

the

Wildcat

of 1956

marilyn rouse diane cahail co - editors



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.







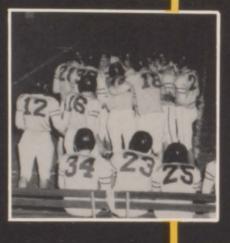
the best years of our lives

registration election rose day calendar

the people around us

administration classes personalities royalty





the spirit of our school

the spirit of our school pep club football basketball band

the enthusiastic hours

organizations paper staff annual staff farewell











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". . .



"McCreery, quit making faces at the Seniors". . .



"Listen gang, vote for Spider"...



Erickson says, "Even Davy Crockett is a Junior fan"...



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

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

Rose Day



"When the hurly, burly's done, and the game is lost or won" ...



"Janet presents Captain Leland his rose, and Johnny is next"...





"From the Pep Club, to the player, to the girl is the journey of a rose as shown 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!"



"There was a hot time in the old town that night!"



"The football queen and her court smile gayly as the coronation comes to a close."



"The 1955 track team had a successful season along the cinder path." 10



"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."



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



"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



"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

JANUARY

- 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 Award 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





Mrs. Byrd Cafeteria Supervisor





Kook and Kustodians

"Get into that kitchen and rattle 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.

Miss Doris Kenny Secretary to Superintendent

Carson Barlow Principal

Known as principal, counselor, and friend to Neosho High School students, Carson Barlow represents the highest standards of his profession. He is a part of every students life here at N.H.S. and someone to whom they can turn for understanding and advice. We are grateful to Mr. Barlow, not only for his capable and efficient leadership, but also for his friendship.

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The Wheels Behind

Our Educational System



Dr. Harry Bridges President of Board

Perry Bliss Treasurer

W. R. Collie

Tom McClintock Secretary

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 grateful.

Paul Clark Vice - President

Foster Evans

Hale McGinty



Energy, Patience and Foresight

Are Theirs



Marion L. Bell Science Student Council

Ralph J. Brown Diversified Occupation Guidance Counselor













Mrs. Joe Coker Government

> Gene Courdin Vocational Agriculture F.F.A.

> > Mrs. Richard Fauhl



Lloyd Darnell Instrumental Mu:

Richard Fauhl Metal Shop



Ada Hancock Commerce Assembly Committee National Honor Society



Russell Johnson History Psychology William Fryback Science

English

Study Hall

Mrs. Chauncey Hastings

Calvin Lane Football Coach Track Coach Physical Education







James Payne English Wildcat's Meow

J. Ellis Latimer Industrial Arts Vocational Training

Doyle McKinney Vocal Music Dramatics

Forrest Miller Mathematics

Golf Coach



Mary Ann Perdue English Dramatics

Buck Lowery Auto Mechanics

Duane Messer History Rifle Club

Effie Neil Mathematics

National Honor Society

Local Honor Roll

Mrs. James Payne

Librarian Library Club









Mollie Smith Physical Education Pep Club



Bill Stipp Basketball Coach Assistant Football Coach



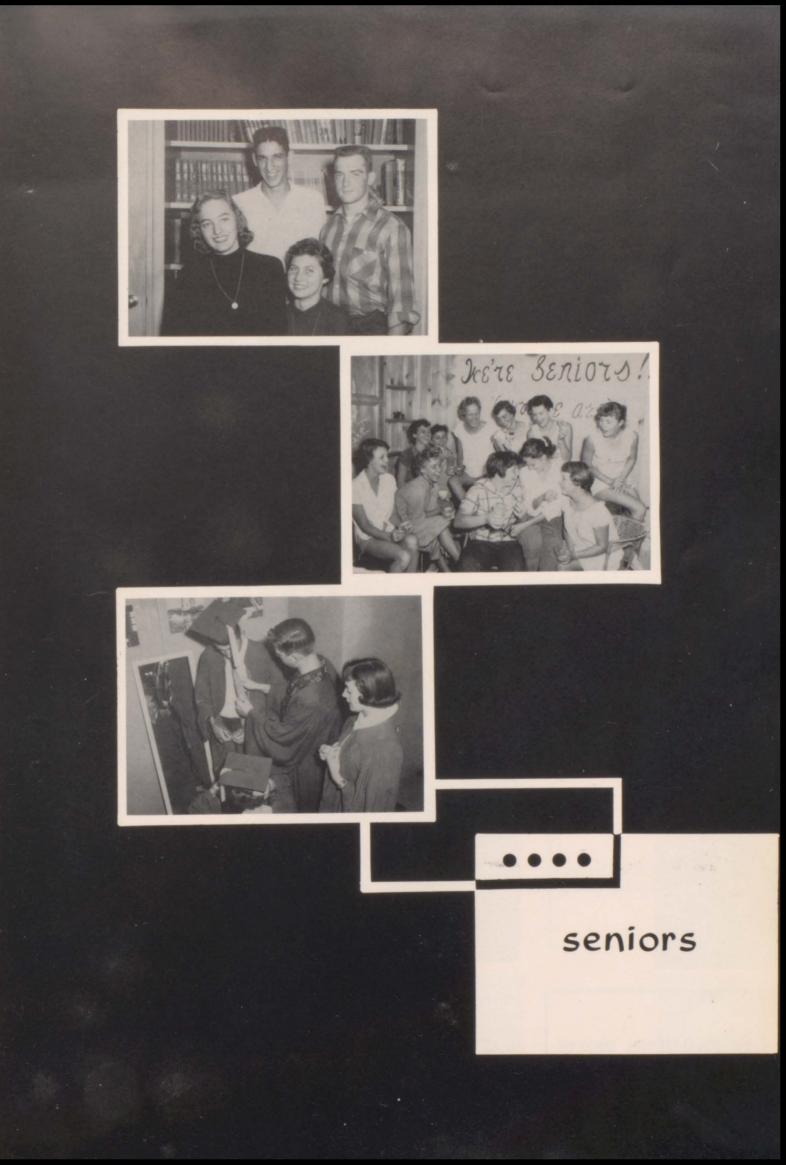
Carl Summers English Foreign Languages Cosmo Club 20



Commerce



Maudmary Wilson Art Wildcat's Meow Wildcat Sponsor





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



Patsy Ball F.H.A. 1 Office Assistant 2

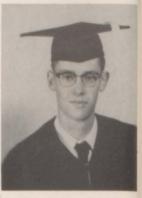
F.F.A. PRESIDENT EVERT LYONS

STATE SOLO AWARD GAIL WEEMS

Richard Barlow Football 2



Carlos Baron Class President 3 Steering Committee 3,4 Annual Staff 4 Cosmo Club 2





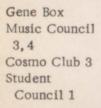
Jim Bates



Curtis Bishop



Chuck Bleakley F.F.A. 1 Basketball 1





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



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



Diane CaHail National Honor Society 3, 4 Cheerleader 2, 3, 4 Annual Editor 4 Football Candidate 1 Basketball Candidate 3 Tennis 1, 2, 4



Stephen Buzzard

Tommy Caldwell Football 1, 2, 3, 4 Track 1, 2, 3 Basketball 2 Student Council 1, 2 Operetta 3, 4 N Club 2, 3, 4



STATE F.F.A. BAND

STANLEY OLIVER



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



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

FOOTBALL QUEEN JUDITH ROBERTS

SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD JO THOMPSON Harold Cook Barnwarming King 2 F.F.A. Basketball



Ray Cooper





Norma Cope Girls' State 3 F.H.A. 2,3 Pep Club 2,3,4 Home Room Officer 4



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



Marilyn Cox

Rochelle Crosslin Pep Club 1, 3



Bill Curry_



Mary Lee Daniels. F.H.A. 1,2 Pep Club 1,2,3,4 School Play 3 Paper Staff 3,4



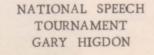


Nancy Daniels Pep Club 1,2,3,4 F.H.A. 1,2,3,4



Joe Dawson Pep Club 1,3

MIXED CHORUS PRESIDENT DON HALL



Gene Delano F.F.A. 1,2,3



Clint Dingman





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



Judy Easley Pep Club 3,4 JC SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD EUGENE BRASIOLA

