, this is how they look at the breakfast table!"

Kenneth Hickman Dixie Hively Jack Hively Thomas Hoberock

John Hoover Linda Houchen Patsy Hough Nancy Howard

Lawrence Howland Gearld Hutchinson Mary Jackson William James


"It was Balay, Duncan, McNabb, Wolfinbarger, Bright, and Evans who cheered the Freshmen on to victory."

Dee Claude January Jimmy Jobe Peter Jobst

Evelyn Johnson Owen Johnson Gary Justice

Arlyss Kanable William Kenney Janice Kruse



Brenda Loftis


Glenna Loftis


Beverly McDonald Carolyn McGuire Carolyn Macy

John Mahaffey Harry Marble Ken Martin

Pat Massey
Richard Matters Eugene Meyer

"Ethel, Beverly, Charlotte, and Donna put the finishing touches on Mr. Johnson's dreaded mural. Who will it be next year?"


Beverly Monroe Dick Morris
Don Mosby
Jerry Mosley

James Myers Bobbie Naylor Addie Newdigger Joseph Newdigger


Joye Noble
Barton Onwiler Bill Osborn Jayne Osborn


"The Mixed Chorus couldn't do without the musical fingers of Gene Allen Box.

Eula Richards Joyce Richards Nelda Richards

Alma Riley Patricia Roberts Jolene Rogers

Shurman Roughton Dale Rowe David Roy


"Why Mr. Payne, winking and your wife right by your side!"

Iva Lou Ruddick Ruby Rumetsch Lois Russell Harold Schied

Darrell Sellars Edgar Shilling Lewis Skelton Billy Smith

David Smith Eldon Smith Rolene Spencer Billy Spiva



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freshmen




| John | Robert | Stephen |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lamb | Lampo | Lampo |


| Estel | Karen |
| :--- | :--- |
| Landreth | Laymon |

Oliver
Layton
Loretta Lehar

Marie

Meyer


Jo Ann Miller


Leland Robinson wean moor
HANDSOMEST AND PRETTIEST
Curtis Daniel and Jo Thompson


N1. Jim Pearl
1956 Wildcat King
_ - SELECTED by MRS. DANIEL LONGWELL

Miss Mary X inn franks 1956 Wildcat Queen

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Wh. Eldon Smith

Miss Betty Darnall 1955 Football Queen

Miss Kaye Williams

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1956
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Basketball Queen

Sweetheart's Ball
 chorus president; Robert the crowning, the royal dance court.

The Sweetheart's Ball sponsored by the Neosho Mixed Chorus was held on February 18, 1956. Approximately seventy-five couples attended the ball and saw Norma Cope crowned Sweetheart Queen. This dance is an annual affair and was a big success again this year.


Donna Hart, Junior attendant, is es corted by Senior Chorus member, Timmy Brasiola.


Rolene Spencer, Sophomore attendant, and her escort, Gary Higdon,


## "C'Mon Team, We're With Ya!"



OFFICERS

Marilyn Rouse . . . . . . . . . . . Vice-President
Donna Jo Garner . . . . . . . . . . . . . President
Betty Darnall . . . . . . . . . . Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Smith . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sponsor

PEP CLUB

The Pep Club is the familiar organization whose members could always be seen boosting the boys on the team. From the frozen stands of their large football turnouts to the suspenseful basketball games, this group supported our teams wholeheartedly ! Mrs. Smith traveled with and sponsored this cheering group.

Boasting one hundred fifty tireless pairs of vocal cords from which rang the cry of the undefeated, and sometimes defeated "Neosho Wildcats", the 1955-56 Pep Club was one of the largest our school has seen.

During the year, in order to obtain the necessary with which it sponsored the homecomings, the club held candy sales, parties, and of course twentyfive cents dues per semester.



The cheerleaders, Janet Burch, Kaye Williams, Diane CaHail, Jo Thompson, Marlene Miller, Jackie Erickson, along with the Pep Club root the Wildcats to a homecoming victory over Cassville.

