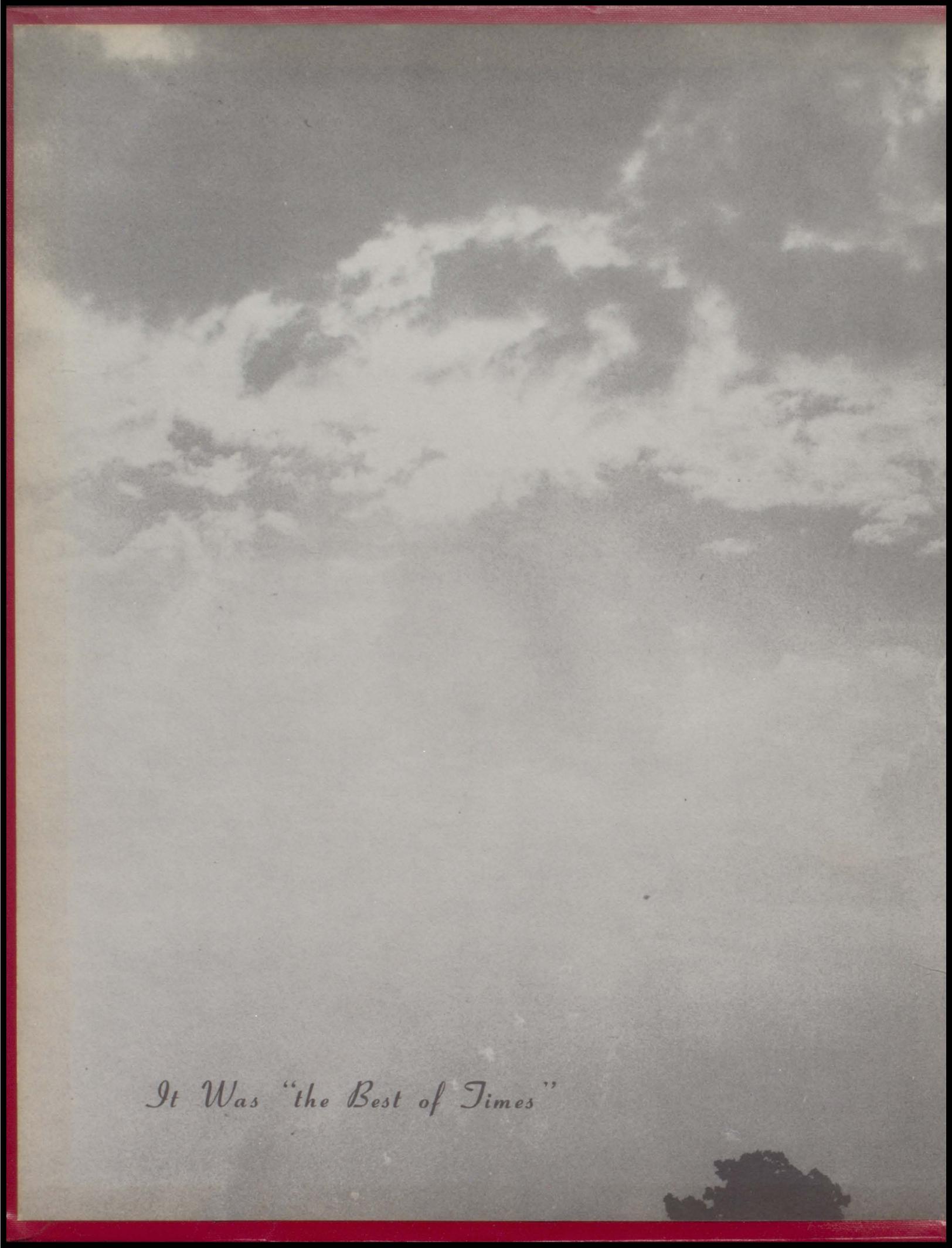


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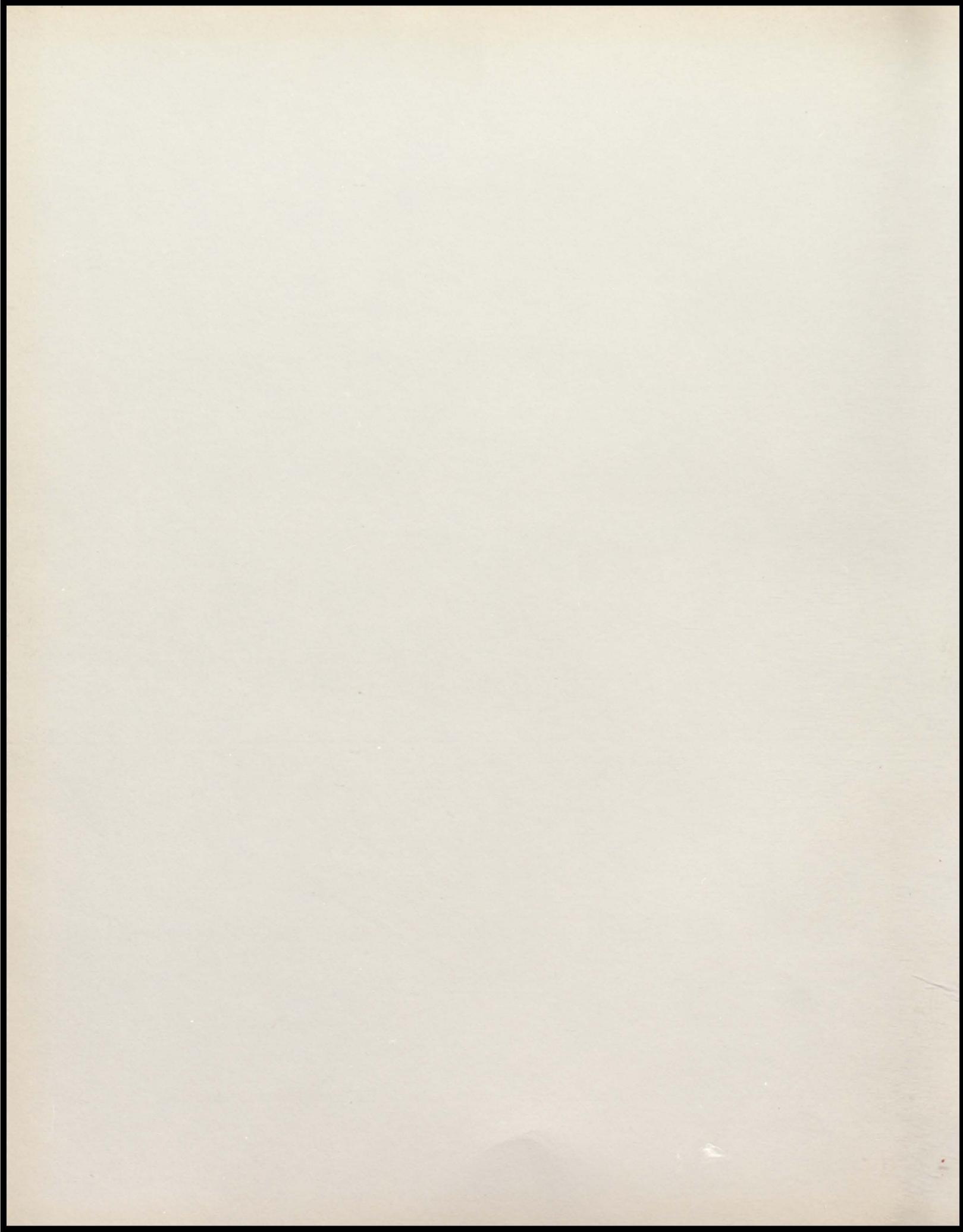
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It Was "the Best of Times"







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"The Best of Times"

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us...." wrote Charles Dickens of "the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five."

