

# SENECA WARRIOR-1957

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## Foreword

In days to come many of us will stop momentarily to reflect on the happenings of the school year of '56-'57. And when the time for reminiscing is at hand, if you reach for your copy of the 1957 SENECA WARRIOR the objective of the yearbook staff will have been achieved.

### Dedication

In compiling this yearbook the staff has attempted to catch a little of the spirit of Seneca High School. This 1957 edition of the WARRIOR is dedicated to that spirit of loyalty and pride-- call it "school spirit" if you like--that we as students and faculty of Seneca have in our school. It is that spirit which makes us proud of her achievements in so many field, loyal to her traditions of good sportsmanship when winning or losing, and ever ready to work for her betterment in years to come.

## Administration



Mr. Fox and his secretary, Mrs. Wilma Howsmon.

Wilders O.S. SUPPLY Joplin



Mrs. Wells at her desk.

#### Principal

IVA E. WELLS B.S., M.S.

## **Board of Education**

STANDING: Walter M. Davis, President. SEATED: John Dragoo, Claude Cooper, Mrs. Wilma Howsmon, Secretary; George Bennett, Harvey Keith. (Not Pictured: Bill Williams.)



SENECA IGA

#### The Faculty And The Classes Taught Form Basis Of Our Education



#### **Students Develop**

#### **Scientific Attitudes**

General science, biology, and physics make up the science program offered to Seneca High School students. The general aim of the department is to develop the following: an attitude of lively curiosity about the world in which we live; the belief that the truth itself never changes, but our idea of which is true is likely to change; the belief that nothing ever happens without a cause; and an attitude of respect for other people, ideas, opinions, and ways of life that are different from our own.



Mr. Burrows and his biology students note the results of an interesting experiment.



GILBERT BURROWS B.S. Science, Math

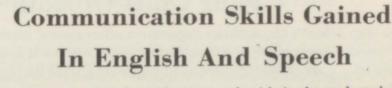
15th STREET LBR. CO. JOPLIN COCA COLA CO.



HARRY SPURGEON B.S. English, Speech



Jean Pence and Mr. Spurgeon present scenes from JULIUS CAESAR during the study of Shakespeare's play in English II.



The language arts classes taught in our school help the students better express themselves in everyday situations, and they learn the importance of correct oral and written composition. Students of this department become acquainted with the vast field of literature and the types of materials included therein. They are also encouraged to participate in the dramatic arts.



#### BETSY MARTIN B.S. English

HERRELSON'S STATION SENECA CLEANERS Another group of sophomores works on an assignment in grammar under Mrs. Martin's supervision.







Mrs. IVA E. WELLS B.A., M.S. Math, Principal

Mrs. Wells discusses an algebra problem with some of her students.

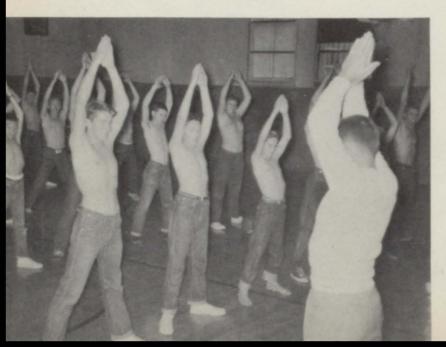
#### Four Units Of Math Offered

Seneca High School's Mathematics Department offers general math, algebra I, geometry, and advanced math. The last named course consists of one half unit each of Algebra II and trigonometry. Some students take all four courses and later enter the various schools of engineering when they go to college. Mrs. Wells and Mr. Burrows are the instructors.

#### **P. E. Provides Relaxation And Exercise**

The main purpose of physical education is to set up a well-rounded curriculum so that students may be better developed physically. Coach Buzzard says, "We believe that if a student is physically fit, it will help him mentally also." Students obtain a better understanding of sports and healthful activities, with carry-over values that can be used throughout their lives. Our P.E. classes play basketball, volleyball, and softball, along with other types of physical activities. Boys' classes play touch football a lot.

The freshmen boys go through one of their regular calisthenic routines.



MAX BUZZARD B.A. Coach, P.E., Hygiene



PHIL RATLIFF FEED STORE BURR MOTOR COMPANY, Neosho



BURL FOWLER, B.S. Drivers Ed., Phys. Ed. Assistant Coach

PAT'S CAFE Mhoon's Food Market



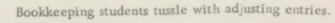
Reta Brown, Rosalee Brown, Geraldine Cummings, Mr. Fowler, Darrel Testerman.

#### **Drivers Training Offered For First Time**

A program of high school drivers education is the most effective, long range means of reducing traffic accidents, and Seneca High is fortunate in having this course added to our curriculum this year. In our complex traffic society, people must be taught safe habits and practices. Through the drivers training program, students learn self-discipline, self-guidance, and self-protection. They develop social-consciousness and concern for the rights and safety of others.

#### **Commercial Classes Learn Business Procedures**

Four courses--bookkeeping, shorthand, typing, and office practice--are included in the commercial program at S.H.S. The program prepares pupils to enter and succeed in a business occupation as a beginner who expects to follow a business career; it assists pupils in acquiring certain business knowledges and skills for personal use; and it prepares those who desire to continue study beyond the secondary level.





Mrs. REITHA McCRACKEN B.S., M.S. Bookkeeping, Typing Office Practice







Mrs. INEZ BUZZARD B.S., M.S. Citizenship American History

Danny Hoff, Marion Sandlin, Roy Clogston, Mrs. Buzzard, Ernestine Price, Barbara Gaston, Shirley DeMasters.

#### Social Studies Acquaint Individual For Competent And Intelligent Living

The story of man on earth includes his efforts to adapt himself to climate, topography, resources; and his struggle toward a clearer spiritual understanding, a higher culture, and a more democratic way of life. The social classes of our school tell this story and foster the habit of critical thinking by our students. By studying citizenship, world history, world geography, American history, and American problems, boys and girls are furnished a technique which they can use in the solving of their problems at home, at school, and elsewhere. They are also provided with a vocabulary and an understanding so that as they move to wider circles and distant horizons they may be successful and happy.



Mr. Laird instructs the sophomores in world history.



JAMES LAIRD, B.S. World History Geography American Problems

Dr. JOHN B. ROBERTS Hickory House



DICK CURRY B.S. Industrial Arts



Roger Green, Larry Woodward, Dwane Sherwood, Mr. Curry, Bob Boman, Jim Black, Donald Davis.

EL RANCHO Jim Thomas G. E. Store Joplin

#### **Industrial Arts For Our Boys**

Courses in this department provide the boys with graded experiences in the use of tools, materials, machines, and insights in the different areas of the field. They learn to keep an orderly and clean shop; they gain a knowledge and appreciation of good designs. The boys build furniture from working drawings, instilling a satisfaction of personal creative achievement. Many commendable projects were completed in the shop classes this year.

#### **Home Economics For Our Girls**

Home economics has a definite contribution to make to the girls' development in initiative, independence, cooperation, and other elements of a well-rounded personality. Because the home is the unit which has the first and longest influence on the individual, preparation for home living is important; and it challenges their best efforts.





Miss GLORIA EMBRY B.S. Home Economics Shorthand



John Boehning, Bob Smith, Gary Mitchell, Robert Pittman, Mrs. Lankford.

#### **Music Provides Pleasant Listening**

The art of music is a factor of tremendous importance in modern social and educational development. Music, vocal and instrumental, is a directed outlet for the creative urge of young people. They develop innate talents not only for pleasure in the family group but also for the pleasure of an audience as they perform together. Audiences this year thoroughly enjoyed the numerous performances of the students of the high school music department.

MATTERS JEWELRY GRIFFITH MOTOR CO. Neosho



Mrs. MARTHA LANKFORD B.M. Music, Study Hall

Mrs. RUTH ANN DAVIS B.S. Study Hall, Home Ec.

#### **Eighth Grade Moved To H. S. Building**

Although not actually a part of the high school, the eighth grade and their teacher, Mrs. Ona Wilson, were nevertheless busy down in Room 7 throughout the year. They also took home economics and industrial arts.





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# STUDENT BODY

CHASE'S and GENE'S THRIFTY MARKET



ANDERSON, PATSY BAKER, ALFRED

BARNETT, PATRICIA BENNETT, RUTH ANN

ANDERSON, PATSY - Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2; Band 1,2; Warrior 3,4; Moccasin Print 4; Red Peppers 3,4; FHA 4. BARNETT, PATRICIA - Glee Club 2,3,4; Cheerleader 4; Twirler 3,4; Moccasin Print 4, Class Officer 4, Mixed Chorus 4. BENNETT, RUTH ANN - Glee Club 2,3,4; Moccasin Print 4; FHA 4.

## **Seniors See Opportunities Ahead**

Being a senior this year was truly a wonderful experience. Reveicing our diplomas marked the end of our four years at Seneca High School and the beginning of a new life as young adults. We sincerely believe that our high school courses and teachers have prepared us to face what lies ahead in a more intelligent way.