## "The Loyal Sons of Neosho High"



Neosho's football fortunes, which rode to two undefeated records in the past two years, sagged this season to yield the Big Nine title to Carthage after a hard 4 win 6 loss season. Neosho entertained Seneca for the first game in the new stadium ending in an early 32-0 setback for the Wildcats. Beset by injuries after the disastrous rout by Seneca, Coach Lane, assisted by Coach Stipp, tried to plug up the holes to meet Rogers, but the Mountaineers plowed through with a $28-13$ win. Next, the Wildcats started the Big Nine play bowing to Nevada, 19-12, and Lamar 37-6. After 4 consecutive defeats Neosho nosed out Monett for a 7-6 win. Neosho emerged for a bitter battle with Carthage, undefeated yet in the season, and Aurora, avenging the past Neosho victories. Carthage remained atop 27-7, and Aurora won 13-12. The new fighting spirit brought out in the Aurora game showed as the Wildcats finished their season by trouncing Mt. Vernon 19-12, Webb City 14-12, and Cassville 27-19.

Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30
Oct. 7
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4 Nov. 18


Seneca Rogers Nevada Lamar Monett Carthage Aurora Mt. Vernon Webb City Cassville

CAPTAIN LELAND ROBINSON "Flipper"


CO-CAPTAIN RONALD SAGE "Ron"
Senior
2,3,4

FOURTH ROW: Holloway, Belt, Altizer, Teagarden, Powell, Smith, Sturdevant, Glover. THIRD ROW: Coach Lane, Brasiola, Caldwell, Potts, Ramsey, Cash, Sweeney, Cotton, Newdiger. SECOND ROW: Oliver, Lewis, Livingston, Killebrew, Anderson, Duncan, Landreth, Evans, Wolfinbarger, FIRST ROW: Newdiger, Young, Wright, Robinson, Sage, Jent, Hammer.

## We Want A Touchdown, Let's Go North!

JIM ANDERSON
Freshman

CHARLES BELT
Charlie"
Junior

TIM BRASIOLA
"Brass"
2,3 Senior
$2,3,4$




TOMMY CALDWELL "Squirt"
Senior 2,3,4

JIMMY CASH
Sophomore

KARL COTTON "King Karl"
Senior 3,4

DON DUNCAN "Dink"
Senior
3,4

## Push 'em Back,

## Push 'em Back.

## Way Back

FOURTH ROW: Hodges, Kenney, Hulsey, Hux, Moellenhoff, Farber, Smith, Prettyman, Givens. THIRD ROW: Coach Stipp, Hutchinson, Jobst, Bruner, Jent, Pearl, Cox, Baugh, Fullerton. SECOND ROW: Ruddick, Lampo, Powell, Stephenson, Harper, Strecker, Wilson, Clanton, Drake, Stuckey. FIRST ROW: Manz, Franks, Campbell, Justice, Stuckey, Rickman, Ruddick.



The "A" team loosens their joints for a tough battle on the gridiron.

Hey, Hey, Ho, Ho,

## Come On Team, Let's Go!

ROBERT EVANS "Big-Un"
Senior

LEON GLOVER
"Bull"
Sophomore

CHARLES HAMMER "Bronc
Sophomore

LARRY HOLLOWAY "Fat"
Junior
1,2,3



HOWARD JENT
Junior

DON KILLEBREW

2,3 Junior

ESTEL LANDRETH
Freshman

JUSTIN LEWIS "J. O."
Sophomore


CHARLES LIVINGSTON "Soup"
J. T. NEWDIGER
"Littlediger"

STANLEY OLIVER "Ollie"

DOUGLAS POTTS
"Potty
3,4 Senior
3,4



RONNIE SWEENEY "Rabbit"

DAVID TEAGARDEN "Spaceman"
Junior

3
J. C. WRIGHT "Hot Dog"
Sophomore

GAYLE YOUNG

Junior


bestow gifts from the team upon Queen Betty Darnall. The spectacular homecoming events were concluded with the queen and her attendants dancing in the candlelighted gym.


Marilyn Rouse, Senior, joins the procession escorted by her beau, Timmy Brasiola.

Linda Houchen, Sophomore, and her escort, Tom Caldwell, approach the royal section. 66

Mary Lou Evans, Freshman, enters the procession with her brother, Robert.

## "Win, Lose Or Tie, We're for You Team"

Although Neosho was not figured to be a top contender at the first of the year, they proved to be a threat to the teams favored in the conference standings.