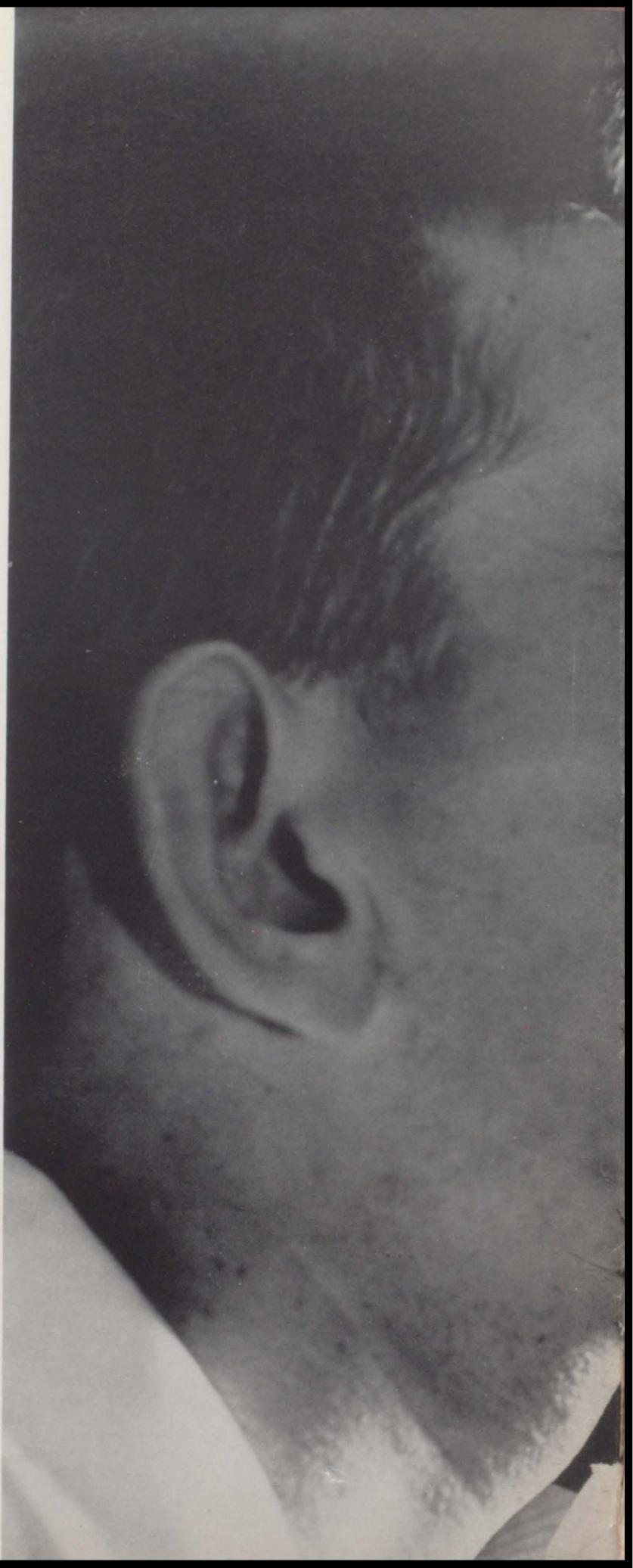
This "year of our Lord" one thousand nine hundred sixty-one is "the best of times"; we enjoy the highest standard of living the world has ever seen. It is "the worst of times," two-thirds of the world's population goes to bed hungry. It is "the age of wisdom"; we have unmasked the mysteries of the universe until yesterday's science fiction is today's fact. It is "the age of foolishness"; these same wonders threaten civilization.

It is "the epoch of belief" when idealism, belief in God, efforts toward human rights run high. It is "the epoch of incredulity"; some of us cannot believe that a kind God could tolerate such injustice in a world which he created and loved, that man is basically selfish, cruel, ruthless, that world peace, better conditions for all can ever be achieved.

This is "the season of Light." Never before has the field of man's knowledge been so wide or so many seeking to increase that knowledge. It is "the season of Darkness"; half of the world's population is illiterate, millions are bound by the shackles of communism, the dark gloom of the ever-present threat of atomic war enfolds the globe.

Against this background of "the best of times, the worst of times," The 1961 WILLAMIZZOU attempts to picture school life in Willow Springs High School as we strive to achieve "the best of times."

Sue Stringer in English IV





SUPERINTENDENT T. G. MUNFORD

Revealed by his achievements during thirty-four years in Willow Springs Schools, Superintendent T. G. Munford emerges as the strong, steadfast man at the helm, quietly guiding his students to the "best of times."

When "Coach" Munford came to Willow in the fall of 1927 as principal, teacher, and coach, he had one year of experience and a freshly won B.S. in Education from Southwest Missouri State. Now holding the Master of Education from the University of Missouri, he remains in Willow, a symbol of fair play and progressive education.

As a coach, he built the Bears to an outstanding position. Asked about his teams, Mr. Munford says, "I don't remember." But Coach Stringer, one of his former players, recalls, "We tied for first in football with four on the SCA All-Stars and second in basketball the year I was graduated, 1940." He was the driving force in building Palenske Field.

Since Mr. Munford became superintendent in 1944, the enrollment has doubled, the curriculum increased from twenty-six units to fifty-one. Twelve rural schools have joined Willow; elementary students are housed in two new buildings; buses have increased from three to nine.

He is active in his church and the Rotary Club. At home he raises cattle, gardens, and grows flowers.



PRINCIPAL FRED THOMAS

A man of many talents and skills is Principal Fred Thomas. He is solidly behind every school activity: athletics, music, speech, organizations--and most of all--study.

Visiting the chorus or band, he listens attentively. When the music stops, he will say, "Shoot!" He encourages football, basketball, or track boys as they work. A talented speaker himself, he works for the speech program in Willow.