FOOTBALL CO-CAPTAIN RONALD SAGE

Walter Emery Football 3 Track 1 Annual Staff 1 School Play 1



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





Don Fairchild



Vincent Franks Football 1,2,3 Boxing 3



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





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



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



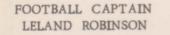


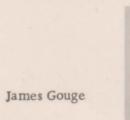
Shirley Garoutte F.H.A. 3,4 Home Room President 4



Edith Gilstrap Pep Club 1,2,3

BARNWARMING QUEEN JANET BURCH







Agnes Green





Carol Green Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4 F.H.A. 1,2,3,4 Science Club 3,4



Daniel Green

COUNTY F.F.A. TREASURER BOB WELSH

DISTRICT F.H.A. OFFICER ROSETTA SNOW

Ronnie Gunlock



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



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





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



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

TRACK MANAGER DONNIE DUNCAN Robert Howland Class President 2 F.F.A. Secretary 3 F.F.A. 1,2,3



David Hutchings





Shirley Jackson Pep Club 4 Student Council Alternate 4



Billy Jeffery

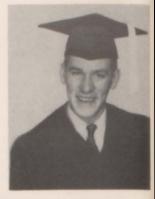
SERVED IN WORLD WAR II NAVY DANIEL W. GREEN

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

Joann Kelly F.H.A. 2,3 Pep Club 3,4 Paper Staff 3 Library Club 4



Jack Kessinger





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



Jackie Kraft

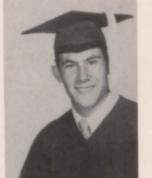


Darryl Kruse Yearbook King Candidate 4

Margaret Lahman Triple Trio 3, 4



Doyce Latimer



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



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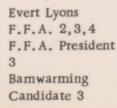
Charles Livingston Football 1,2,3,4 N Club 3,4



Shirley Lynn Home Room Officer 3

FOOTBALL MANAGER DONALD NEWDIGGER

DRAMATICS AWARDS DONNA JO GARNER





Bill McClure





Jimmy McFall Paint Daubers 3,4 Annual Staff 4 Football 3



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

SCIENCE AWARD CAROLYN WITTMANN

JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT CARLOS BARON James McIlvaine



Donna Marble Golf 3,4





Mary Mariney



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





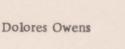
Stanley Oliver N Club 2, 3, 4 Track 2, 3, 4 Football 2, 3, 4 Basketball 2 School Play 2 Operetta 3, 4 Annual Staff 4



Ila Osborne Pep Club 4 (absent when pictures taken)

THREE YEAR STUDENT WAYNE SMITH

STATE 4-H GOOD GROOMING AWARD MARY LOU FREUND





Geraldine Owens





Betty Parsons F.H.A. 1,2,3,4 Pep Club 4



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

BOYS' STATE DELEGATE CHARLES RAMSEY Edmon Powell Football 1,2,3,4 Basketball 3,4 Tennis 3,4 N Club 2,3,4



Barbara Ramsey Pep Club 3,4





Charles Ramsey Football 1,2,3,4 Basketball 1,2,3,4 Operetta 4 School Play 4 Student Council 4 Track 1,2



Peggy Randolph F.H.A. 1,2,3 Library Club 4



Wayne Rentfro



Judith Roberts Football Queen 3 Pep Club President 3 Triple Trio 2, 3, 4 Annual Staff 3, 4 Steering Committee 3 Music Council 4



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





John Reynolds

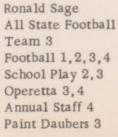
Woodrow Rogers F.F.A. 3



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

DEBATE AWARDS MARY STANDEFER

TV GUEST STAR ON MELODY MATINEE MARGARET LAHMAN





Cay Sampson Student Body Secretary 4





Billie Scott



Dale Shilling F.F.A. 2

ANNUAL EDITOR MARILYN ROUSE

D.A.R. REPRESENTATIVE RAYMA HAMMER Lawrence Shuey Boxing 3,4 F.F.A. 2



Richard Sieren





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



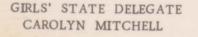


Peggy Stillions F.H.A. 1,2,3,4 Pep Club 1,2,3,4 Barnwarming Candidate 4 Office Assistant 4



Johnny Thomas

BOYS' STATE DELEGATE DOUGLAS POTTS



Sterling Thomas



Jo Thompson Class Officer 2 Cheerleader 3,4 Basketball Queen

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Tennis 1,2,3,4 Yearbook Candidate 2 Student Council4



GIRLS' STATE DELEGATE DIANE CAHAIL

Donald Thurman



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

Nelvina Tice



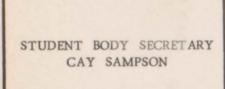


Gordon Vick

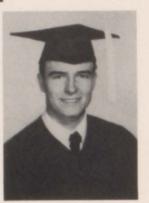


Club 2

MUSIC AWARD GENE BOX



Dean Welcher Wildcat King 2 Best Actor Award 3 Boys' Ensemble 2 Class Officer 3 N.F.L. 3,4 Football 1, 2, 3



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





John Whitesell



Ruth Whitlock

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL AWARD EDMON POWELL

WILDCAT KING DEANIE WELCHER Kaye Williams Cheerleader 4 Majorette 1,3 Yearbook Candidate 3 Wildcat's Meow 3,4 Triple Trio 3,4