Class Officers Mrs. McCracken, Mrs. Buzzard



Class Sponsors Donna Laird, Sec.; Benny Lawson, President; Pat Barnett, V. P.

STEVENS JEWELRY and SENECA SUPER MARKET

BOEHNING, JOHN BOMAN, KATHLEEN



BROWN, ROSALEE CAMERON, BETTY

CROWDER, BEVERLY CUMMINGS, GERALDINE

BOEHNING, JOHN - Glee Club 2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,4; Band 2; Football 3; Class Play 3; Science Club 4. BOMAN, KATHLEEN - Class Officer 1,2; Warrior 3,4; Moccasin Print 4; Red Peppers 1. BROWN, ROSALEE - FHA 4; Moccasin Print 4. CAMERON, BETTY - Glee Club 3, 4; Class Play 3; Moccasin Print 4; Red Peppers 2,3,4. CROWDER, BEVERLY - Glee Club 1,2, 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Warrior 3,4; Moccasin Print 4; Red Peppers 2,3,4. CUM-MINGS, GERALDINE - Moccasin Print Staff 4.

VOWELS BROTHERS and FOUR CORNERS CIGAR STORE

CURTIS, ALLENE DANIELS, ALLEN



DANIELS, JERRY DAVIS, GENE

DIVINE, CAROL EDDINGS, LARRY

CURTIS, ALLENE - Glee Club 3; Moccasin Print 4. DIVINE, CAROL - Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 2,4; Moccasin Print 4; Librarian 3,4; Library Club President 4; FHA Treasurer 4: Red Peppers 2,4.

JACK TATE PLUMBING CO. & JUDGE'S FURNITURE CO., Joplin





FOLK, JAMES FRIEND, TANYA



FULLER, ANNET GARMAN, LAR



GOLDEN, VERA GRAHAM, WILLIAM \*

FRIEND, TANYA - Glee Club 3; Band 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 4. FULLER, ANNETTE - Glee Club 2, 3,4; Band 1; Moccasin Print 4; F.H.A. 4; Red Peppers V.P. 4. GARMAN, LARRY - Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Class Play 3; Moccasin Print 4. GOLDEN, VERA - F.H.A. 4; Red Peppers 4. GRAHAM, WILLIAM - Baseball 3,4.

INTER CITY FLORISTS & SHERMAN FRUIT JUICE STORE, Joplin



GRAVES, MARY GRIFFIN, HERMAN

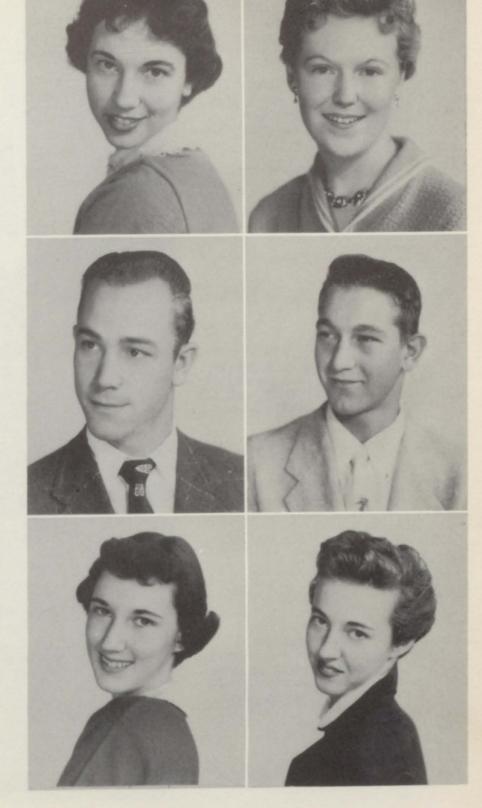
GRIFFITH, EARL GUNLOCK, PEGGY

HIERHOLZER, FRANCIS HILL, JUDY

GRAVES, MARY - Glee Club 3,4; Red Peppers 3,4. GRIFFIN, HERMAN - Football 4; Baseball 4. GUNLOCK, PEGGY - Moccasin Print 4; F.H.A. 4; Red Peppers 4. HIERHOLZER, FRANCIS - Glee Club 4; Moccasin Print 4; F.H.A. 4; Red Peppers 2,3,4. HILL, JUDY -Glee Club 2,3,4; Moccasin Print 4; Warrior 4; Band 3,4; Library 3; Red Peppers 2,3,4.

OWENS SPORTING GOODS & COULTER-McGUIRE, Joplin

HIRSCH, JUDI HOLLOWAY, BARBRA



KUHN, J.C. KUHN, LARRY

LAIRD, DONNA LANKFORD, EARLINE

HIRSCH, JUDI - Glee Club 2,3; Moccasin Print 4; Class Secretary 3; Library 3; Red Peppers 2,4. HOLLOWAY, BARBRA - Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Student Council 2; Moccasin Print Associate Editor 4; F.H.A. President 4; Band 2; Red Peppers 1. KUHN, J.C. - Football 2,3,4; Class President 3; Basketball 3,4. LAIRD, DONNA - Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,4; Class Officer 3,4; Moccasin Print Editor 4; Warrior Co-Editor 3,4. LANKFORD, EARLINE - Moccasin Print 4; Class Play 3; Red Peppers 4.

LAWSON, BENNY MITCHELL, GARY



McCASLIN, BARBARA McREYNOLDS, SHIRLEY

NASH, EUGENE NICHOLSON, LILLIAN

LAWSON, BENNY - Football 2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Class President 4; Moccasin Print 4. MITCHELL, GARY - Basketball 3,4; Class Officer 3; Student Council 1; Glee Club 1,2,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,4; Boys Quartet 3,4. McCASLIN, BARBARA - Glee Club 2,3,4; Twirler 1,2,3; Drum Major 4; Moccasin Print 4; F.H.A. 4. McREYNOLDS, SHIRLEY - Moccasin Print 4. NASH, EUGENE - Class Play 3. NICHOLSON, LILLIAN - Moccasin Print 4.

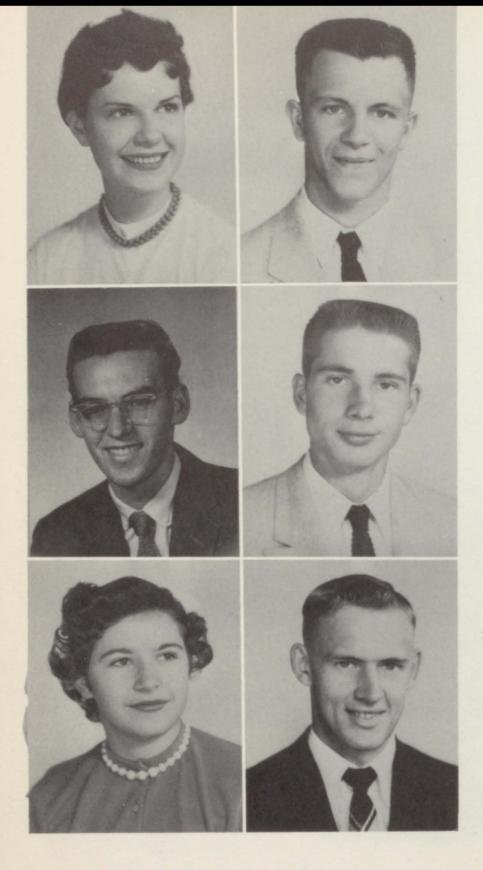


NICHOLSON, OPAL PITTMAN, ROBERT

PLUMMER, GARY REAVES, BESSIE

ROBERTS, JOHN ROUTLEDGE, CHARLES

PITTMAN, ROBERT - Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Boys Quartet 4. REAVES, BESSIE - F.H.A. 4. ROBERTS, JOHN - Band 1,2; Football 4; Science Club 4. ROUTLEDGE, CHARLES - Baseball 1,2,3; Student Council 2,3,4; Student Body President 4; Glee Club 4.