The Wildcats, with their fast-break offense, usually took the lead in the first minutes of the game, but couldn't seem to overcome those "fourth quarter blues." However, the second half of the season was a different story. The Wildcats started a string of wins early in the start of the new year.

The Kittens had a successful season after pulling out of a slump early in the year. Due to height and speed, they came out with a fair record.

With a strong bench and a good " $B$ " team, it looks as though the Neosho cagers will come back even stronger next year.


COACH BILL STIPP "Hustle!"

THIRD ROW: Johnny Altizer, Joe Manz, Jim Murray, Gary Boese, Gary Guppy, Michael Quirk, Charles Ramsey. SECOND ROW: Edmon Powell, Dale Richards, Douglas Potts, Curtis Daniel. FIRST ROW: Leland Robinson, John Prickett, Paul Millender.



The Kittens dive for the ball and return to the basket to rack up a total of 74 points in the Aurora game.

Nov. 29 - Dec. 3


Carthage Tournament Gassyille Webb City
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Regional
Tournament


Captain Murray leads the Wildcats through the hoop to begin the cage game with the Houn' Dogs.

## "Go Right In and Fight To Win!"

BACK ROW: Richard Bush, Jim Pearl, Rudy Farber, William Kenney, Ralph Moellenhoff. FRONT ROW:
Charles Hammer, Darrell Sellars, Leon Glover, Charles Sturdevant, Teddy Strecker.







Doylene Porter, Junior, is escorted by her beau and an "A" teammember, Doug Potts.


Glenna Loftis represented the Sophomores and is escorted by "A" member, Charles Ramsey.


The Freshman attendant, Joy McNabb, is accompanied by Edmon Powell another member of the " $A$ " squad.

BAND COUNCIL LEFT TO RIGHT: Rosetta Siter, Stanley Oliver. Linda Houchen, Emily Glenister, Stanley Oliver.

This high stepping group under the direction of Lloyd Darnell provided excellent entertainment through the year and is a group Neosho can be proud of.

This fine group portrayed their musical ability by marching at the Harvest Show, parades, and half time shows at the University of Arkansas and the homecoming of K.S.T.C.

On a zero night in November, the band marched at the Joplin Christmas parade. Rosetta Snow represented Neosho as "Miss Merry Christmas".

For the second year the band has toured various towns in the four state area. Plans for the tour and all other activities of the band were brought up by the band council.

## MA JORETTES

Rosemary Easley, Bee Burrow, Rosetta Snow, Vera Snow.

MR. LLOYD DARNELL Director


At football halftime the marching band goes into the formation of 55 . This is just one of the many colorful formations worked out by the director, Mr. Darnall.

FLUTES
Emily Glenister Linda Houchen Jack Penniga Kay Locke

OBOES
Gene Box John Lamb

CLARINETS
Howard Jent Larry Hatfield John Prickett Carolyn Macy Diane Garrison Roger Barlow Linda Patton Rudy Farber

CLARINETS (contd.) Fred Utz Sarah Tuggle Carolyn Macy Mary Ann Fauhl Eldon Smith Eric Haddock Gary Stewart Sue Green Mike Bruner Charles Baugher Linda Popejoy Janice Shilling

BASS CLARINET Connie Adams

ALTO CLARINET Estel Landreth

BASSOON
Judy Easley

SAXOPHONES Richard Bush Jayne Osborn William Kenney Jerry Tuggle Charles Brock

HORNS Vera Snow Jimmie Jobe J. D. Boyd

CORNETS Larry Holloway Gary Guppy Wayne Severs

CORNETS (contd.) Charles Hearne Curtis Daniel Denny Mathis David Teagarden Phillip Wolfe Lewis Skelton Stephen Drake Bonnie Cogbill James Story

TROMBONES Stanley Oliver Charles Sturdevant Bobby Carter Matt Radekin Gary Johnson Kenney Anderson Jerald Reynolds

BARITONES Richard Matters Johnny Weber Ralph Moehlenhoff

## BASSES

Darrell Sellars
Wayne Reding
Robert Lampo
Marcel Linder

## DRUMS

Teddy Strecker Carolyn Hopkins John Rarker Bee Burrow Rosemary Easley Mary Holmes Rosetta Snow


## "THE SINGING "100"!"

 SEATED: Janet Burch, Marilyn Rouse, Rosetta RobertEvans, Don Duncan, Williams and President Don Hall. ST, Gary Houk, Stanley Oliver, Diane Tommy Caldwell, Doug


Mr. Doyle McKinney Dírector CaHail, Margaret Stark.