Roy Wilson



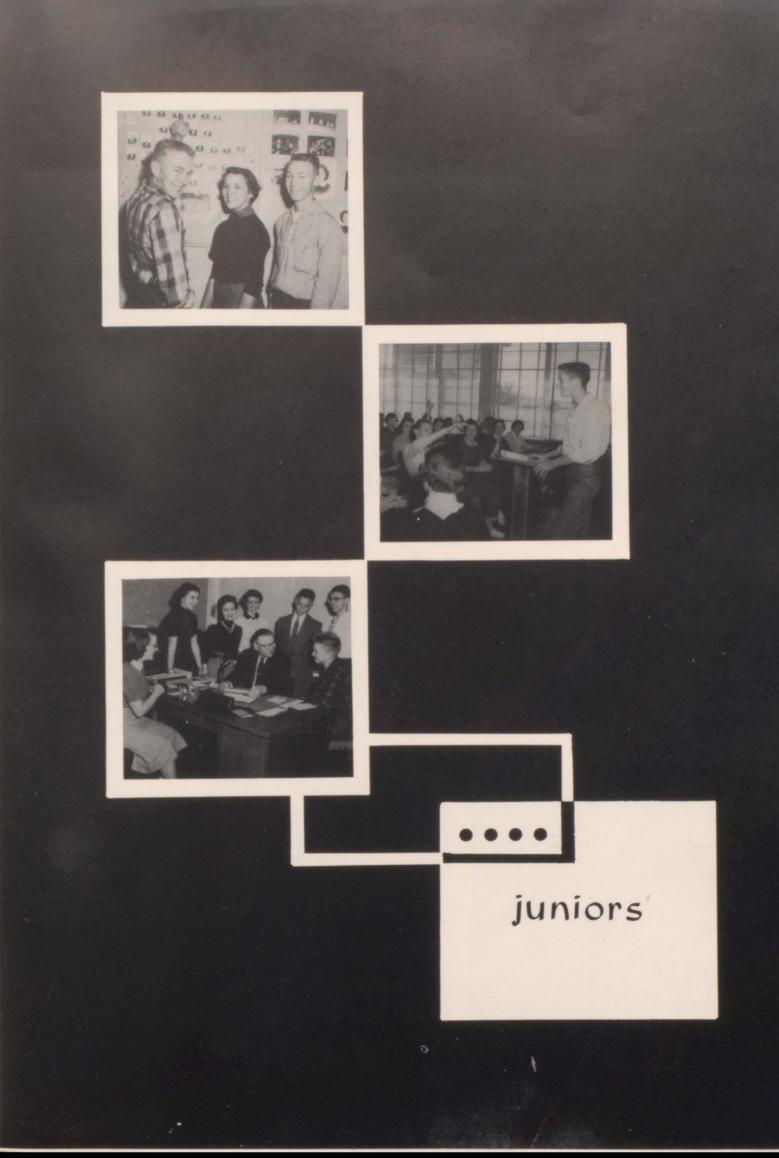
Lorita Winchester



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



Jimmie Yetter F.F.A. 1,2,3,4 F.F.A. President 4 F.F.A. Secretary 3







David Adams

Joyce Adams

John Altizer



Joan

Ball

Charles Belt



Bryant Blakeley



Gary Boese



Kay Bogle



Gean Carol Boyer



Dorothy Brady



Billy Brock



Wyleen Brooks



Sheldon Bushnell



Norman Busker



Yulonda Butts



John Carver



Pattie Clement



Delmar Coôk



Nolan Cope



Howard Crumbliss



James Cummings



Curtis Daniel



Betty Darnall



Jerry Daugherty



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



Bill Day



Janice Douglas

Joan

Edson



Rosemary Easley



Raymond

East

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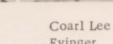


Mary Ehrhart



Jackie Erickson





Evinger



John Faules



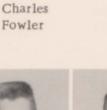
David Francis



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Bobby Fields



George Gibson

Sue

Hallman



Herman Griffin



Peggy Gunlock



Mary Ann Franks

Gary

Guppy



Robert

Hale

John Garoutte





Emily Glenister



Sheila Harris



Donna Hart



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



Peggy

Harris

George Hatzfeld









Ray Gene

Hill

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Roy

Hill





Norma Hoagland



Phyllis Hawk





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



Larry Holloway

Doris Hood



Phyllis Hood



Mary Hoover





Jerry Hudson



Dona1d Hunt



Betty

Jeff



Howard Jent



David Johnson



Gary

Houk

Betty Jones



Dona1d Jones



Mary Jones



Dona1d Kessinger



Don Killebrew



Elizabeth Layton



Margaret Love



Bessie Lowery



James McClendon



Mary Alyce McCreery



Robert

Lafon

Jerry Mahaffey



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



Barbara Marble



Charlotte

Marks

Dorene Marks

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Richard Mason





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





Denny Mathis

Larry Messer



Paul Millender



Marlene Miller



Max Morgan



Lonnie Morris



Bob Murray



Norma Musgrove



Shelley Newdigger



Rosemarie Plewa



Doylene Porter



Kathryn Powell



John Prickett



David Rackowitz



Wayne

Reding

Larry

Noble



Lynne Reed



Dale Richards



Anna Rickman



Rosa Robertson



Shirley Schuler



Wayne

Severs



Betty Shue y





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

Wayne Shue y

Dorothy Simmons

Jim Simmons





Lois Sitch

Donna Skaggs

Jim

Smith



Vera Snow



Maxine Steward



Donna Stewart

James Story



Ronnie Swift



David Teagarden



Erma Thogmartin



Barbara Thompson



Richard Van Dorn



Russell Walker



Ellen Wallace



Cledith Wead



Mary Jane Weems



Paula Wells



Ethel Welsh



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."



Sammy Wolfinbarger



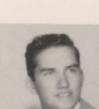
James Wood





Gayle Young

Marie Young



Kenneth Worley





"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

Virginia Bevis Carolyn Bishop Marilyn Bogle Diane Branham





Richard Branham



Richard Brown



Don Branick



Sherry Buchanan



Barbara Burr





Ker Cal

Kenney Caldwell



Linda Caldwell



Penelope Carnahan



Jimmie Cash



Rubie Castillo



Barbara Chester



Wesley

Clark

Richard

Bush

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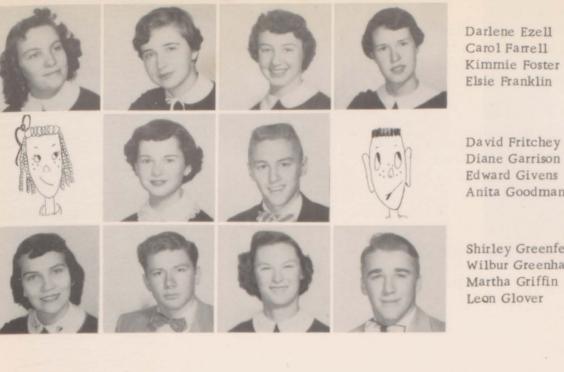
Bonnie Cogbill Junior Combs Karen Cook Sharon Coombes

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."



Anita Goodman

Shirley Greenfeather Wilbur Greenhaw



"The chaperones also take a break or the way to Eureka where the chorus performs."



Farol Gunlock



Karen Gunlock



Mary Sue Guy



Judy Haas



Barbara Hadley



Andy

Hager



Charles Hall



Gene Hall





Charles Hammer



Brenda Hammond



Donna Harper





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

















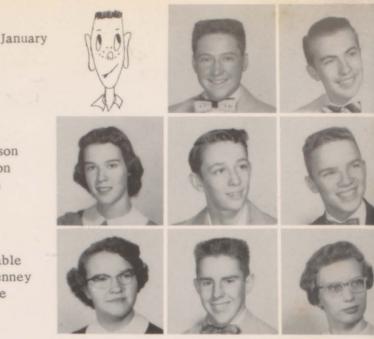


"It was Balay, Duncan, McNabb, Wolfinbarger, Bright, and Evans who cheered the Freshmen on to victory."

Dee Claude January Jimmy Jobe Peter Jobst

Evelyn Johnson Owen Johnson Gary Justice

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Richard Lafoon



Patsy Lasiter

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Long



Teddy Lawson



Justin Lewis



Marcel

Linder



Kay Locke



Brenda Loftis



Linda

Lasiter

Glenna Loftis



Mary Jane McCartney



Gary McClendon Jack McClure



Edith McCrary

Beverly McDonald

John Mahaffey Harry Marble Ken Martin

Pat Massey Richard Matters Eugene Meyer



the finishing touches on Mr. Johnson's dreaded mural. Who will it be next year?"











Carolyn McGuire Carolyn Macy

"Ethel, Beverly, Charlotte, and Donna put









Beverly Monroe Dick Morris Don Mosby Jerry Mosley

James Myers Bobbie Naylor Addie Newdigger Joseph Newdigger



Joye Noble Barton Onwiler Bill Osborn Jayne Osborn



"How pert Maggie, Jo, and Rosie look at four a. m. "