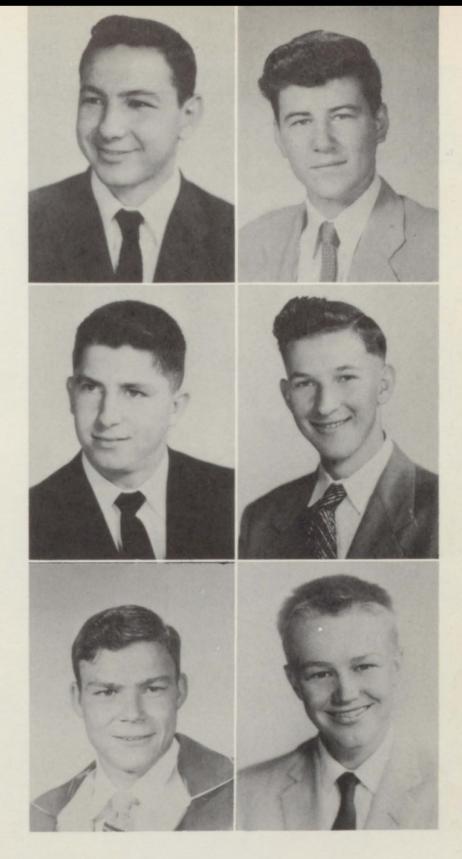


SANDLIN, GEORGIA SLAUGHTER, RALPH

SMITH, BOB STONE, JOE

TAYLOR, WANDA VARNEY, DANNY

SANDLIN, GEORGIA - Glee Club 2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 2; Moccasin Print 4; Warrior 4; Class Play 3; Band 3,4; Red Peppers 2,3,4. SMITH, BOB - Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 2,4; Moccasin Print 4; Cheerleader 4; Science Club President 4; I.A. Club President 4; Boys Quartet 3,4. STONE, JOE - Football 4. TAYLOR, WANDA - Student Council 1,2,3,4; Student Body President 3; Class President 2; F.H.A. 4; Moccasin Print 4; Warrior 3,4. VARNEY, DANNY - Football 2,3,4; Baseball 3,4; Class King 3. VOWELS, MAX WALLS, RONNIE



WATTS, ROBERT WEAVER, SAM

WILLIAMS, MARSHVON WOODS, NEIL

VOWELS, MAX - Student Council 2,4; Football 2,3,4; Basketball 3,4. WATTS, ROBERT - Football 2,3,4; Basketball 3,4; Baseball 3,4. WILLIAMS, MARSHVON - Football 1,3,4. WOODS, NEIL - Band 2,3,4; Glee Club 4; Class Play 3; Red Peppers 3,4; Science Club 4.

## Juniors Have Year of Fun and Work

Upperclassmen preparing to take their turn as leaders, the juniors spent much of their time this year producing a play, raising money for the Junior-Senior Banquet, and then planning and giving it. They learned to type, too, and participated in many school activities.



#### **Class Officers**

Brenda Hines, President; Gary Roark, Vice President; Sara Cook, Secretary; Bertha Fritchey, Treasurer.



Class Sponsors Mr. Laird and Mrs. Martin ANDERSON, JOHNNY BENNETT, RONAL







BRIZENDINE, BEULAH BROWN, JO ANN BROWN, JOHNNY BROWN, RETA BURNS, DALE BUZZARD, FRANCIS CLEMONS, EDWARD CLEMONS, ISABEL

COOK, SARA COX, BETTY CURTIS, JOE DAVIS, DONALD

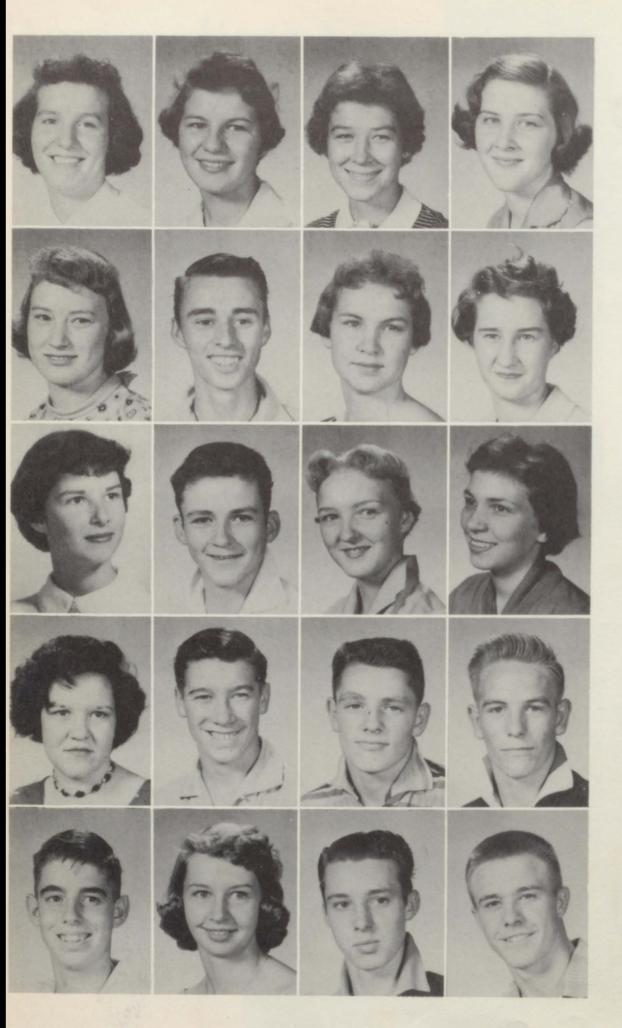
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FRAZIER, HELEN FRITCHEY, BERTHA GALBRAITH, JOHN GOLDEN, JULIA

GOLDEN, ROY GOSE, PATSY GREEN, ROGER GREEN, TOMMY



LESTER WATTS & FISHER LUMBER CO.



GUNLOCK, KAREN HIERHOLZER, MARY HILE, KAY HINES, BRENDA

KEITH, MELBA LANKFORD, JOHN LANKFORD, JONELL LANKFORD, JUDY

MAILES, NORMA MANNING, LARRY McKINNEY, DONNA McREYNOLDS, KAREN

MIDDLETON, DOROTHY MILLS, CORLISS MONTGOMERY, DON MONTGOMERY, GAYLAND

O'LOUGHLIN, DENNIS PENCE, ALICE PLATNER, PHILLIP RAKES, ELTON

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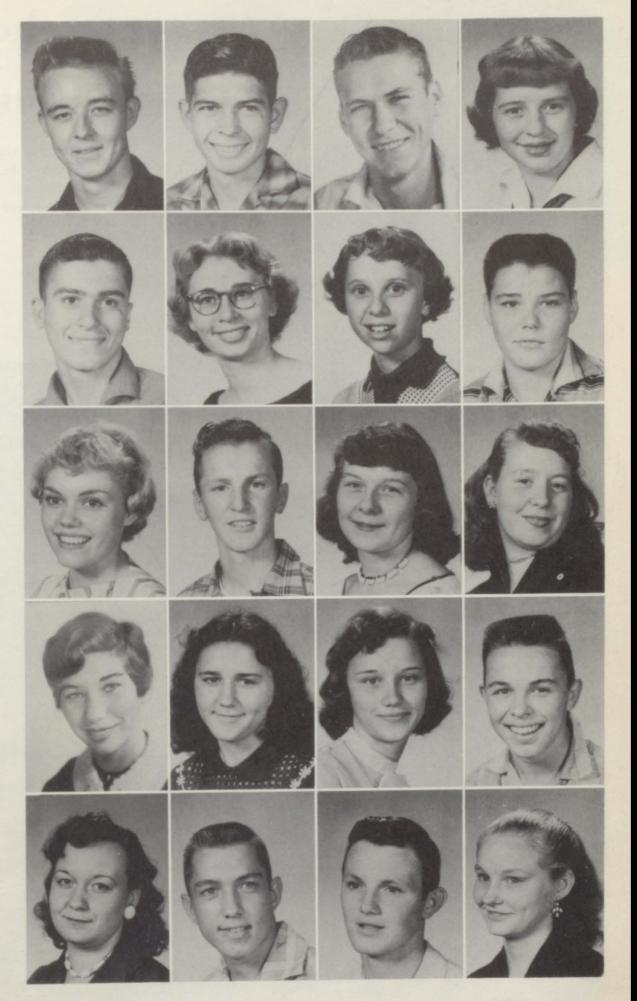
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ROWDEN, FLOYD RUSSELL, LOUELLA SAMMONS, PAULA SHERWOOD, DWANE

SHERWOOD, PHYLLIS SLAUGHTER, DALLAS STONER, ANN SOUDER, SHELVA

SHAPLAND, CONNIE TAYLOR, BONITA TERRY, EDNA TESTERMAN, DARREL

VIRGIN, MARY WINCHESTER, GARY WOODWARD, LARRY YOCUM, SHARON



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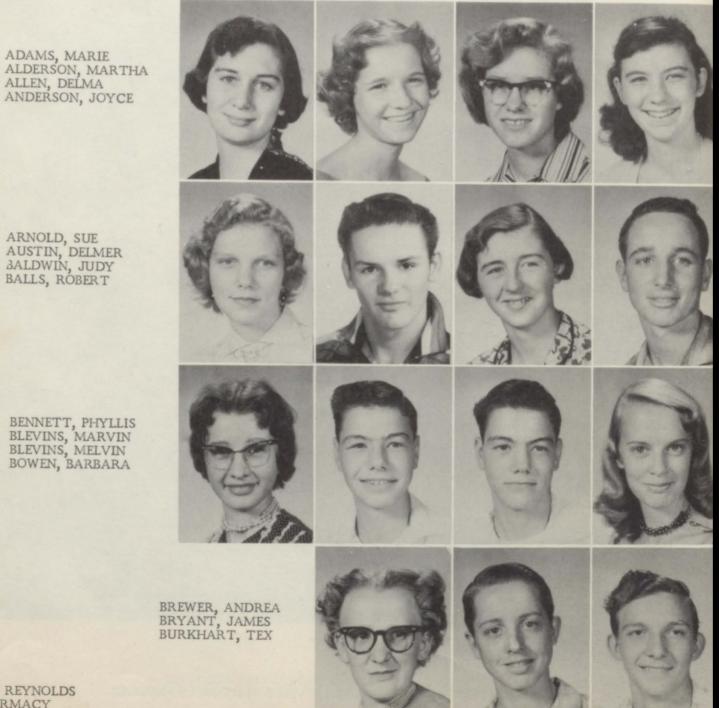


#### **Class Officers**

Sue Winchester, Secretary-Treas-urer; Ronnie Walker, President; Allen Hirsch, Vice President.