BACK ROW: M. Rouse, J. Roberts, E. Gilstrap, R. Snow, J. Thompson, B. Darnall, L. Reed, N. Long, C. Sturdevant, P. Millender, R, Sage, G. Higdon, G. Boese, C. Ramsey, J. Murry, M. Standefer, N. Cope, S. Carol Lehar, S. Holzhauer, B. Thompson. FOURTH ROW: G. Weems, R. Crosslin, P. Clement, K. Bebee, R, Bush, D. Mathis, D. Adams, C. Daniel, J. Pearl, D. Potts, T. Caldwell, T. Brasiola, B. Lafon, B. Powell, D. Hall, J. Hodges, B. Marble, M. J. Weems. THIRD ROW: M. Lahman, G. Loftis, S. Harris, R. Easley, J. Hively, G. Justice, D. Welcher, K. Cotton, M. Gibson, W. Severs, L. Holloway, H. Jent, D. Duncan, N. Cope, J. Noble, B. Thompson, J. Kruse, D. Harper, SECOND ROW: L. Houchen, L. Patton, R. Hood, D. Porter, W. Brooks, R. Spencer, G. Houk, L. Robinson, J. Altizer, R. Evans, D. Hart, L. Sitch, B. Loftis, B. McGrane, B. Thompson, J. Haas. FIRST ROW: C. Green, M. A. McCreery, K. Foster, D. Kingry, N. Howard, M. Cox, D. Hood, P. Stillions, M. Stark, D. CaHail, K. Williams, J. Erickson, M. Miller, J. Burch. Stanley Oliver directing.



FIRST ROW: R. Lafoon, R. Bush, S.Lampo, B. Carter, T. Strecker, H. Jent, Pianist; Wylene Wolfinbarger, L. Holloway, J. Hodges, K. Cotton, D. Killebrew, C. Crawford, D. Sellars. SECOND ROW: J. Bandy, J. Engleking, G. Couch, B. L. Edwards, R. Matters, S. Oliver, C. Sturdevant, L. Robinson, R, Evans, R, Lampo, D. Burtcher, R, Wittman, G. Macy, G. Justice, J. Prickett, J. Penninga, F. Ruddick. THIRD ROW: E. Landreth, J. Pearl, M. Quirk, S. Hux, R. Farber, E. Powell, R. Sage, T. Brasiola, D. Potts, T. Caldwell, J. Murry, R. Moellenhoff, G. Boese, J. Altizer, B. Lafon, W. Severs, G. Hatfield, P. Millender, C. Pearl, D. Adams. Mr. McKinney, Director.


Janet Burch, Margaret Stark, Doylene Porter, Judith Roberts, Linda Patton, Kaye Williams, Linda Houchen, Margaret Lahman compose the girls' nonette.


LEFT TO RIGHT: Charles Sturdevant, Johnny Altizer, Don Hall, Howard Jent, Gary Boese, Larry Holloway, Leland Robinson, Robert Evans, Stanley Oliver, David Adams, Richard Bush make up the boys' epsemble.

## "Boogies, Blues, and Brahms"



## ORCHESTRA

This year's orchestra is said to be one of the best in the history of this school's music groups.

It is composed mostly of grade school students with amazing talent and a will for hard work. They provide a hopeful future for the orchestra of our school. This group is directed by Mr. Lloyd Darnell.

The school plays and open house were two of the events at which this year's orchestra performed.

MR. LLOYD DARNELL Director

FIRST ROW: Darrel Sellars, Jo Ann Miller, Jan Austin Lovette Bridges, Sharon Brockman, Linda Caldwell. SECOND ROW: Sandra Mahon, Elaine Wainscott, Linda Matters. THIRD ROW: Jerry Stussy, Kay Locke, John Prickett, Bill Hux, Susan White, Donna Cole, Klair Kyser, Eddie Marble, Donnie McFall, FOURTH ROW: Carolyn Tichenor, Jimmie Lee, Charles Hammer, Jeff Haas, Larry Williams, Sally Brockman.