Clovis Owen



Dennis Owen



David Patterson



Linda Patton



Charles Pearl





Webster Philliber



Richard Poor



Joe Powell



Geneiva Pratt



Richard Prettyman



Bill Ramsey



Dewayne

Ratcliffe

Gail

Peters





Pat Reed



"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











Janice Starr



James Stephenson



Rona ld Stuckey



Charles Sturdevant





Ronnie Sweeney Nancy Taylor



Judith Тепту



Carol Thurman



Garry Thurman



Sarah Tuggle



Mary Lee Ward



John

Weber

George Weems













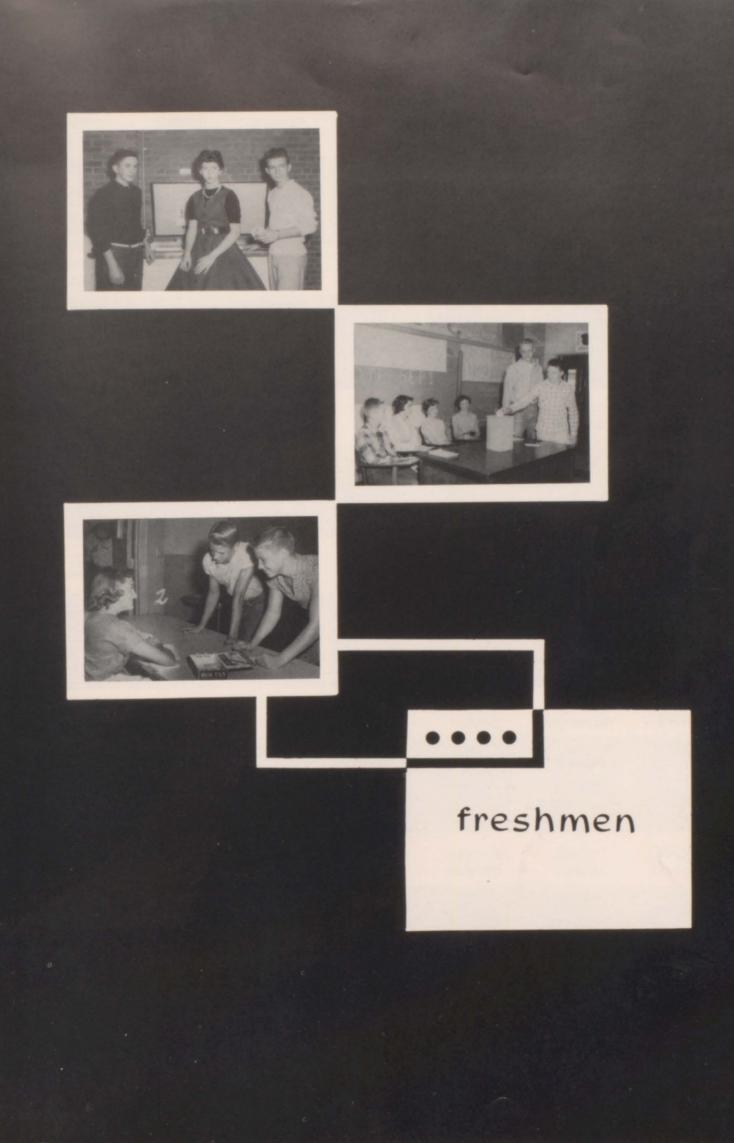
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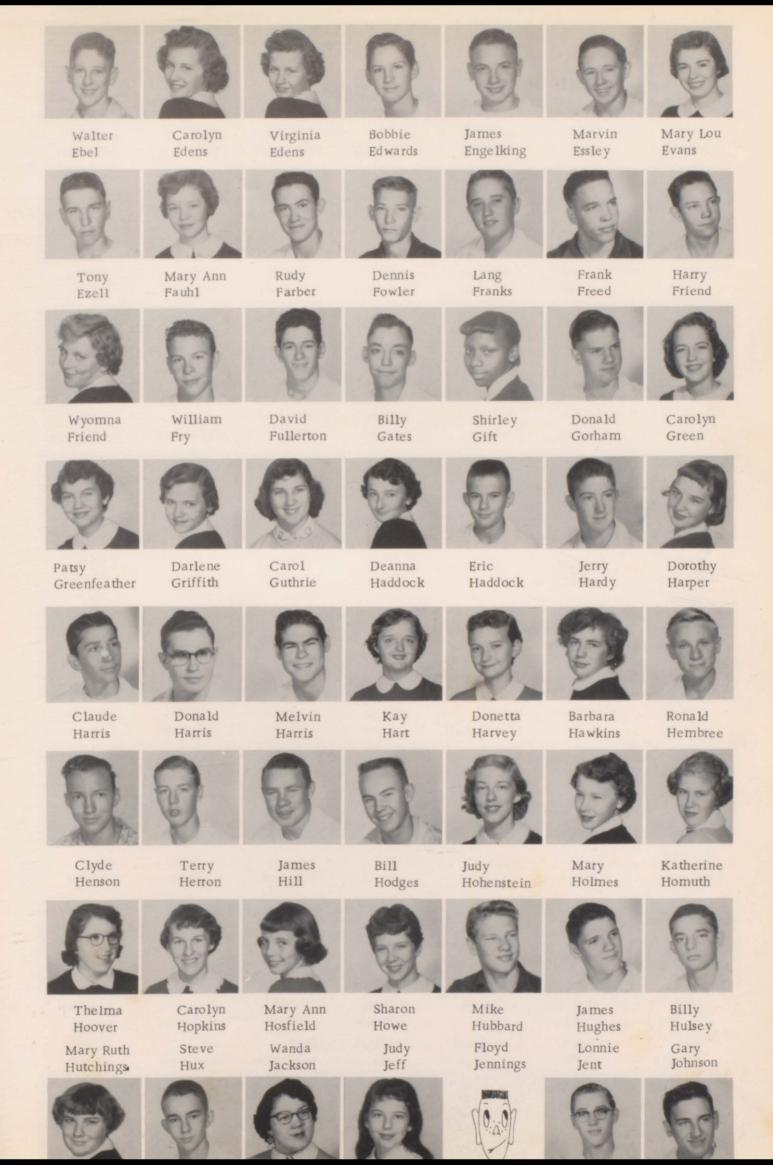
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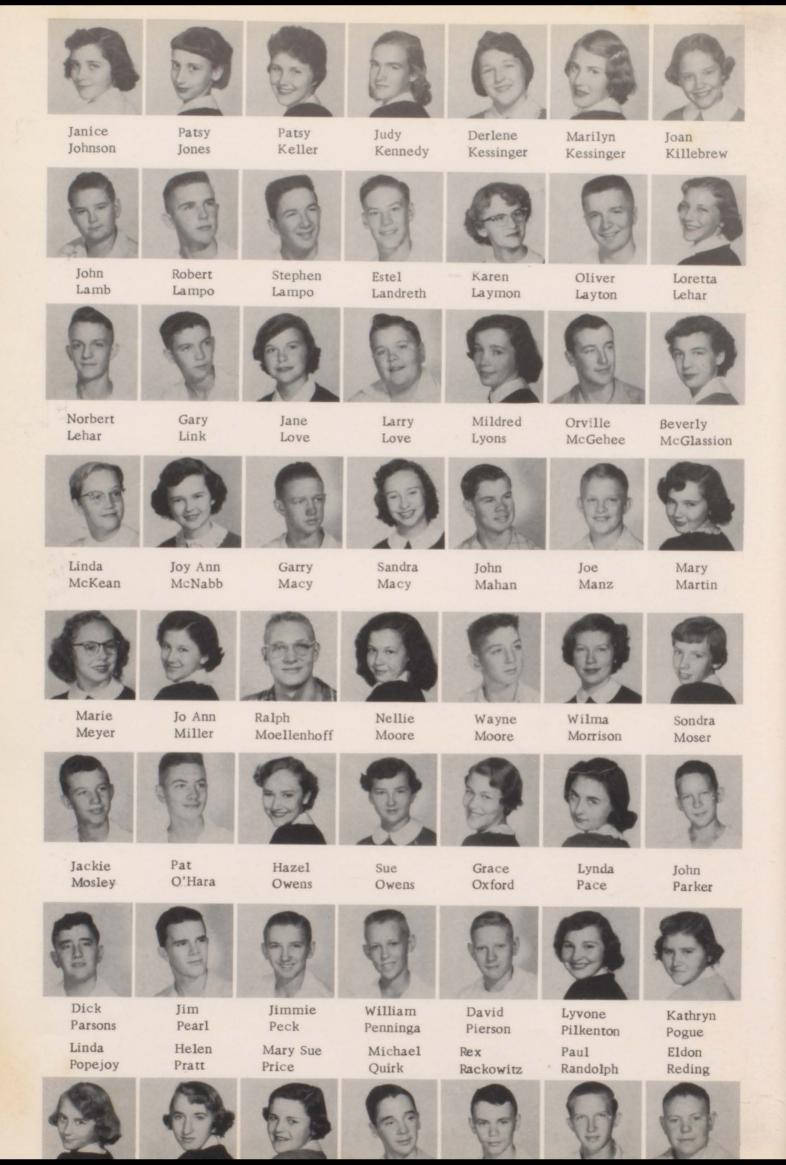