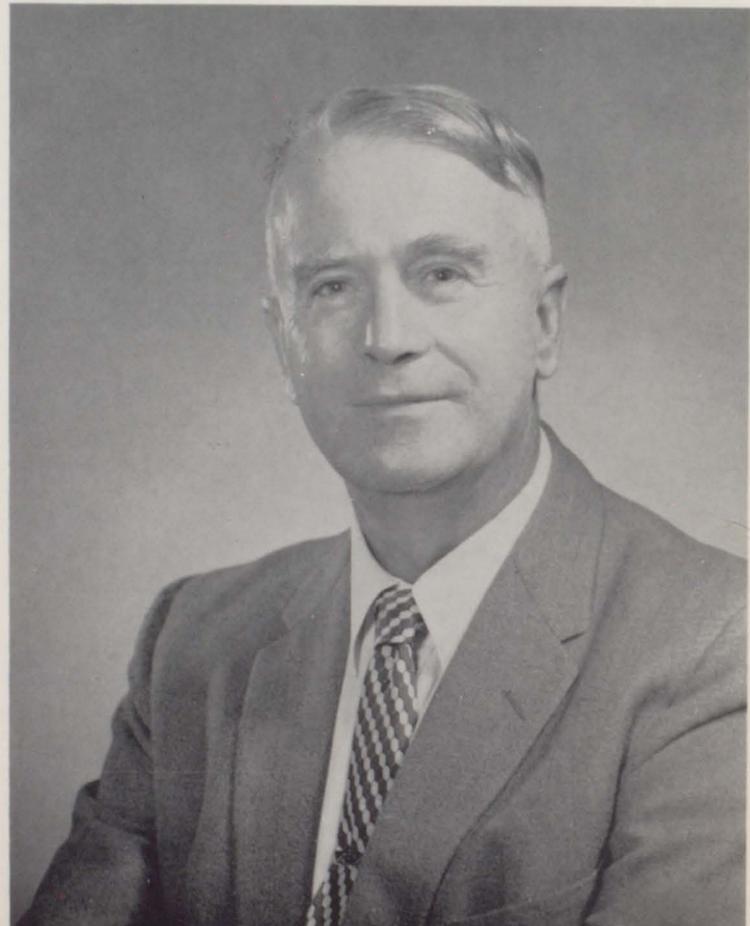
No excuse for tardiness or absence is new to him; he has heard them all. He is a familiar sight going through town checking for "skippers" or those who were sent to town but are taking a long time to return, or laughing and joking in the halls.

Holding the degrees of B.S. in Education and Master of Education from Drury College, he has taught in Willow twelve years in both the elementary school and the high school. This year he teaches a class in geography.

At home he works on his farm, in his store, fishes, smokes his pipe--or when the opportunity presents itself--plays with his grandchildren. His older son is a doctor, his older daughter a nurse. Larry is completing his college work; Sharon is graduating from WSHS this year.

Principal Thomas is an active Rotarian. For two successive years he has won the district championship of the Toastmasters' Club and represented the Springfield district in the four-state regional contest; he placed second both years.

We are glad to have him at the head of our school.



Best of Times"



ABOVE: Parent-Teacher members Margie Moss, Mary Corl, Marie Theerman and Maxine Girdley discuss plans for the coming year with Board of Education members Ruby Ladage, Allen Frazee, Clark Gotsy, and Harry Lovan. LEFT: Dorothy Burns, Etta Belle Ferguson, Lulu Montgomery, Lil Lovan, Christine Steele, Helen Stevenson, and Agness Hill prepare refreshments for September P.T.A. meeting to welcome faculty members.



Mrs. Jenny Marvin is the school secretary.

Miss Naida Protiva serves as secretary to the principal and treasurer of the Board of Education.

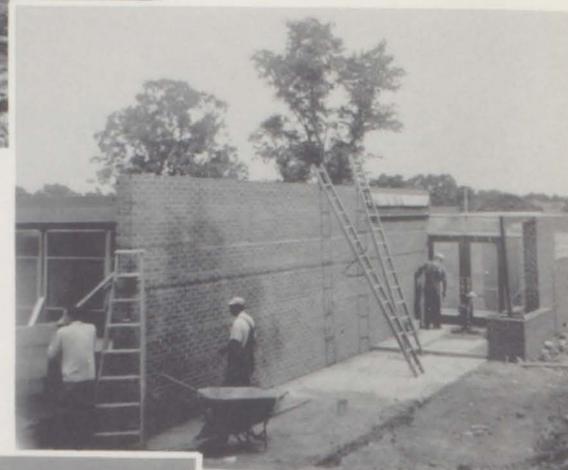


Board of Education member, Omer Bunch, and Phil Kilpatric, secretary of the Board, listen as Dr. R. D. Shaw, vice-president of the Board, gives the opening address at Commencement.





LEFT: New building opened October 7, 1960, BELOW: The new building May 30.



INTO NEW QUARTERS

October 7, 1960, was moving day for Willow Springs students. The first six grades moved into the new building pictured above. Seventh and eighth graders, special education classes, and kindergartners moved into the 1954 building leaving the 1894 patriarch of the campus to long-deferred quietude.