# **Active Sophomores Spend Busy Year**

Beginning their second year in Seneca High School, the Sophomore Class found much to do. Sports, clubs, and homework started them on the second step of the ladder; and their sponsors -- Mr. Burrows, Mr. Curry, and Miss Embry -- were always ready with helpful advice.



ARNOLD, SUE AUSTIN, DELMER BALDWIN, JUDY BALLS, ROBERT

BENNETT, PHYLLIS BLEVINS, MARVIN BLEVINS, MELVIN BOWEN, BARBARA

CAMERER, WILMA CAMPBELL, L.E. CARLISLE, STEVE (Not Pictured) CHESTER, JERRY CLOUSE, LEON

COOPER, VIRGINIA CORY, JANICE DAVIS, PEGGY DAVIS, THELMA

DOTY, FRANCES DRAKE, JIMMY DRY, JERRY ' ELLIOTT, FLORDEANA

EVANS, DONNA FORREST, GEORGE GILSTRAP, PHYLLIS GRAY, LARRY

GREEN, FRANKIE GRIFFITH, PAT GUTHRIE, CAROL HARDING, PAMELA

HARKRADER, MARGARET HEAD, DARLENE HELMS, LORETTA HEISTAND, DAVID



HIRSCH, ALLEN HOKE, IMOGENE HOOVER, PHYLLIS HOOVER, ROY

HOWARD, DONALD ISBELL, JAMES KENNY, LARRY KUHN, MARY ANN

LAGERS, ROE LAWRENCE, LEWIS LAWSON, PAT MARSHALL, LINDA

McNARY, MARCELLA MILLER, WILBUR (Not Pictured) MONTGOMERY, DAVID MOORE, EARNEST O'LOUGHLIN, PAT

PETERSON, PAUL PENCE, JEAN PLUMMER, MIKE POOR, MELANIE

RAYBORN, CHARLES RHODES, HAROLD RINEHART, MARY LEE RITTER, G.D.

BIDDLECOME'S MORTUARY



RITCHIE, DIXIE ROBERTS, SHIRLEY ROBINSON, JOANN ROGERS, DENNIS

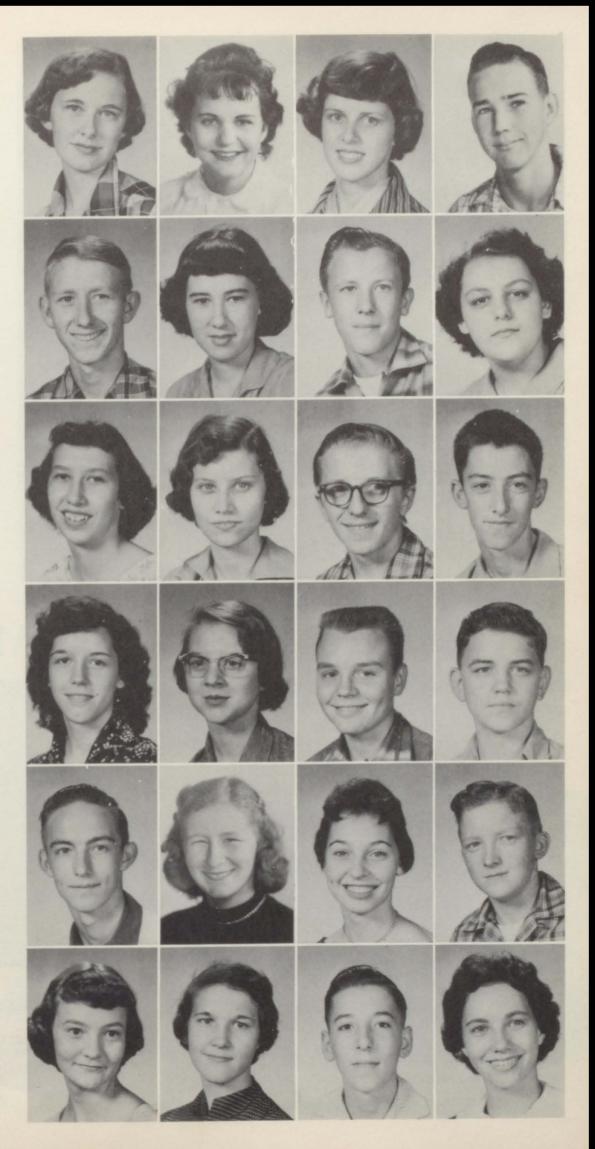
ROWLEY, JOHNNY RUSSELL, BONNIE SLAUGHTER, DONALD SMITH, COURTNEY (Not Pictured) SNEED, CLYDEAN

SOWERSBY, DIXIE STEPHENSON, CAROL STEVENS, DICK STEWART, SHELBY

TERRY, SHIRLEY THOMAS, GAIL WALKER, RONNIE WALLS, JOE

WEST, JERRY WHITEHEAD, JEAN WILFREY, VIRGINIA WILKINS, BERT

WILLIAMS, LINDA WILLIAMS, MARY LOU WILSON, STANLEY WINCHESTER, SUE





ANDERSON, JANETTA ARNOLD, DERRAL ATKINSON, SANDRA AUSTIN, JUDY

BAKER, JOYCE BALLS, SONDRA BATES, KATHLEEN BOMAN, RONNIE

BRIZENDINE, GENE BROWN, DONALD BURKHART, DEANNA CALLAHAN, ARTHUR

## **Freshmen View Years Ahead**

For the Freshmen this was the beginning of a four-year career leading to graduation. One hundred six of them registered in September, continuing the pattern of soaring enrollments set by other freshmen classes of the past few years.



Class Sponsors

Mr. Fowler and Mr. Spurgeon.



#### **Class Officers**

Sandra Lankford, Secretary; Danny Hoff, President; Patty Wehmier, Treasurer; Jimmy Graham, Vice President.

McGINTY'S & MAILES DX SERVICE STATION

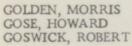
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COLE, DAVID CONDUFF, JOE CONDUFF, PATRICIA COOK, JIMMY