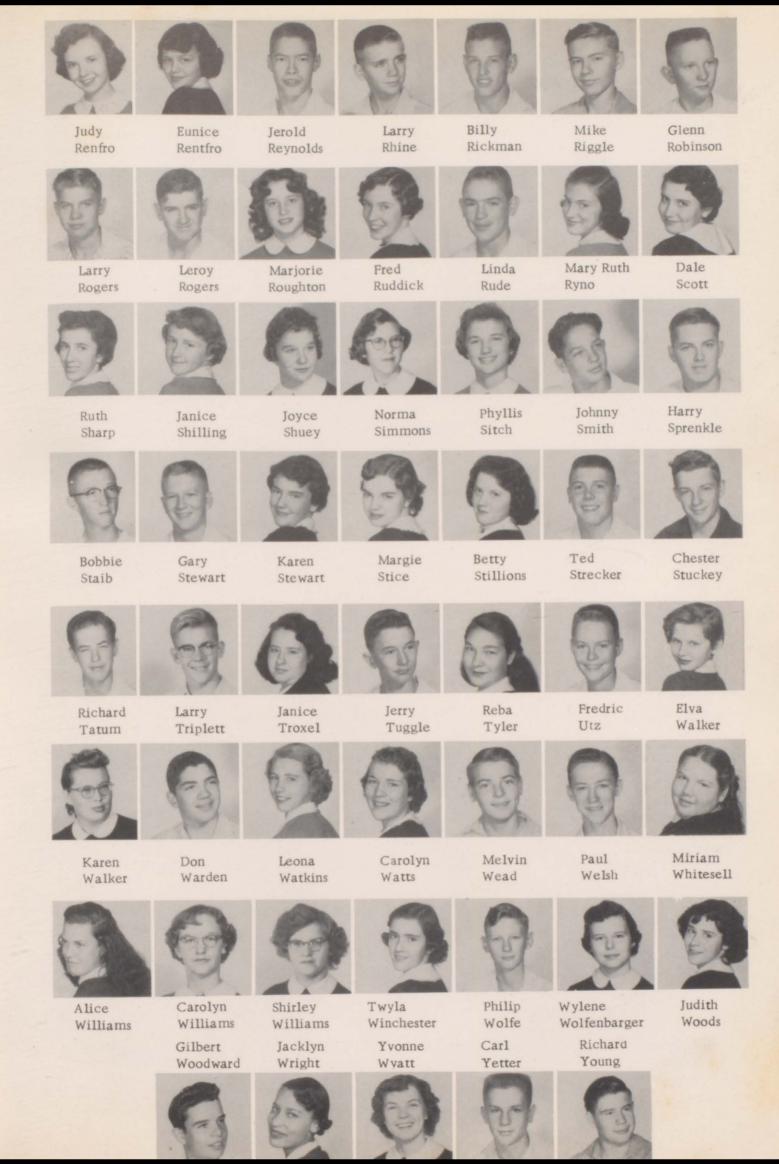
"The first, dance of football homecoming was enjoyed by the queen and her court."





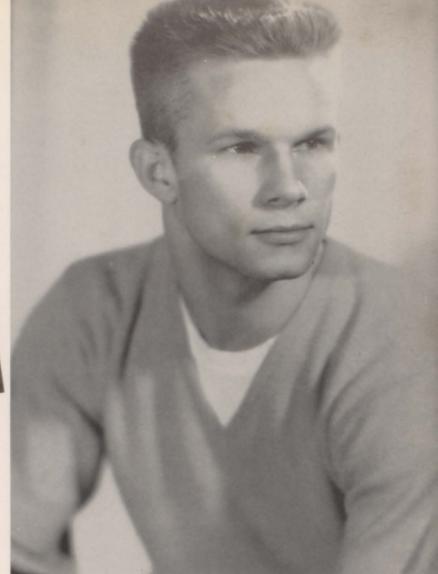








HANDSOMEST AND PRETTIEST Curtis Daniel and Jo Thompson



Leland Robinson IDEAL BOY

PEPPIEST AND MOST ATHLETIC Diane Ca Hail and Leland Robinson

MOST COURTEOUS Judith Roberts and Gary Boese

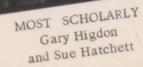




PERSONALITY PLUS Timmy Brasiola and Betty Darnall

IDEAL GIRL

Diane Ca Hail



MOST DEPENDABLE Donna Jo Garner Robert Evans

Mr. Jim Pearl

1956 Wildcat King

_ SELECTED BY MRS. DANIEL LONGWELL

Miss Mary Ann Franks

1956 Wildcat Queen

SELECTED BY MR. DANIEL LONGWELL

Miss Patry Keller

RUNNER-UP

Mr. Certis Variel

RUNNER-UP

Miss Mary Jou Freund ATTENDANT



The Darryl Kruse

ATTENDANT



Mr. Eldon Smith

ATTENDANT

White Karen Cook ATTENDANT

Miss Betty Varnall 1955 Football Queen

FOOTBAL

Miss Kaye Williams NEOSHO 1956 Basketball Queen 山

Sweetheart's Ball

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.



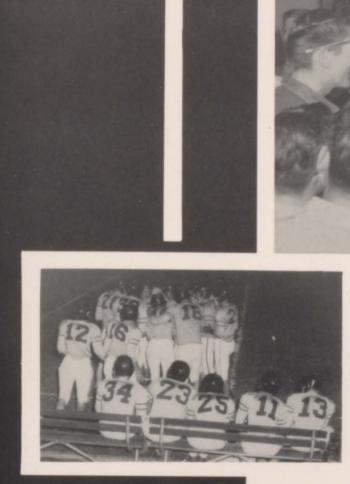
Donna Hart, Junior attendant, is escorted by Senior Chorus member, Timmy Brasiola.



Rolene Spencer, Sophomore attendant, and her escort, Gary Higdon, approach the royal section.

Miss Jorma Cope

1956 SWEETHEART QUEEN



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The spirit of our school

personal residence

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



OFFICERS

Marilyn Rouse .							Vice-President
Donna Jo Garner							President
Betty Darnall					Se	CI	etary-Treasurer
Mrs. Smith							Sponsor

Donna Hart, Pat Balay, Judy Easley, and Judy Bright sit down com-Bright sit down tor a pleting another one of the endless tasks to be the endress tasks to be done by the Pep Club.

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 winding of the 'millions' of strips of colored crepe paper is taken on here by Pat Reed, Marilyn Bogle, Sue Green, and Karen Bebee, just a few of the many members.

Before the soc hop, Kimmie Foster checks in her shoes to a fellow Pep Club worker, Carolyn Hopkins.



Cheerleaders



The cheerleaders congratulate their comrade for being elected Basketball queen.

It may be hard to believe, but those are the cheerleaders at Basketball Homecoming.



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.

"Willie", the car, had a big job of hauling the cheerleaders around.

"The Loyal Sons of Neosho High"

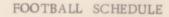


COACH CALVIN LANE "Yes, sir"

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 Wild-

cats finished their season by trouncing Mt. Vernon 19-12, Webb City

14-12, and Cassville 27-19.