The move resulted from a reorganization begun in 1957 when seven rural schools joined Willow. Last year the district voted bonds for \$70,000. With a \$50,000 booster from the State, the new building became a reality. This year five more schools joined the district.

Stony Point, pictured at right and typical of the closed buildings, is a sharp contrast to the ample, softly tinted, radiant-heated, skylighted twelve rooms of the newest addition to Willow's campus.



ABOVE: Stony Point, now closed. BELOW: Kindergartners inspect the old Stony Point bell, a passing phase of school life.



Toward

"the Best of Times"

ABOVE: Gary Sorrells advises with Principal Fred Thomas about his future.

Guidance--that important extra gear in school machinery that attempts to get and keep students on the right track--has played an ever increasing role in Willow Springs, as in every other school across the nation.

In the spring, Principal Fred Thomas gives eighth graders the Iowa algebra aptitude test, then advises them whether to enroll in general mathematics or in algebra the next fall. Students are not required or commanded, but are advised.

Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Smith test throughout high school to help the students and the teachers determine the students' various abilities. These tests indicate aptitude for mechanical reasoning, language usage, space relations, verbal reasoning, numerical ability, clerical speed and accuracy, and abstract reasoning.

Members of special education classes are chosen by these tests.

Juniors planning to take English IV as seniors are advised to take the upper division of the English III class and seniors expecting to go to college to enroll in English IV.

The Ohio State Psychological Test, given the seniors, is used for future reference when they apply for work and to determine the awards for the Curators' scholarships from the University of Missouri. These tests are machine scored at the university.

We do not have a full-time guidance instructor, but through the friendly cooperative spirit that has developed among students, administration, and teachers, the students feel free to confer with any teacher concerning their guidance needs. Every teacher in our school, in a way, is a guidance counselor, for classroom teachers, as well as the administration, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Thomas, are guidance conscious--conscious of one of the ways we move on toward "the best of days" educationally.

MRS. LILLIAN SMITH

As teacher or student, Mrs. Lillian Summers Smith has been connected with four of the five rural districts which joined Willow Springs C-4 this fall--Pine Creek, Varvel, Stony Point, and Davis. She attended Freedom, which had united with Pine Creek before this fall's reorganization, Pine Creek, Varvel, and Willow Springs grade schools.

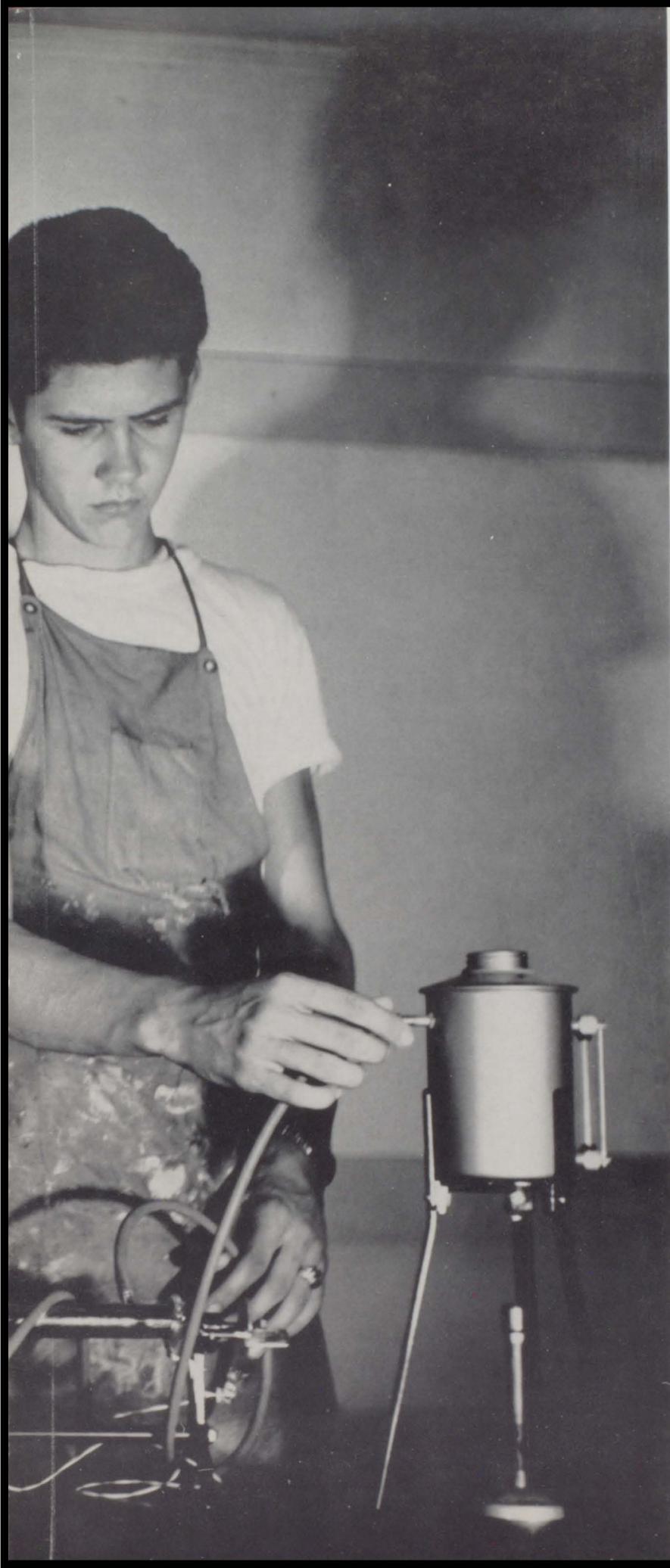
After graduating from Willow Springs High School, she taught at Stony Point and Davis. Her marriage to Wade Smith in 1931 halted her teaching. But she returned to the schoolroom in 1952 and received her Bachelor of Social Science from Drury College in 1958 with certificates in both primary work and special education. She also has an English major and needs only three courses to complete a degree in counseling.