FIRST ROW: Sue Hatchett, Janet Burch, Diane CaHail, Gary Higdon, Donna JoGarner, Leland Robinson. SECOND ROW: Janice Douglas, Rosa Robertson, Beverly Wilson, Donna Stewart, Rayma Hammer, Mary Lou Freund, Judy Roberts, Marilyn Rouse, Carole Sue Spencer, Carlos Baron, Mary Lea Daniels. THIRD ROW: John Garoutte, David Adams, Douglas Potts, Gary Boese, Wayne Smith, Raymond Cobb, Mary Standefer, David Garrison, Paul Allison.

## "Let Your Light So Shine"

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

One of the most distinguished honors which can be bestowed upon a student is to be selected by the faculty for membership in the National Honor Society. This is a national chartered organization, and our local chapter is sponsored by Miss Effie Neil.

Membership is composed of fifteen per cent of the Senior Class and five per cent of the Junior Class. To be eligible, they must rank in the upper third of their class and excell not only in scholarship, but also in service, character, and leadership.

The new members are announced each year in a special N.H.S. assembly. They are later honored at an early morning breakfast given by the old members.


OFFICERS
Janet Burch . Secretary
Donna Jo Garner Treasurer Sue Hatchett . . . . . . . . . . . . . . President Leland Robinson . . . . . . . . . .Parliamentarian Gary Higdon . . . . . . . . . . . . Vice-President

## "Their Work Will Benefit Others"



BACK ROW: Mr. Courdin, Gean Boyer, Lonnie Morris, Lonnie Jent, Tony Young, Harold Schied, Eugene Meyer, Richard Poor, David Roy, Don Branick, Barton Onweiler, Bryant Blakeley, Gary McClendon, Danny Shilling, Richard Van Mason, David Fritchey, Orville McGehee. MIDDLE ROW: J. T. Newdiger, Lawrence Howland, Junior Combs, Ronnie Stuckey, Lewis Skelton, Bill Ramsey, Emmet Erwin, John Williams, J. H. Meyer, Webster Philliber, Paul Randolph, Larry Rogers, James McClendon, Gene Hall, Dick Morris, FRONT ROW: Roy Hill, Owen Johnson, Tony Ezell, Wayne Cochran, Carl Yetter, Chester Stuckey, Terry Herron, Marvin Essley, Howard Wilson, Bobbie Staib, Norman Busker.



THIRD ROW: John Garoutte, Miss Perdue, Neil Long, Nellie Moore, Donna Jo Garner, Wayne Smith, Tom Hoberock, Dean Welcher, Barbara Thompson, Carolyn Wittmann, Beverly Wilson. SECOND ROW: Pat Reed, Judy Haas, Marlene Miller, Janice Douglas, Rayma Hammer, Mary Chancellor, Rosa Robertson, Mr. McKinney. FIRST ROW: Shirley Buzzard, Marilyn Bogle, Gail Weems, Mary Standefer, Gary Higdon.

## "They Argue Pro and Con"

## NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE

The National Forensic League consists of members of the speech and debate groups. Our local league is sponsored by Mr. Doyle McKinney and Miss Mary Ann Perdue.

To be a member of NFL is a sought after privilege. Each time a person presents a reading, debate, et cetera in public or at a tournament, he earns the total of twenty points, he is eligible for membership. If he works up to fifty, one hundred, or two hundred points, he is granted a degree of honor, excellence, and then distinction.

The speech and debate teams have been very successful this year. They have returned home with many trophies from the tournaments at Dallas, Muskogee, Springfield, Ft. Scott, Columbia, and New Orleans.


Donna Jo Garner . . . . . . . Secretary
Mr. Mc Kinney . . . . . . . . . . . Sponsor
John Garoutte . . . . . . . . . . President
Mary Standefer . . . . . . . Vice-President
Miss Perdue . . . . . . . . . . . . Sponsor

## "Artisans of Language"



OFFICERS
Sue Hallman . . . . . . . . . . . . Vice-President
Garolyn Wittmann . . . . . . . . . . . President
Mr. Summers . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sponsor
Dona Cobb . . . . . . . . . . . Secretary-Treasurer

## COSMO CLUB

The Cosmo Club is the commonly known name for the Cosmopolitan Club. 'Cosmopolitan' refers to something belonging to all the world; hence, this club is made up of members familiar with foreign languages. Any student who has had, or is taking Spanish or Latin is eligible for membership.