COUSATTE, AARON COUSATTE, SHARON CUMMINGS, DORIS CUNNINGHAM, CONNIE

CUPP, MILDRED DEMASTERS, SHIRLEY DRY, KATHLEEN EDDINGS, BARBARA

ELBERT, ROBERTA FORREST, RALPH FOSTER, CAROLYN GASTON, BARBARA



MAILES FLYING "A" STATION

DOOLEY MOTORS



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GRAHAM, JIMMY HALL, CAROLYN HEISTAND, SUE HELMS, TEDDY

HENSON, JOYCE ANN HIGGINBOTHAM, JUDY HILL, MARY JEAN HINES, PHILIP

HOFF, DANNY HOHLIER, KENNETH HOLT, CHARLES HOTTEL, BOB

JONES, TROY KELLEY, GARY KUHN, DENNY LANKFORD, CAROLYN

LANKFORD, MARY LANKFORD, SANDRA LEWELLYN, BARBARA LINK, DONALD

BRADY'S DRUG STORE SILER'S WESTERN STORE METSCHER, DICK MILLS, ROGER MOORE, LELERD MURDOCK, JIM

ODELL, DIANE (Not Pictured) OLEMAN, ROBERT OXFORD, ARTHUR OXFORD, ROY PIERCE, KAREN

PLATNER, YOLONDA PRICE, ERNESTINE PUETT, DONALD REAVES, MILDRED

REBER, SHIRLEY REID, DONNIE RHODES, RICHARD RIDENOUR, ELDONA

RINEHART, KAREN RITCHIE, LAVANDA RITTER, RAY RITTER, ROY

> ROACH, ALICE ROACH, ROSA ROACH, ROSE

BENNETT'S BARBER SHOP JOHNNY STANSELL













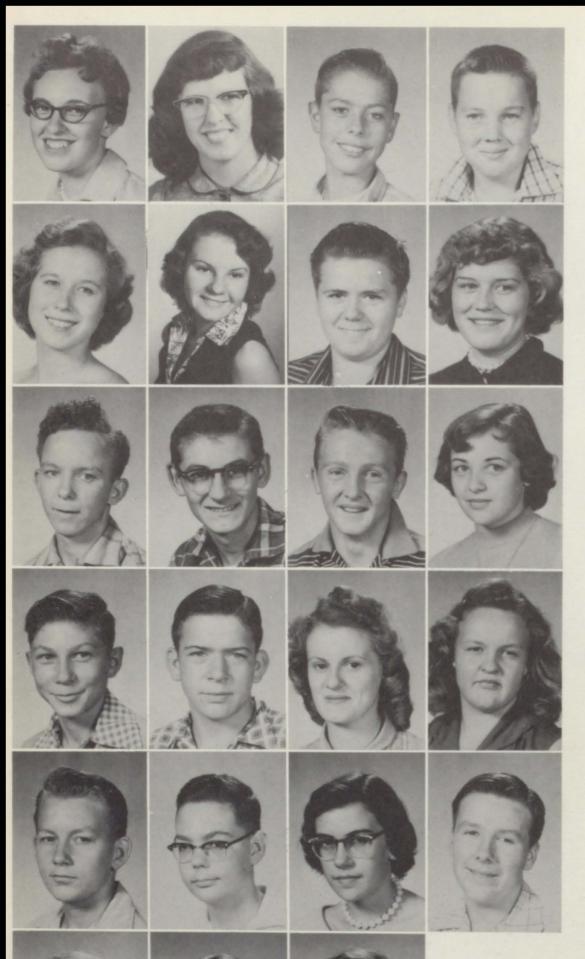












ROBERTS, SHARON ROBINSON, LEILA ROBINSON, NORMAN ROGERS, LANNY

ROWDEN, MADELON SANDLIN, MARION SANDTORF, DARRY SHERER, MARY ALICE

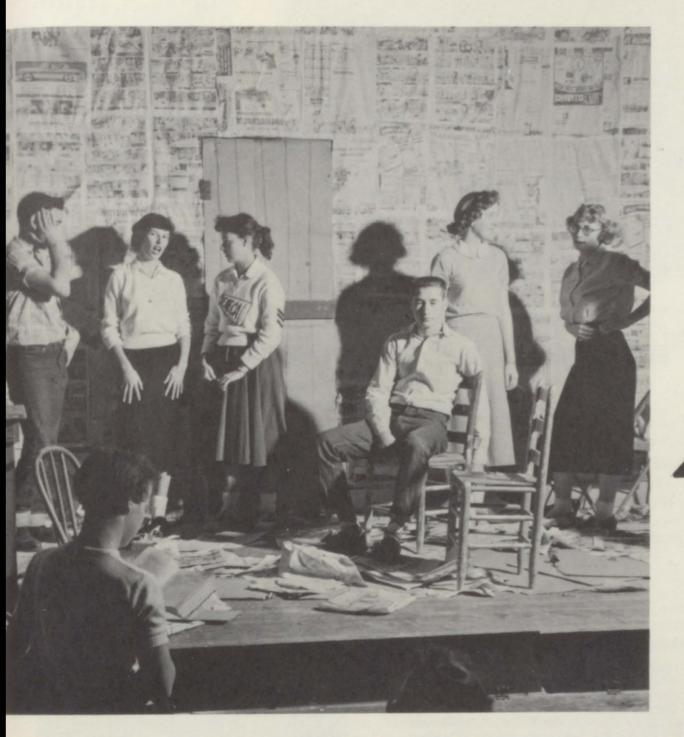
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TAYLOR, JAMES TESTERMAN, CHARLES TRIPLETT, KAY TURNEY, PHYLLIS

VIRGIN, OSCAR WALDEN, AMOS WEHMEIER, PATTY WEST, ALVA

WILSON, BETTY WITTE, JUDY WOODS, JAN

> MIKE'S GROCERY CARL PIERCE STATION



Junior Rehearsal for "Headin' for a Weddin'"

# ACTIVITIES

Dr. M.S. MENDENHALL and SENECA LAUNDRY



#### **Seneca Warrior**

#### Staff

SEATED: Donna Laird, Art & Layout Editor; Beverly Crowder, Business Manager; Judy Hill, Advertising Manager; Georgia Sandlin, Brenda Hines, Louella Russell; Pat Anderson, Sales Manager; Eldonna DeWeese, Literary Editor. STANDING: Melba Keith, Literary Editor; Kathy Cox, Wanda Taylor, Judy Lankford, Jo Ann Brown, Alice Pence; Mrs. McCracken, Adviser.

## Publications Provide Work Experience

"The most important thing I received from being on the publication staffs was a knowledge of how to work with people. I learned that cooperation was the art of getting things done." So stated a graduate of Seneca High School when interviewed regarding the values received from working on the newspaper and yearbook staffs. No doubt we, too, have more confidence now in meeting people, and we know the importance of responsibility and dependability.

#### **Moccasin Print Staff**

FIRST ROW: Barbara Holloway, Associate Editor; Donna Laird, Editor-in-chief; Georgia Sandlin, Business Mgr. SE-COND ROW: Francis Hierholzer, Mrs. McCracken, Pat Anderson, Beverly Crowder, Judy Hill, Kathy Boman, Betty Cameron, Barbara McCaslin, Annette Fuller, Patty Barnett. THIRD ROW: Wanda Taylor, Earline Lankford, Geraldine Cummings, Benny Lawson, Larry Garman, Bob Smith, Lillian Nicholson, Rosalee Brown, Allene Curtis, Shirley McReynolds, Peggy Gunlock, Carol Divine, Judi Hirsch.



BARBARA HOLLOWAY DONNA LAIRD

WALT'S TRUCK STOP



CHARLES ROUTLEDGE Student Body President



SEATED: Danny Hoff, Wanda Taylor, Mr. Fox, Charles Routledge, Jo Ann Brown, Allen Hirsch. STANDING: Freddie Mailes, Marjorie Clouse, Phillip Platner, Brenda Hines, Jonell Lankford, Benny Lawson, Max Vowels, Flordeana Elliott, Jean Pence.

#### **Student Council Serves School**

The Student Council had much to do this year and usually got it done in fine shape. Besides their various services in helping the school they also had opportunities for experience in student government. One of their biggest assignments was the handling of the concession at sports events, and the results were appreciated by all. The all-school party they sponsored preceding the Christmas holidays was a huge success.

#### Librarians Give Service, Too

What would study hall have been like without a good book or a magazine to read once in a while? Or, perhaps it was reference material for a report in history or science for which we were looking. Whether it was mystery or romance, non-fiction or reference material we needed, the librarians were always on hand to help us find it.

CAROL DIVINE Head Librarian



DOROTHY'S CAFE BEN FRANKLIN FIRST ROW: Richard Stevens, Dennis Rogers, Delmar Austin. SECOND ROW: Shelva Souder, Patsy Gose, Janice Cory, Karen McReynolds, Pamela Harding, Mary Virgin. THIRD ROW: Jean Whitehead, Betty Cox, Carol Divine, Phyllis Hoover, Ina Fay Boman, Connie Shapland, Mr. Spurgeon.





#### **Girls Glee Club**

FIRST ROW: B. Crowder, B. McCaslin, L. Williams, J. Hill, I. Clemons, N. Mailes, D. Laird, B. Bowen, B. Cameron, M. Kuhn. SECOND ROW: C. Shapland, R. Bennett, D. Odell, I. Boman, R. Brown, D, Allen, T. Davis, J. Anderson, K. Hile, L. Marshall, S. Winchester, J. Brown. THIRD ROW: G. Sandlin, M. Poor, A. Pence, D. Head, A. Stoner, D. McKinney, M. Rowden, J. Pence, C. Stephenson, M. Rinehart, F. Elliott, P. Anderson. FOURTH ROW: J. Lankford, P. Barnett, F. Hierholzer, C. Divine, P. Bennett, C. Sneed, D. Sowersby, M. Adams, E. DeWeese, A. Fuller, K. Bates. FIFTH ROW: M. Rogers, J. Whitehead, M. Keith, K. Gunlock, B. Hines, J. Golden, B. Holloway, Doris Cummings.

## **Vocal Groups Please Audiences**

Prepared with a repertoire of many and varied numbers, the Music Department's vocal groups performed frequently throughout the year. There were the fifty-member girls glee club, the boys glee club, and the mixed chorus to delight student and community audiences, as well as the smaller ensembles: boys quartet, girls trio, and girls triple trio.



#### **Mixed Chorus**

FIRST ROW: B. McCaslin, P. Barnett, L. Williams, J. Boehning, G. Mitchell, A. Pence, D. Laird, M. Poor. SECOND ROW: D. Mc-Kinney, P. Bennett, M. Rowden, B. Smith, R. Pittman, R. Walker, M. Kuhn, P. Anderson. THIRD ROW: L. Marshall, G. Sandlin, C. Routledge, N. Woods, E. DeWeese, A. Fuller.