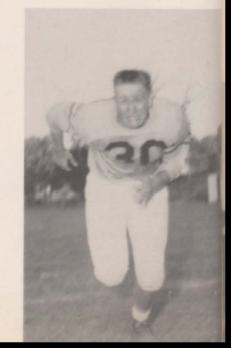




CAPTAIN LELAND ROBINSON "Flipper" Senior 1, 2, 3, 4



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





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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!

JOHNNY ALTIZER "Big John" Junior 2,3 JIM ANDERSON

Freshman

CHARLES BELT "Charlie" TIM BRASIOLA "Brass" Junior 2,3 Senior 2,3,4

















TOMMY CALDWELL "Squirt" Senior 2,3,4

JIMMY CASH Sophomore 2 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 2,3,4



LEON GLOVER "Bull" Sophomore 2

CHARLES HAMMER "Bronc" Sophomore 1,2

LARRY HOLLOWAY "Fat" Junior 1,2,3











HOWARD JENT DON KILLEBREW Junior 2,3 Junior 2 Freshman

ESTEL LANDRETH

JUSTIN LEWIS "J. O." Sophomore



Senior

CHARLES LIVINGSTON
"Soup"J. T. NEWDIGER
"Littlediger"STANLEY OLIVER
"Ollie"DOUGLAS POTTS
"Potty"Senior3,4Sophomore2Senior3,4Senior

3,4

















EDMON POWELL CHARLES RAMSEY EDMON POWELL
"Uncle Bud"CHARLES RAMSEY
"Butch"BILLY SMITHCHARLES S
"Ch"Uncle Bud""Butch""Chenior3,4Senior2,3,4Sophomore2 BILLY SMITH Senior

CHARLES STURDEVANT "Chuck" 2



Sophomore

RONNIE SWEENEY DAVID TEAGARDEN J. C. WRIGHT GAYLE YOUNG "Rabbit" "Spaceman" "Hot Dog" "Spaceman" 3 Junior

Sophomore

3

Junior









Homecoming

A Wildcat Homecoming victory was the cause for these smiles. Winning the first game in the new stadium, the Wildcat team defeated Cassville 27-19, bringing to close the 1955 season.

Captains Robinson and Sage 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.

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.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 29 - Dec. 3 Nov. Carthage Tournament Dec. 6 Cassville Dec. 9 Webb City Mt. Vernon Dec. 13 Nevada Dec. 16 26 Neosho Dec. ournament 3 Lamar Jan. 6 Jan. Carthage Jan. 10 Aurora Jan. Monett 1.1 Jan. Cassville Mt. Vernon Jan. 27 31 Nevada Jan. Feb. Lamar 3 Feb. 10 Aurora Feb. 14 Anderson Feb. 17 Monett 20 Feb. Webb City Feb. 24 Carthage Mar. 6 - 9 Regional Tournament

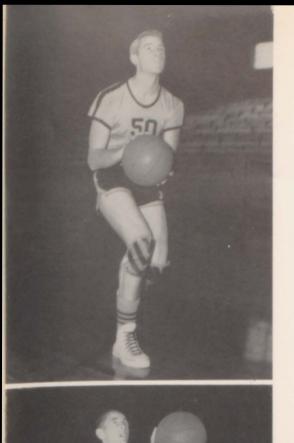


Captain Murray leads the Wildcats through the hoop to begin the cage game with the Houn' Dogs.

"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.





CHARLES RAMSEY "Butch" Senior

> JIMMY MURRAY "Pilmore" Senior

DOUG POTTS "Potty" Senior

POTTS, number 55, goes in for another 2 points!

EDMON POWELL "Uncle Bud" Senior

> LELAND ROBINSON "Flipper" Senior











GARY BOESE "Bess" Junior

> Captain MURRAY, number 13, goes high for a jump ball!

RONNIE SWEENEY "Rabbit" Sophomore

> JOHN PRICKETT "Butch" Junior

GARY GUPPY "Fish" Junior

> Looks like ROBINSON, number 10, might get a block!

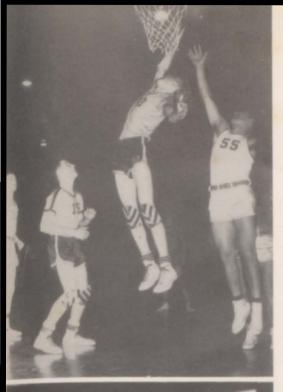




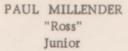








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BOESE, number 33, reaches high to rack up 2 more points.

JOHNNY ALTIZER "Big John" Junior

> DALE RICHARDS Junior

With only a little opposition, BUDDY, number 14, makes a basket for the Wildcats.

> CURTIS DANIEL "Beautiful" Junior





Homecoming

The royalty section reigned over the thrilling homecoming game with Aurora. The Wildcats led by a close margin most of the game, but the Houn' Dogs pulled ahead 52-53 in the last quarter as the clock ran out.



Kaye Williams is crowned queen by the captain of the basketball team, Jimmy Murray. Glenna Loftis, attendant, Charles Ramsey and Timmy Brasiola, "A" squad members, view the crowning with approvingsmiles.



DRIMIEI

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

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

The Freshman attendant, Joy Mc-Nabb, is accompanied by Edmon Powell another member of the "A" squad.

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Band



BAND COUNCIL LEFT TO RIGHT: Rosetta Snow, John Prickett, Gene Box, 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.

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



MR. LLOYD DARNELL Director



DRUM MAJOR Richard Bush





At football half time 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

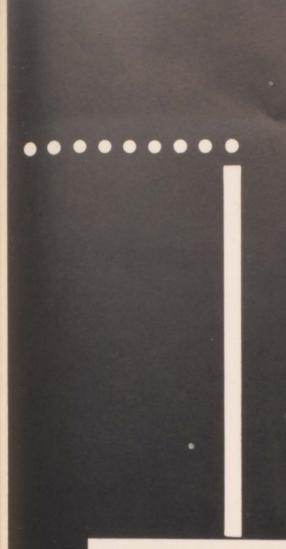
CORNETS Larry Holloway Gary Guppy Wayne Severs CORNETS (contd.) Charles Hearne Curtis Daniel Denny Mathis David Teagarden Phillip Wolfe Lewis Skelton Stephen Drake Bonnie Cogbill James Story

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 Parker Bee Burrow Rosemary Easley Mary Holmes Rosetta Snow





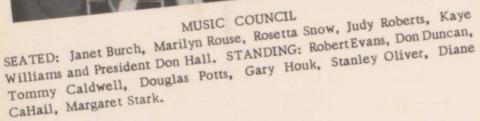


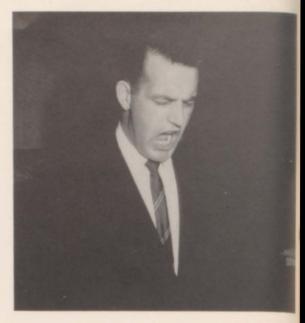


The enthusiastic hours

"THE SINGING '100' !"







Mr. Doyle McKinney Director

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.



Mrs. Margaret Carney Vocal Instructor





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' ensemble. 77 Janet Burch, Margaret Stark, Doylene Porter, Judith Roberts, Linda Patton, Kaye Williams, Linda Houchen, Margaret Lahman compose the girls' nonette.

MIXED CHORUS

The Neosho High School Mixed Chorus has had a most successful year. They have had the fortune to sing in the presence of many distinguished people and their singing engagements have been numerous throughout Southwest Missouri and Arkansas. Some of the annual highlights of their agenda were their fall concert, Easter Sunrise Service, Sweetheart's Ball, and their spring tour. They are known as "The Singing 100!"