Mr. Carl Summers, who teaches both Latin and Spanish, sponsors this group. It was organized in 1952 and still maintains a large and active membership.

During the year they hold their club parties and also sponsor an all-school party. This year they sponsored the "Grab-A-Lad" party, which carried the leap year theme of the girls doing the asking for a date.

ROW FIVE: Peter Jobst, Richard Prettyman, Rosa Robertson, Sue Hallman, Matt Redekin, Jan Austin, John Carver. ROW FOUR: Lynne Reed, Mr. Summers, J. O. Lewis, David Adams, Gary Boese, Charles Ramsey, Raymond Cobb, Gary Higdon, Paul Allison. ROW THREE: Gail Weems, Mary Lou Freund, David Rackowitz, Sue Hatchett, Mary Sue Guy, Barbara Burr, Grace Oxford, Linda Caldwell. ROW TWO: Carolyn Wittmann, Gail Peters, Sue Price, Nancy Hames, Pat Massey, Donna Harper. ROW ONE: Nellie Moore, Dona Cobb, Diane Branham, Brenda Hammond.



BACK ROW: Mr. Miller, Mr. Bell, John Faules, Charles Baucher, Wayne Smith, David Adams, Charles Hammer, Mr. Fryback. FRONT ROW: Jayne Osborn, Connie Adams, Emily Glenister, Mary Chancellor, Carol Green, Carolyn Wittmann, Sue Hatchett.

## "Worms, Germs, and Pachyderms"

## SCIENCE CLUB

This club was newly organized last spring and is a chartered member of the Science Club of America. It is sponsored by three interested faculty members, Mr. Bell, Mr. Fryback, and Mr. Miller.

To become a member, a student must have one credit in math and two credits in science.

The Science Club is very active and meets every Saturday morning. During the year, as a project, they have observed the local water plant, telephone office, Neosho Nurseries, and many other scientific points of interest. This club furthers the biological, physical, and mathematical interests in Neosho High.


OFFICERS

David Adams . . . . . . . . . . . President
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Mr. Fryback . . . . . . . . . . . . Sponsor
Mr. Bell . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sponsor

## "Ready, Aim, - Fire!"



OFFICERS
Max Morgan . . . . . . . . . . Range Master
Jim Smith
Mr. Messer . . . . . . . . . . . . Instructor
Wayne Smith . . . . . . . . Vice-President
Sam Wolfinbarger . . . . . . . Secretary
John Carver . . . . . . . . . . . Treasurer

## RIFLE CLUB

One of the youngest, but fastest growing clubs in our school is the Rifle Club. This organization is open to any student seventeen or under who is interested in the firing and care of a weapon. Although both boy and girl students are eligible, all the present members are boys. The club received their charter from the National Rifle Association on March 28, 1955.

The members fire their rifles weekly at the local National Guard Armory. The club buys all the munition which the members use, but the army supplies them with guns and targets. Their arms consist of twenty-two caliber rifles. The club is sponsored and coached by Mr. Messer with the assistance of Mr. Miller.

STANDING: Bobby Fields, Wayne Smith, Dale Richards, J. O. Lewis, Richard Matters, Matt Radekin, John Carver. SEATED: Mr. Messer, Jim Smith, John Faules, Max Morgan, Sam Wolfinbarger.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Peggy Randolph, Joann Kelly, Mrs. Payne, Barbara Hadley, Pat Roberts, Twyla Winchester, Kay Stewart, Mary Martin, Pat Greenfeather, Pat Keller, Dona Cobb, Margie Stice, Sue Bushmeyer, Tom Toberock, Nancy Howard.

## "Precision Bookkeepers"

## LIBRARIAN'S CLUB

The Librarian's Club is composed of students which have a great interest in helping the student body check out and renew books. While they are working behind the desk, Mrs. James Payne, the librarian, assists the students in finding the books of their choice and need.