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FIRST ROW: Sandra Lankford, Karen Gunlock, Beverly Crowder, Barbara McCaslin, Donna McKinney, Jan Woods, Patricia Barnett. SECOND ROW: Suzanne Rinehart, Shirley Bratton, Barbara Heistand, Judy Rosiere, Linda Strait, Barbara Pence, Gary Calloway, Jan Hottel, Mike Spurgeon, Lenny Mailes, Galen Vowels. THIRD ROW: Mrs. Lankford, Linda Marshall, Karen Pierce, Kathleen Dry, Carolyn Dar, Linda Williams, Pat Griffith, Linda Bennett, Barbara Eedings, Madelon Rowden, Eldonna DeWeese, Sue Heistand. FOURTH ROW: Sandra Atkinson, Kay Hile, Martha Alderson, Mary Kuhn, Connie Cunningham, Pat Stoner, Phyllis Bennett, Flordeana Elliott, Tanya Friend, Donna Laird, Joe Conduff, Stanley Laird, Royce Conduff. FIFTH ROW: Judy Hill, Joyce Lais, Cheryl Pierce, Judy Lankford, Judy Higginbothem, Jean Pence, Ronnie Walker, Neil Woods, David Cole, Melanie Poor, Alice Pence, Larry Ellis, Georgia Sandlin.

# **Band Displays Pep in Performances**

The Seneca School Band, under the direction of Mrs. Lankford, made a fine showing upon every occasion of its appearance this year. It served to brighten up half-times during the football season with brisk marching, playing, and maneuvering. The Pep Band, with the latest in "rock and roll" music, entertained at basketball games.



Homecoming Game, Nov. 2

ERNIE WILLIAMSON MUSIC HOUSE



# **Marching Band Numbers Sixty**



#### **Drum Majorette**

Barbara McCaslin

#### Twirlers

Pat Barnett Jan Woods Sandra Lankford Donna McKinney Karen Gunlock Beverly Crowder FIRST ROW: Judy Hill (Student Asst. Director), Vera Golden (Maybelle Beeman), Georgia Sandlin (Gwen Talbot). SECOND ROW: Jerry Daniels, (J. Winston Graham), Gary Mitchell (Bruiser Barnes), Donna Laird (Mrs. Kite), Earline Lankford (Mrs. Beeman), Beverly Crowder (Louise Thomas), Robert Pittman (Perriot Preston). THIRD ROW: Mr. Spurgeon (Director), Benny Lawson (Wentworth), Larry Eddings (Phantom).



# **Seniors Solve**

## "The Case of the Missing Heirs"

In the senior play this year, the Phantom was brought to justice and the mystery was solved by the author-detective, Perriot Preston.

# Junior Cast Was "Headin' for a Weddin'"

The hillbilly cabin of the Hollowbones, during a terrible snow storm, was the scene for the junior play, and the excitement began when the city slickers were forced to "stay for a spell."

FIRST ROW: Kay Hile (Fannie Jane), Isabel Clemons (Hortense Todd), Connie Shapland (Sis), Alice Pence (Isabel Todd). SEC-OND ROW: Norma Mailes (Bertha), Louella Russell (Maw Hollowbone), Jo Ann Brown (Gracie Mae), Julia Golden (Sara Jo), Joe Fergerson (Homer), Jo Nell Lankford (Melissa Dugan). THIRD ROW: Mrs. Martin (Director), Tommy Green (Slim), Gary Roark (Pepper), Johnny Anderson (Paw Hollowbone), Brenda Hines (the "Widder"), Phillip Platner (Grandpappy).





# **Warrior King**

Ronnie Walker Sophomores

### Escorts

Jim Graham Freshman Phillip Platner Junior



William Graham Senior

> WRIGHT'S CLEANERS KEYSTONE LAUNDRY

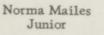


Barbara Bowen Sophomore

### Attendants



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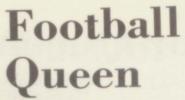






Kathleen Dry Freshman





Georgia Sandlin

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Preceding the Homecoming Game, November 2, the 1956 Football Queen, Georgia Sandlin, a senior, was crowned in an appropriate ceremony. Following the coronation, the queen and her attendants were than escorted to seats of honor for the game.

Attendants

Sue Winchester Sara Cook



# Basketball Queen

Wanda Taylor

The Basketball Queen was elected by the student body after the senior basketball boys had made the nominations. Wanda, a senior, represented Seneca High at the Miami Tournament in January.

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# Miss Merry Christmas

Annette Fuller



Bob Smith, president; Neil Woods, vice-president; John Boehning, sec.-treas.; Mr. Burrows, adviser; Dixie Ritchie, Sue Heistand, Kathy Dry, executive committee.

## **Science Club Started**

The first science club Seneca High School has had for some time was organized this year to further student interest in science. The club was affiliated with the National Science Clubs of America, which provided them with literature and films. Several of the members, termed the "cave dwellers," enjoyed exploring a number of caves in the area.

## F. H. A. Group Organized

SEATED: Julia Golden, secretary; Bertha Fritchey, vice-president; Jo Nell Lankford, parliamentarian; Carol Divine, treasurer. STANDING: Miss Embry, adviser; Bonita Taylor, historian; Judy Lankford, reporter; Barbara Holloway, president; Yolonda Platner, song leader; Melba Keith, sub-district historian; and Mrs. Davis, chapter mother.



The Future Homemakers of America Club was organized in October at Seneca High School. This was the first year for the organization, and it proved very successful with seventy-nine girls being initiated at the first meeting. The purpose of the club is to better prepare the girls for their future roles as homemakers.

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# I. A. Club Works to Improve Department

Seventeen industrial arts students met with Mr. Curry to organize a club, their purpose being to work on projects which were sold to raise money to improve the department. Red jackets became their identifying trademark, and officers elected were Bob Smith, president; Jim Black, vice-president; and Terry Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

FIRST ROW: Jim Black, Bob Smith, Terry Anderson. SECOND ROW: Gerald Rhodes, James Doke, Dwight Vowels. THIRD ROW: Mike Montgomery, Chester Pittman, Joe Conduff, Leroy Glover. FOURTH ROW: Mark King, Kenny Rogers, Neil Woods, Bob Hottel, Ronnie Griffin. FIFTH ROW: Francis Buzzard, Mr. Curry, Robert Pittman.



## **Students Develop Craft Skills**

Crafts students proudly displayed some of their projects made this year. Work in this class included textile painting, metal etching, glass painting, basket weaving, plastic lacing, copper tooling, and leather work. Thirty-two students, eighteen of them boys, were enrolled in the class.

SEATED: Barbara Holloway, Geraldine Cummings, Melvin Blevins, Earline Lankford, Tanya Friend. STANDING: Pat Barnett, Joyce Anderson, Loretta Helms, Mr. Curry, Barbara McCaslin.

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FIRST ROW: Marshvon Williams, G; Pat Lawson, QB; Larry Steele, HB; Max Vowels, HB; Jim Black, T; Don Davis, C; Gary Roark, G. SECOND ROW: Floyd Rowden, G; Joe Stone, G; Larry Woodward, T; John Roberts, E; Gayland Montgomery, HB; Dwand Sherwood, T. THIRD ROW: Coach Max Buzzard, J. C. Kuhn, FB; Robert Watts, T; Benny Lawson, E; Larry Garman, QB; John Boehning, C; Danny Varney, HB; Rex Fowler, E; Asst. Coach Burl Fowler. (Not pictured: Ronal Bennett, E; Donnie Montgomery, FB.)

### **Indians Win Fifth Football Crown**

The Seneca football team won the Tri-County Championship again for the fifth consecutive year, and their fans were certainly proud of them and the trophy they received. A banquet in their honor was given by the Seneca Athletic Club with approximately one hundred twenty-five parents, guests, and fans present.



#### Three Named on

#### **All-Ozarks Team**

District coaches and officials cooperated with the sports staff of Springfie<sup>1</sup>d newspapers in selecting an all-Ozarks football team. Three Seneca Indians received special mention: Benny Lawson, end; Larry Garman, quarterback; and Max Vowels, halfback.

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Blocking technique is demonstrated by the team's two ends, Rex Fowler and Benny Lawson, under the supervision of Coach Buzzard.

### 1956 Schedule

WE		THEY
45	Jasper	0
13	Aurora	21
	(Non-Conference)	
33	Greenfield	0
26	Miller	0
20	Carl Junction	12
53	Carterville	0
14	Pierce City	0
7	Sarcoxie	7
41	Lockwood	14





At right, the starting backfield. All seniors, Max Vowels, J. C. Kuhn, Danny Varney, Larry Garman, these boys will be greatly missed next year.

BELOW, the Indians' offensive unit.





FRONT ROW: Jo Ann Brown, Flordeana Elliott, Sue Winchester, Sandra Lankford. BACK ROW: Linda Marshall, Bob Smith, Patricia Barnett.

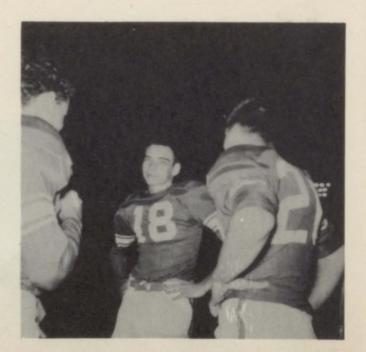
## **Cheerleaders Support Teams**

A most faithful group of cheerleaders--these seven. Always on the spot from the first football game to the last basketball contest, they continuously cheered the Seneca Indians on toward victory.



Escorts Don Davis, Benny Lawson, and Robert Watts await the girls' arrival for the coronation.