"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							
Leland Robinson							
Gary Higdon							
Diane CaHail							

"Their Work Will Benefit Others"



FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The Future Farmers of America is composed of boys who are working toward the development of better agriculture, leadership, cooperation, and citizenship. Mr. Courdin sponsors this large and active group.

During the year the F.F.A. members attended the National F.F.A. Convention and the American Royal in Kansas City. They entered several F.F.A. contests. The highlight of their school activities was the annual "Barnwarmin'" they sponsored. They elected as their queen, Charlotte Belt, and the attendants were Anna Sue Rickman and Peggy Stillions. The chapter also held a Parent-Son Banquet and summer get-totogether.

OFFICERS

Don	Newdig	er	÷										Reporter
Rich	nard Poor												Treasurer
Rich	nard Van	M	la	so	n								Secretary
Bob	Welsh									V	i	ce	-President
Jim	Yetter												President
Mr.	Courdin				•								. Sponsor

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.



OFFICERS

Donn	a Jo Garn	ler.	 S	ecretary
Mr.	McKinney		 	Sponsor
	Garoutte			
	Standefer			
	Perdue .			

"Artisans of Language"



OFFICERS

Sue Hallman								1	7i	ce	-President
Garolyn Wittr											
Mr. Summers											Sponsor
Dona Cobb .						Se	CI	et	tai	ry.	-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

Davi	d Ada	ms							President
Caro	lyn W	littr	na	nn					Secretary
Mr.	Mille	r.							. Sponsor
Mr.	Fryba	ick			 				. Sponsor
dr.	Bell	-					-		Sponsor

"Ready, Aim, - Fire!"



OFFICERS

Max	Morgan Range Master
Jim	Smith President
Mr.	Messer Instructor
Wayı	e Smith Vice-President
Sam	Wolfinbarger Secretary
	Carver

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.



OFFICERS

Sue Ann Bushmeyer				-	Se	CI	et	a	y.	-Treasurer
Dona Cobb										President
Mrs. James Payne										Sponsor
Kay Stewart										

"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 regular feature 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. Tink, Bill McClure, SEATED: Judith Roberts, Paul Allison, Janet Burch, Kave Williams

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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!

STANDING: 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.







Mr. Murphy spent many a hard hour photographing the students and the other activities. The annual staff is very much indebted to him for making our yearbook what it is.

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

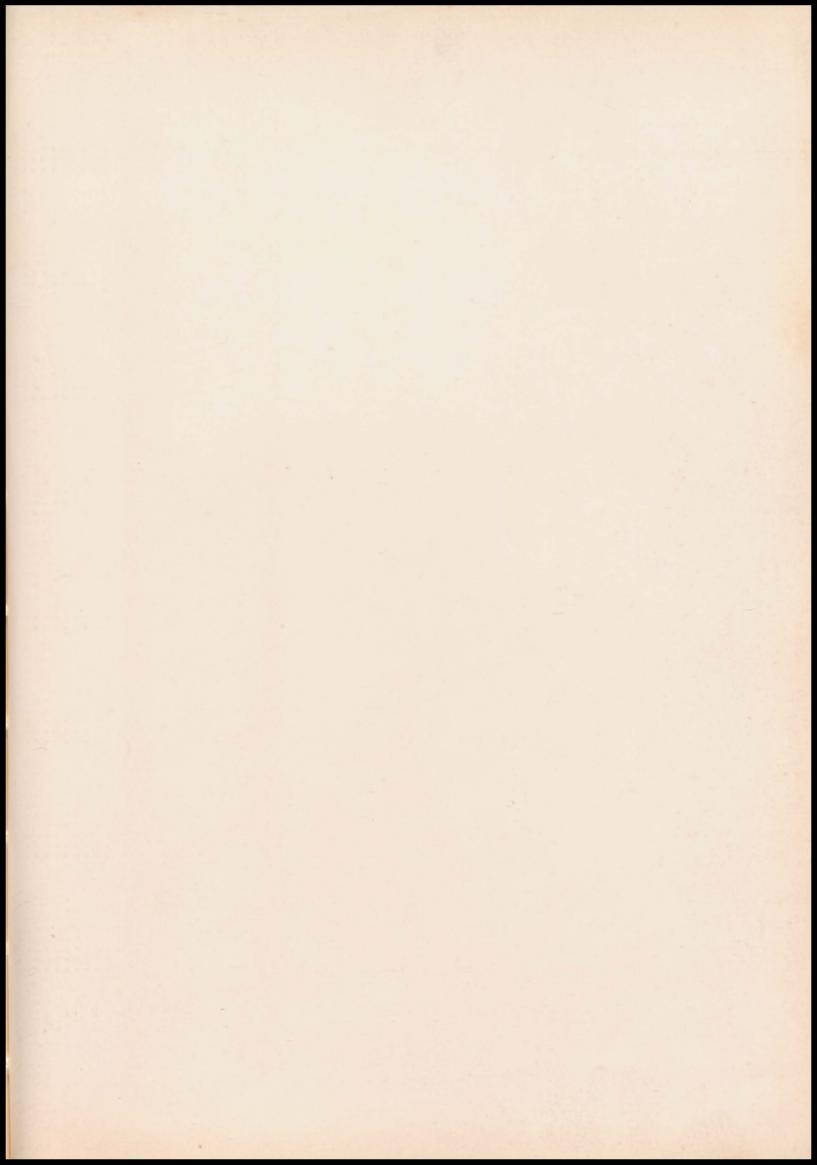


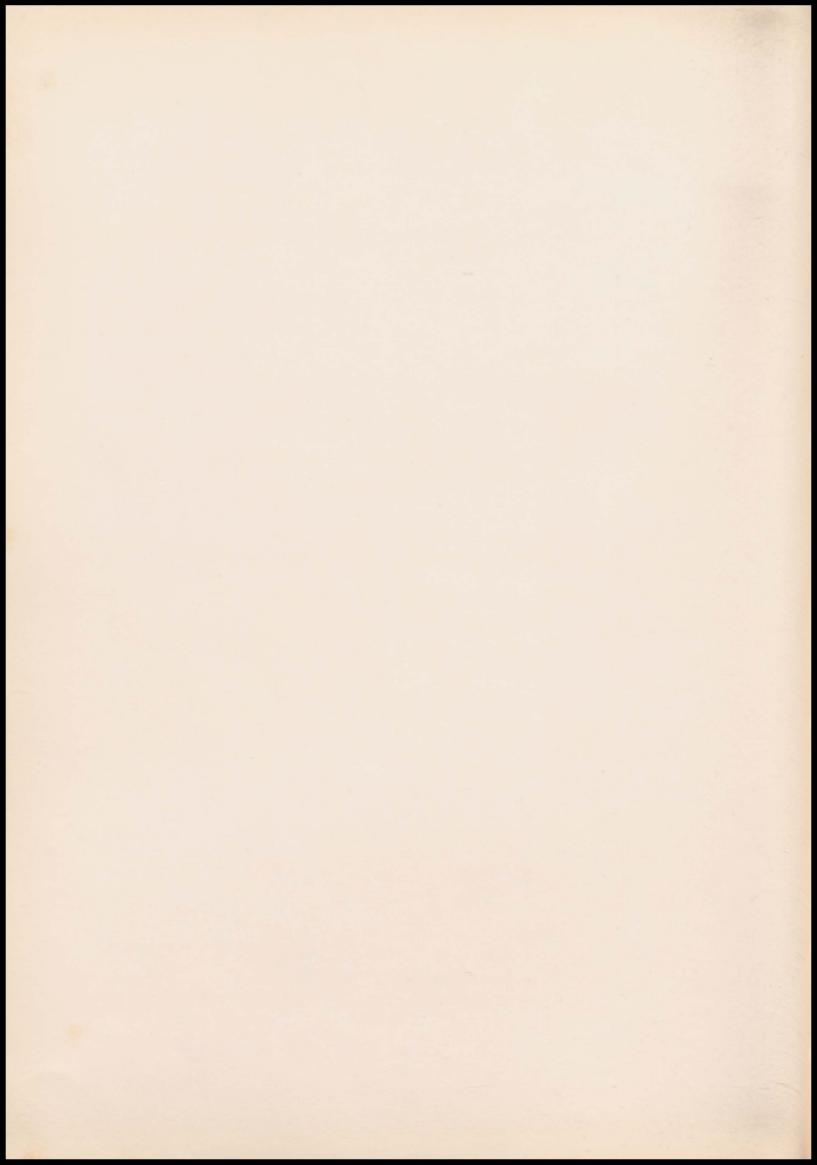
Rolene Spencer, Judy Roberts, Sue Hatchett, and John Prickett put their brains and the typewriters to work compiling the write-ups.