Mrs. Smith's warm, motherly good-humor makes her especially successful as a teacher. This year she is teaching a section of English II in addition to the special education courses.

Like their mother, Mrs. Smith's daughters are alumnae of WSHS. Carlita is already teaching; Valeta is majoring in art at Drury preparing to teach.

In addition to her home and school interests, Mrs. Smith's hobby is growing flowers and her "green thumb" is evident in her cheerful, flower-filled classroom.





"The Season of Light"

"It was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness."

"Light" has made possible picking up a piece of molded bakelite to converse with someone on the other side of the globe, turning a dial to see and hear a debate between two presidential candidates on opposite sides of the continent, sending three black mice-- Sally, Amy, and Moe--in the nose cone of an Atlas missile and bringing them back to reveal scientific data to further manned space travel.

It is "the season of Darkness." Changing the payload of that Atlas missile from mice to an atomic warhead, man can deal death, desolation, total destruction.

It is "the season of Light"; our granaries overflow. It is "the season of Darkness"; thousands of school children have their one full meal a day free in the school lunchroom; thousands of unemployed in depressed areas seek a meager dole of a few pounds of food a month.

It is "the season of Light"; the average age of man in the United States soars into the seventies. It is "the season of Darkness"; thousands of our elderly eke out a miserable existence on a few dollars a month.

"Light" has given us abundance; "Darkness" holds sway in our inability to use that abundance wisely.

Our schools, our curriculum, our classes strive to bridge the gulf. Science has given us the means to abundance. More social science must give us understanding; better communication must enable us to share that understanding; more appreciation of art, music, drama--the mediums of communication which do not need language for sharing--must make "one world" a reality.

For these, our curriculum, the classes presented on the following pages, must bridge the gulf to give students of Willow Springs High School the foundation for "the best of times."

Skills in Communication

College bound English IV students broke into print this year by writing copy for the year-book. Behind them lay three years of struggling to learn to say, "Each is going," "Between you and me," mastering the Southwest Missouri State spelling list, vocabulary, outlines, topic sentences, paragraphs, letter writing, themes, and book reviews.

This year wide-eyed freshmen walked into English I under Miss Hoover. Sophomores had Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Munford; juniors Miss Martin and Mrs. Munford; seniors Mrs. Munford.

In literature they enjoyed Our Town, Macbeth, A Midsummer Night's Dream, David Copperfield, short stories, and verse--from nonsense to T. S. Eliot.

In the field of language arts, Missouri requires three units for graduation. Each student must pass English I, II, and III. Willow students have an additional seven units of electives.

Two units of speech and one unit in debate are offered as electives. Fundamentals of speech is a beginning course. Vocal exercises as well as physical ones are a part of each day's class activity.

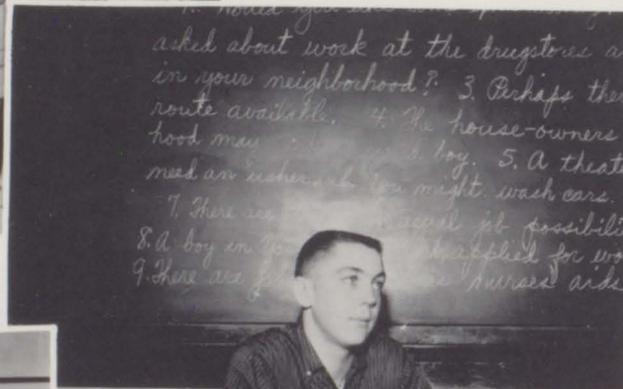
Public speaking is the next unit. An advanced speech course, this class supplies contest speakers.