Queen Georgia Sandlin and Attendants Sara Cook and Sue Winchester watch the Homecoming Game, Seneca vs. Pierce City.





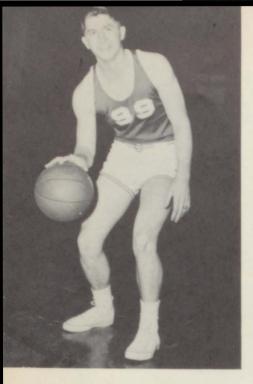
FIRST ROW: Robert Watts, Guard; J. C. Kuhn, Forward; Max Vowels, Guard; Dale Burns, Guard; Floyd Rowden, Forward. SECOND ROW: Coach Buzzard, Gary Mitchell, Forward; Larry Garman, Forward; Herman Griffin, Center; Benny Lawson, Center; Rex Fowler, Guard; Asst. Coach Burl Fowler.

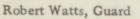
# Top Basketball Honors Won by "A" Team

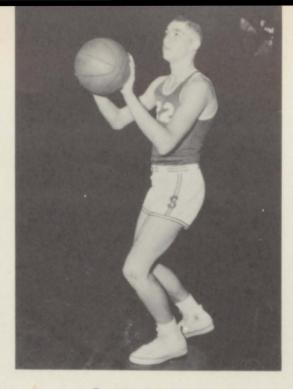
The Indians were again at the top in Little Ten Conference play this year, tying with Sarcoxie, with a 9-1 record. They also brought home the first-place trophy from the Little Ten Tournament.

At right, Coach Buzzard says "It has been a highly successful year in Seneca athletics, and we've had a wonderful group of athletes on our teams. We hope for other seasons just as successful next year!"

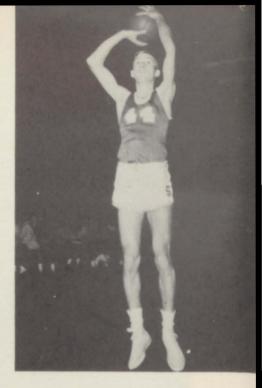




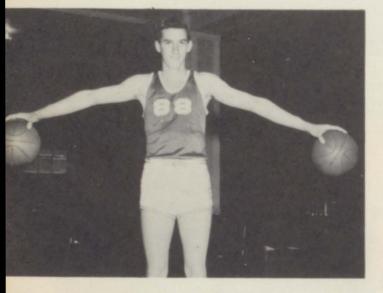




Rex Fowler, Guard



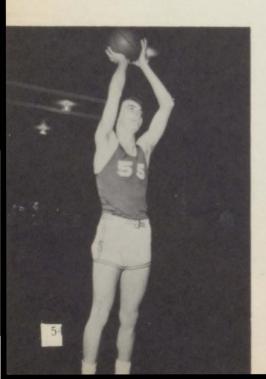
Gary Mitchell, Forward



Herman Griffin, Center

### 1956-57 Schedule

WE	THEY
51	Sarcoxie
	LITTLE TEN TOURNEY
	First Place
66	
	MIAMI TOURNEY
49	Diamond
36	
57	
64	Liberal
63	
43	
59	Carl Junction
66	
	Wyandotte



Benny Lawson, Center

Larry Garman, Forward

Max Vowels, Guard



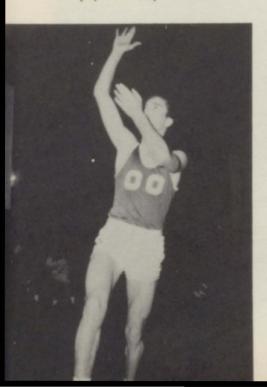
FIRST ROW: Frankie Green, Forward; L. E. Campbell, Forward; David Heistand, Forward. SECOND ROW: Ronnie Walker, Forward; Jerry West, Guard; David Montgomery, Center; Gary Roark, Guard; Pat Lawson, Guard; Coach Burl Fowler. (Not pictured: Mike Plummer, Allan Hirsch, Dennis Rogers).

### "B" Team Wins Seven Out of Ten

Made up of sophomores and juniors, the B team contests provided valuable experience for potential replacements for next year's first team. Some of the season's closest games were played by these boys.

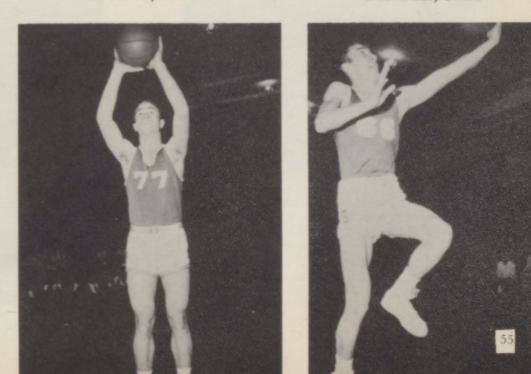
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Floyd, Rowden, Forward



J. C. Kuhn, Forward

Dale Burns, Guard



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Mr. Thomas and Phyllis Gilstrap look on while Dixie Ritchie trys out one of the comfortable rocking chairs for sale at THOMAS APPLIANCE.



Karen McReynolds and Martha Alderson enjoy learning about the real estate business from Mr. Brite and Patsy Mailes at BRITE'S REALTY AGENCY.



David Montgomery waits for Courtney Smith to complete her cash transaction with Mrs. Buzzard at BUZZARD'S HARDWARE STORE.



NADINE'S BEAUTY SHOP is a popular place with the high school girls. On this particular day, Sandra Atkinson was getting her hair cut, while Eldonna Ridenour and Karen Pierce waited her turn. Sharon Roberts is under the dryer.



Obtaining a driver's license is important business, and L.E. Campbell and Pat Lawson study the requirements with the help of Mrs. Fowler at PLUMMER'S AGENCY.



At SENECA LUMBER COMPANY Mr. Ball shows Mike Plummer, Lewis Lawrence, and Francis Buzzard his stock of dependable Weiser locks.



Three girls and a truck--Bertha Fritchey, Judy Lankford, and Sandra Lankford pose on a rainy morning in front of their favorite station, HOME OIL COMPANY.



Editor Carl Erickson explains the make-up of the SENECA NEWS DISPATCH to Bob Smith, John Boehning, and Mrs. Aretha Morgan.



Partial to Mercurys, Donna Laird and Alice Pence admire a new '57 model at MACY'S MOTOR COMPANY in Neosho.



At POLLY'S CAFE, where the students meet during their spare time, Melba Keith, Kay Hile, and Isabel Clemons talk with Mrs. Hile while waiting for their order.



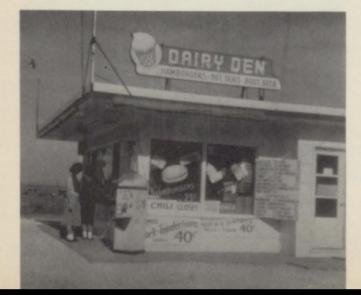
It's at the T and E CAFE, Joplin, that Jo Ann Brown, Louella Russell, and Reta Brown stop for refreshments and relaxation after Junior Play practice one night.



One coke for a steady twosome at DORMAN'S DRUG STORE--Benny Lawson and Sue Winchester. Benny doesn't seem thirsty, though.



A Sunbeam skillet at SENECA APPLIANCE takes the fancy of Julia Golden and Jo Nell Lankford. (A worthy appliance for two such good cooks.)



The DAIRY DEN in Neosho is a good place to stop for lunch any time, agree Judy Hill and Alice Pence, who have just completed an afternoon of soliciting advertisements for the WARRIOR.