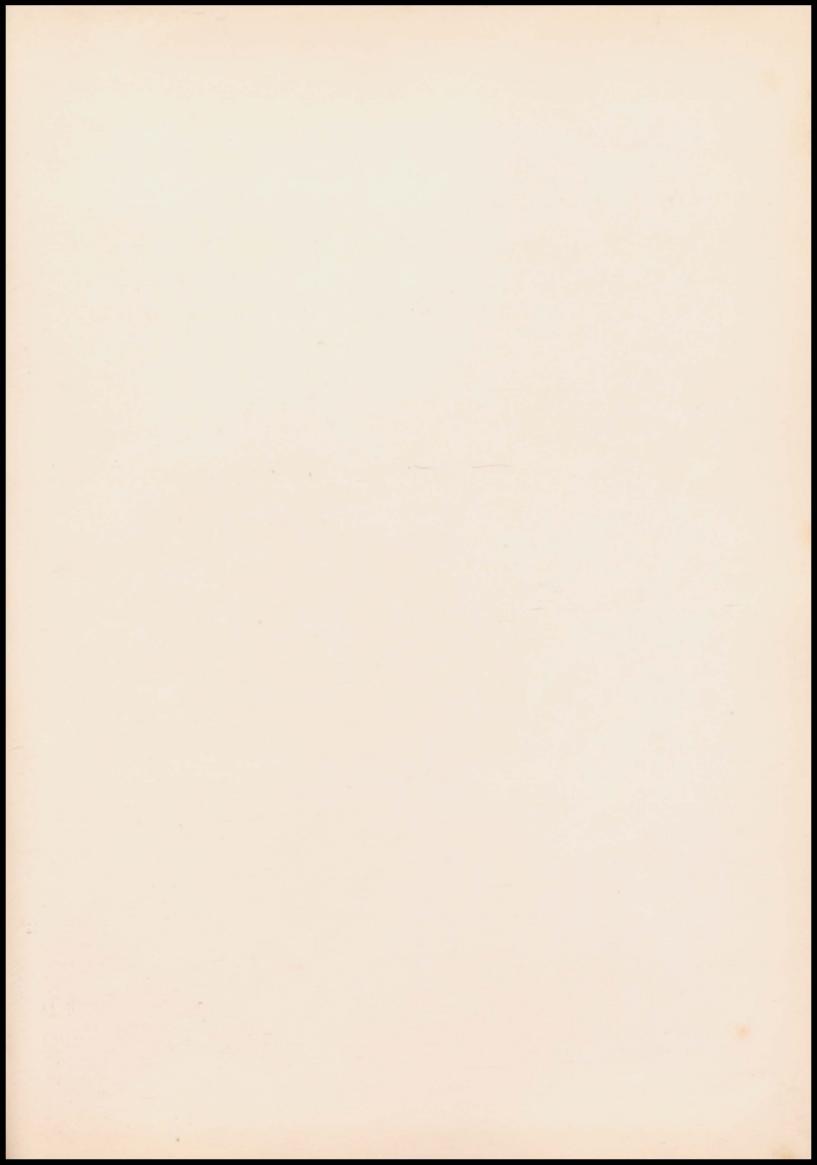


Timmy Brasiola, Jimmy McFall, Rosetta Snow, and Betty Darnall identify the many, many faces of the school organizations.

All good things at sometime must come to an end, and so must this book as well as our high school days. We, as co-editors, hope that you may always recall the friends, thrills, experiences, and all pleasant memories of your high school year through your 1956 WILDCAT. Before leaving, we, in behalf of the Senior Class of 1956, would like to bid a warm farewell to the faculty and our friends who have made our four years the wonderful ones they have been. They may be gone, but never forgotten. To the underclassmen we leave these halls and the future of NHS, and for the Seniors of '56 this is not the end, but only the beginning.

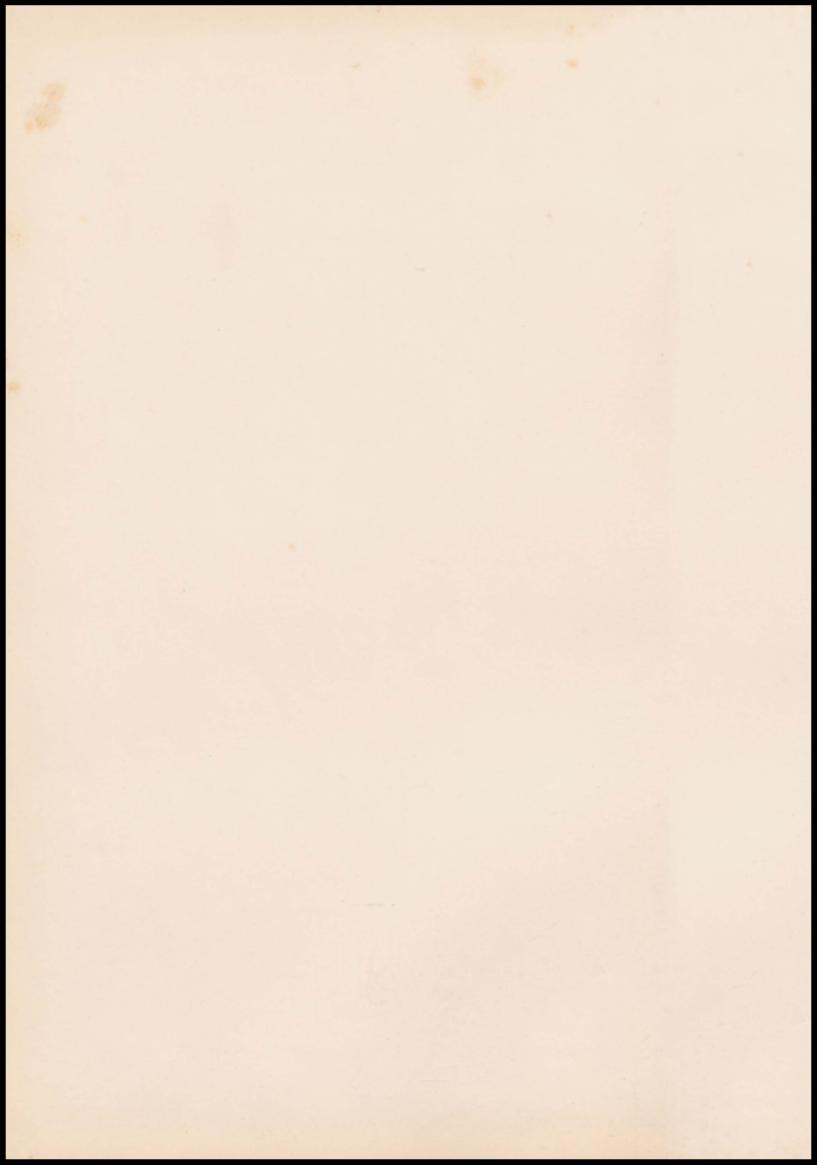














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