Those interested in learning to do intensive research work and public speaking take the most advanced speech course, debate.

Concluding our seven electives, we have French I, II, and III. Willow is fortunate in having a native of a French speaking community, Mr. John Finley, as instructor.



ABOVE: Janis Zimmerman records a difficult passage in French II as Mr. Finley, Bud Wheeler, and Kenneth Garton look on. BELOW: Miss Martin writes criticisms of Jo Anne Longnecker's case in debate class.



ABOVE: Mike Sears wonders about the mysteries of English grammar. LEFT: Sue Stringer, Gary Sorrells, and Pat Burns discuss yearbook copy with Mrs. Munford.



Bring World Understanding

Students of Willow High thank Mrs. Jessie Munford for giving them a future blessed with the appreciation of good literature and the ability to speak and write correctly.

Arriving in Willow with her husband in 1927 with her two-weeks' old B.S. in Education from Central Missouri State College in her trunk, Mrs. Munford taught social studies, English, and girls' physical education. Her former students still talk about their May Day festivals.

She received her Master in Arts in Speech from the University of Missouri and for the last twenty years all of her work has been in the field of English and speech. Since "crashing the coronary club" last spring, she is limiting her activities to classes in English II, III, and IV and co-sponsoring the yearbook.

Always active in church and club work, she received the "Citizen of the Year" award from the Chamber of Commerce last year.

Unquenchably exuberant, dedicated to teaching, Mrs. Munford has won a lasting place in the lives of her students.



Miss Elaine Martin made her place in WSHS hearts last spring when she completed the year for Mrs. Munford. This year she returned to teach speech, dramatics, debate, and a section of English III. She sponsors the National Forensic League and the National Beta Club.

Receiving her B. S. in Education from Southwest Missouri State College in 1960 with honors in both dramatics and speech, Miss Martin brought Willow a combination of exceptional training and teaching skill.

The demands of speech work take her afternoons, evenings, and week-ends. But she does find time to play with Scherezade, her pet kitten, and to read widely.



Webster's Dictionary states, "A teacher is one who teaches; one whose occupation is to instruct; an instructor." Miss Hoover is more than this. She is a warm, friendly person with a keen sense of humor. Her deep voice, her long stride as she hurries down the hall, her daily jokes with her famous last words, "I might have told you this before, but..." have made her a tradition in fourteen years in Willow.

Miss Hoover lives with her mother at Mountain View and commutes to Willow each school day. She likes to cook and read, but her real hobby is visiting the hospital. Every day possible she visits and cheers the patients.

Her main goal for her life was to be a teacher. She holds the B.S. in Education from Southwest Missouri State. We shall always remember the times she has pounded into our thick little skulls English and math we didn't particularly care to learn. We'll be just like the alumni of years gone by when they come to school for a visit or business and step into Miss Hoover's bright yellow room to chat and thank her.



Teaching social studies are three veterans: Mrs. Myrtle Dunivin, Mr. Harold Harmon, and Mrs. May Spence.

Twenty-three years in Willow Springs schools have made her one of the most respected, most loved teachers on the campus. She teaches American history, contemporary issues, and Missouri history this year. Whenever the schedule permits, she adds economics, American problems, or sociology.

Mrs. Dunivin's husband, the late R. L. Dunivin, and her two sons, Mike and Pat, are also Willow alumni. Pat is a commercial photographer, Mike is in the Navy.

Alone now, Mrs. Dunivin enjoys outdoor life on her farm. She may be seen often in the summer on her garden tractor with the wind blowing through her wavy, white hair. She reads widely, especially from her extensive library of historical novels and biographies, enjoys painting, and the company of her two pet dogs.

We are indeed fortunate to have her on our faculty.

MRS. MAY SPENCE

We've read about women capable of taking care of themselves. Mrs. May Spence is this legend in the flesh. Married in her early teens, she saw her four children through high school and into college. Instead of resting on her laurels, she completed her own high school education and earned the degree of B.S. in Social Science from Drury College. All this, without neglecting her husband, Lyman, or her community and church work!

After teaching in the elementary school, Mrs. Spence now serves as librarian and teaches world history in her fifth year on Willow's faculty.

Musically talented, she can always be counted on to accompany when needed. Last year she directed a grade school Tonette band. She is truly a remarkable person.