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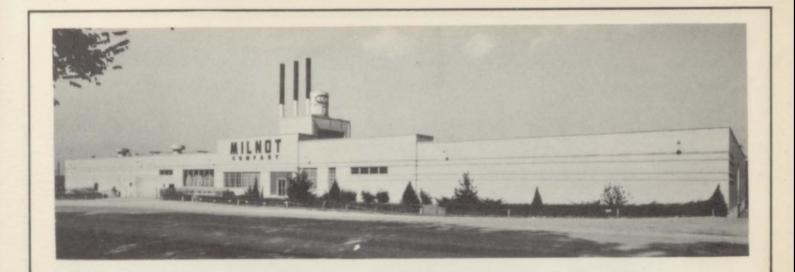
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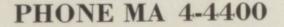
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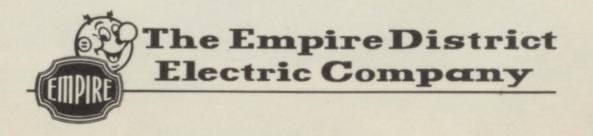
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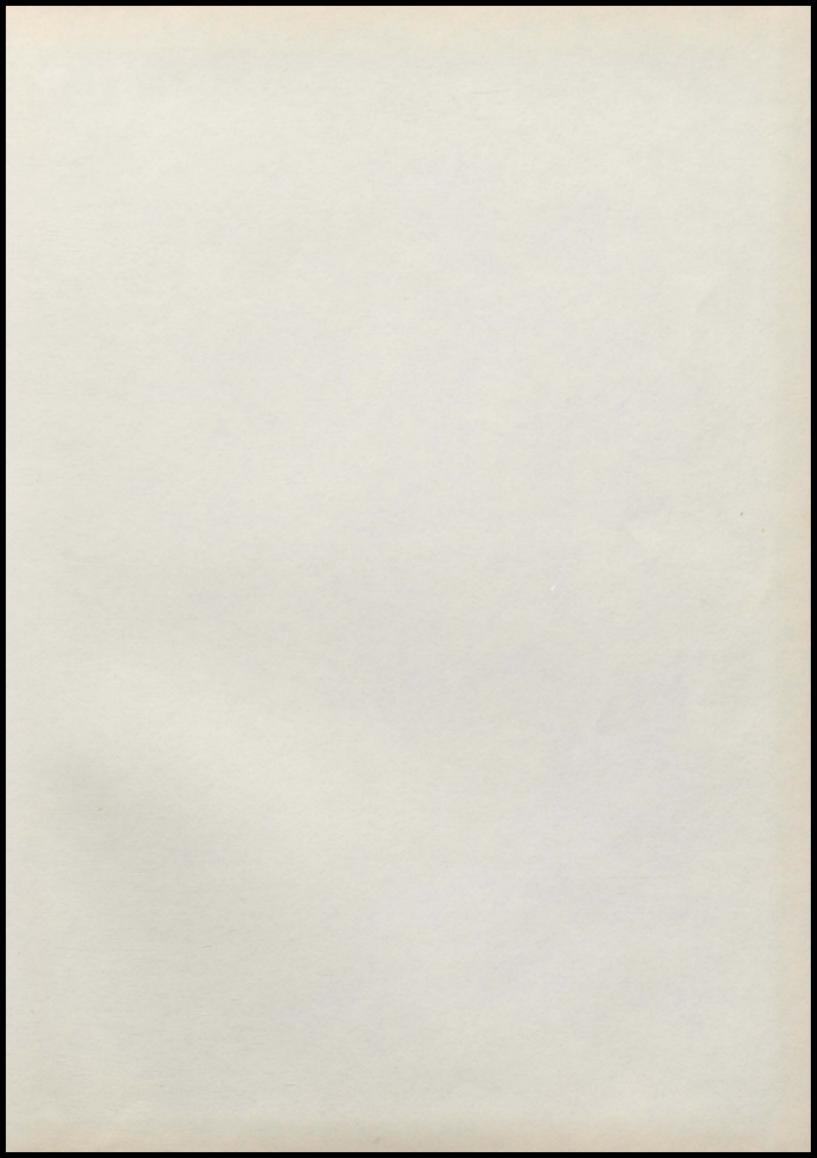
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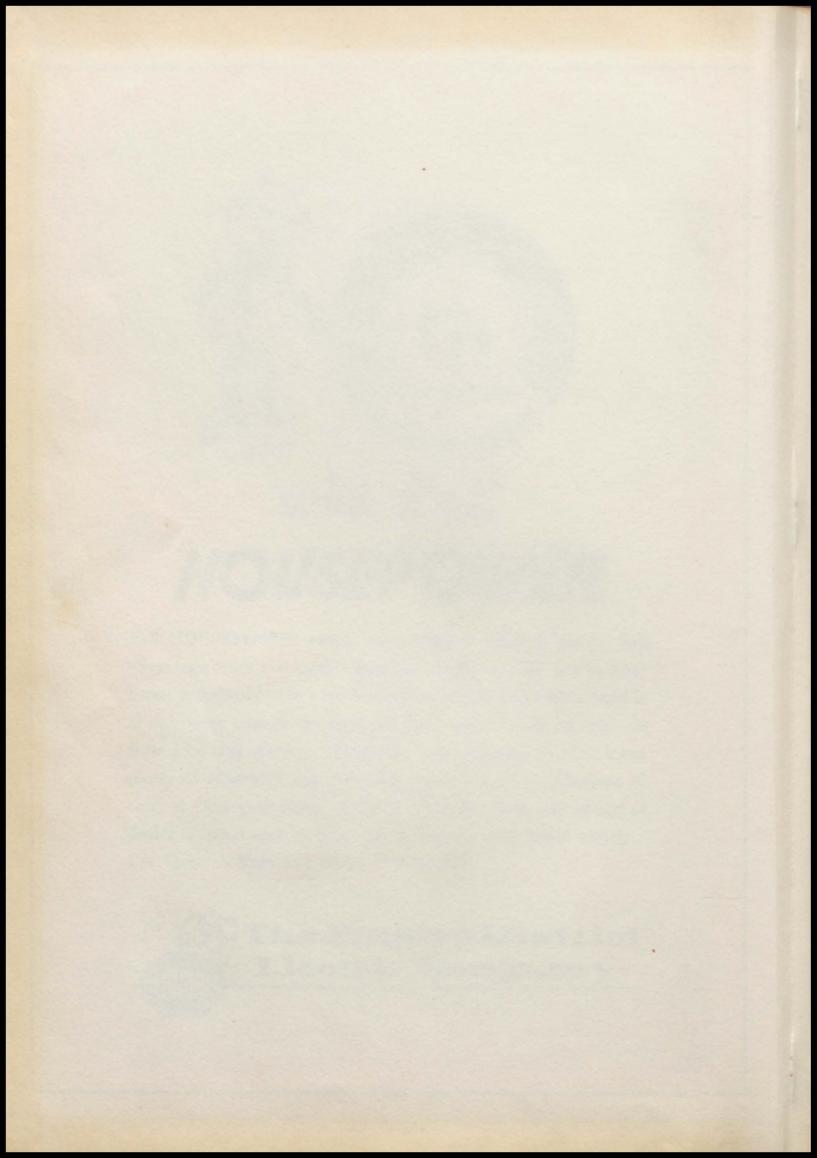
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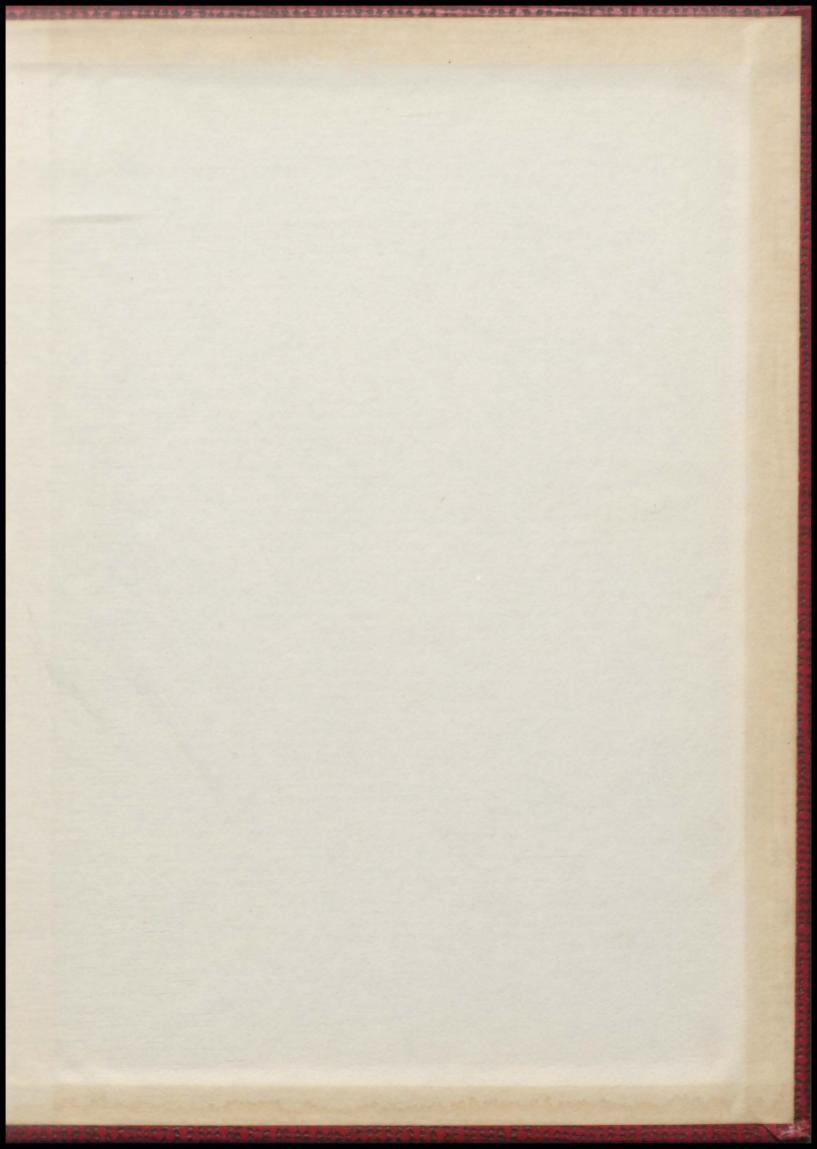


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