Senior English, speech, and debate students can very well be indebted to the librarian and assistants who so willingly help them find material for their orations and research themes. These members must be hard workers to keep the books in order and library neat.


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Sue Ann Bushmeyer . . . . . . Secretary-Treasurer
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Mrs. James Payne . . . . . . . . . . . . Sponsor
Kay Stewart . . . . . . . . . . . . . Vice-President

## "Black and White and Read All Over"



Richard Bush . . . . . . . . . . . . Assistant Editor
David Adams . . . . . . . . . . . . Editor-in-chief

## WILDCAT'S MEOW

The newspaper finds its challenge in meeting deadlines. The paper attempts to get news, feature, and sports stories to its readers as fast, or faster than word of mouth. Although this is impossible in a school the size of N.H.S., the paper runs a pretty good race. The staff puts out a two page edition each Friday containing news from as late as Tuesday.

As well as news stories about such events as elections, speech and drama, and honor roll lists, the paper has a regularfeature section. "Potts and Porter", "Kampus Katie", and other less regular columns keep the reader posted on information that isn't exactly news, yet isn't gossip.

The Sports Editor and his crew do a good job of keeping the student body up to date on all the Big Nine and local sports happenings.

Mr . Payne, of the journalism department, and Mr. Tink, of the printing department, sponsor and assist the paper staff.

THIRD ROW: Jim Murray, Robert Evans, Rudy Farber, Doug Potts, Raymond Cobb, David Garrison, Johnny Garoutte. SECOND ROW: Mary Lou Evans, Judy Haas, Carolyn Wittmann, Dona Cobb, Doylene Porter, Carolyn Mitchell, Margaret Stark, Kaye Williams, Judith Roberts, Mr. Payne. FIRST ROW: Donna Jo Garner, Gary Boese, Gail Weems, David Adams.



STANDING: David Adams, Editor; Mr. James Payne, Sponsor. SEATED: Gary Boese, Sports Editor; Gail Weems, Feature Editor; Donna Jo Garner, News Editor.

Typists and printers are-
STANDING:
Margaret Stark,
Carolyn Mitchell, Mr. Wink, Janet Burch, Kaye Williams, Mary Lea Daniels.

Margaret Stark assists Carolyn Mitchell, Circulation Editor, in distributing an edition of the WILDCAT'S MEOW.


# "It's in the Book" 



Beverly Wilson . . . . . . . . . .Asst. Editor
Miss Maudmary Wilson . . . . . Sponsor
Diane Ca Hail . . . . . . . . . . . Co-Editor
Marilyn Rouse . . . . . . . . . . Co-Editor

## ANNUAL STAFF

The staff of the school yearbook often takes over the job with little or no experience in book publishing. The members are faced with a multitude of problems which must be solved if the venture is to be successful.

Marilyn Rouse and Diane CaHail, co-editors of the 1956 WILDCAT, began by planning the sections of the book, determining the number of pages to be used, and designing the cover and end pages.

Next was to select a publisher and photographer. After thoughtful consideration of three companies, the editors and sponsor, Maudmary Wilson, chose the Inter-Collegiate Press of Kansas City and Mr. Murphy returned as the photographer.

Immediately classes, football homecoming, and various other activities were photographed, and the staff began the slow job of compiling pages to mail to the printers.

The climax of the many hours' work put into this book comes at the annual party after the King and Queen are announced, and the students are issued the finished product--your 1956 WILDCAT!

ST ANDING: Stanley Oliver, John Prickett, Beverly Wilson, Rosetta Snow, Diane Branham, Rolene Spencer, Jim McFall, Miss Wilson, Timmy Brasiola, Ronald Sage, Carlos Baron, SEATED: Sue Hatchett, Judith Roberts, Diane Ca Hail, Marilyn Rouse, Carole Spencer.



Rolene Spencer, Stanley Oliver, and Jim McFall demonstrate how they conducted the students to have their individual pictures taken.


Rolene Spencer, Judy Roberts, Sue Hatchett, and John Prickett put their brains and the typewriters to work compiling the write-ups.


Timmy Brasiola, Jimmy McFall, Rosetta Snow, and Betty Darnall



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