MR. HAROLD HARMON

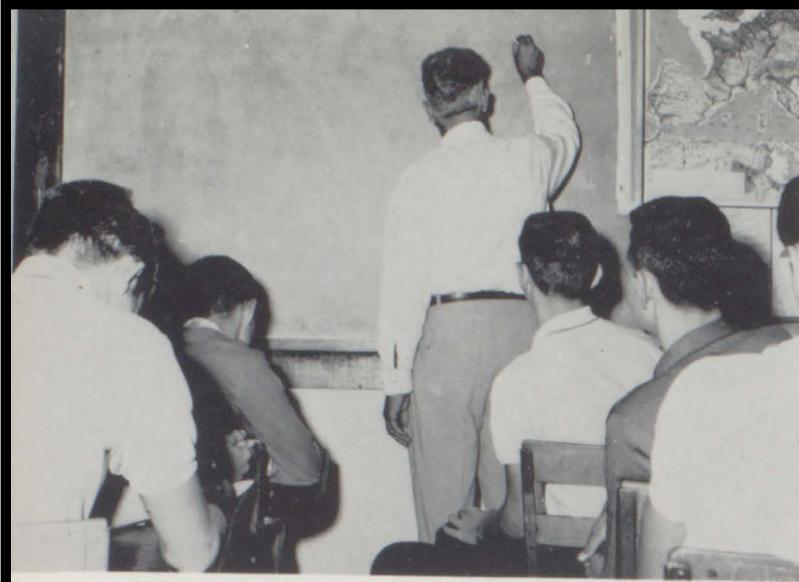
In twelve years as head coach at Willow Springs High School, Mr. Harold Harmon led the Bears to the South Central Association championship three years in succession in 1950, '51, and '52. Last year he became athletic director and relinquished active coaching.

Mr. Harmon is now working on his Master's degree. After receiving the B.S. in Education from Southwest Missouri State in 1941, he entered the army in 1942. Serving with the combat engineers in Belgium and France, he was hospitalized for almost a year before his discharge in 1945. He received the Purple Heart.

Freshmen meet him in citizenship; upper-classmen in general business, business arithmetic, business law, or salesmanship. Quiet, modest in victory or defeat, always a gentleman--and a confirmed bachelor--Mr. Harmon is one of Willow's most loved figures.

He enjoys hunting in winter and indulges his fancy for travel in the summer.

MR. HAROLD HARMON



Don Gardner, Jesse Burroughs, Mike Sears, Steve Losh, and Larry Gregory wait hoping that what Mr. Thomas writes on the board won't be a test.

MRS. MYRTLE DUNIVIN

May 12, 1925. Slim, black-haired Myrtle Wilhoit marched out of the old gymnasium with her diploma and teacher-training certificate. After attending SMS that summer, she began her teaching career. Twenty-nine of her thirty years of teaching have been in this area.

MRS. MYRTLE DUNIVIN



MRS. MAY SPENCE





In world history Sue Lynn Cox, Mike Sears, Wayne Pace, Nolan Feldman, and Jo Anne Longnecker study the globe, charts, and maps.

Social Studies Create World Understanding

In a world where science has outstripped our techniques of living together, where the angry bumbings and shoe pounding of Nikita Khrushchev flashed into thirty million living rooms, no course of study, required or elective, is more important than social studies.

This Missouri recognizes by requiring three units for graduation--in citizenship, world history or geography, and American history. In addition, every graduate must pass a test on both the state and the federal constitutions.

Freshmen take the introductory course, citizenship, a general study of American life and government.

World history traces man's progress from the cave man to the space man. We learn that we owe the wheel of which our civilization depends to some unknown genius in the Tigris-Euphrates valley, our alphabet to the Phoenicians, our religion to the Hebrews, our literature, architecture and govern-

ment to the Greeks, Romans, and Anglo-Saxons, the watermelon to the Crusaders.

We learn the background of Verdun, Normandy Beach, Iwo Jima, the anti-American riots in Japan. World history is the key to understanding of today's world.

The third required unit, American history, builds on the world history background. We share the sufferings of the Pilgrims' first winter, of Washington's ragged men at Valley Forge, the compromises resulting in our Constitution. We view the slavery struggle, the Civil War, the evils of "Reconstruction" dictated by hate. We see our great industries rise, the struggle to control them, the labor movement. We live the trench warfare of Belleau Woods, the struggle for world cooperation through the League of Nations, the ignominy of Pearl Harbor.

Finally, we emerge as a world power with all the pain and responsibility such a position entails.

"Now kids, you must get your math," said Dr. Luther Gable repeatedly as he explained light rays to the student body in an assembly program.

Students dreaming of building the freeways of the future or winning Nobel prizes in chemistry or physics may learn the fundamentals of mathematics in Algebra I, advanced algebra, plane geometry, trigonometry, and analytical mathematics in Willow High. Those who want a review of elementary school math may take general mathematics which will satisfy the one unit requirement Missouri makes for graduation.

Near the end of the eighth grade, students are tested to determine their mathematical ability. They are then advised whether to enter Algebra I or general mathematics.

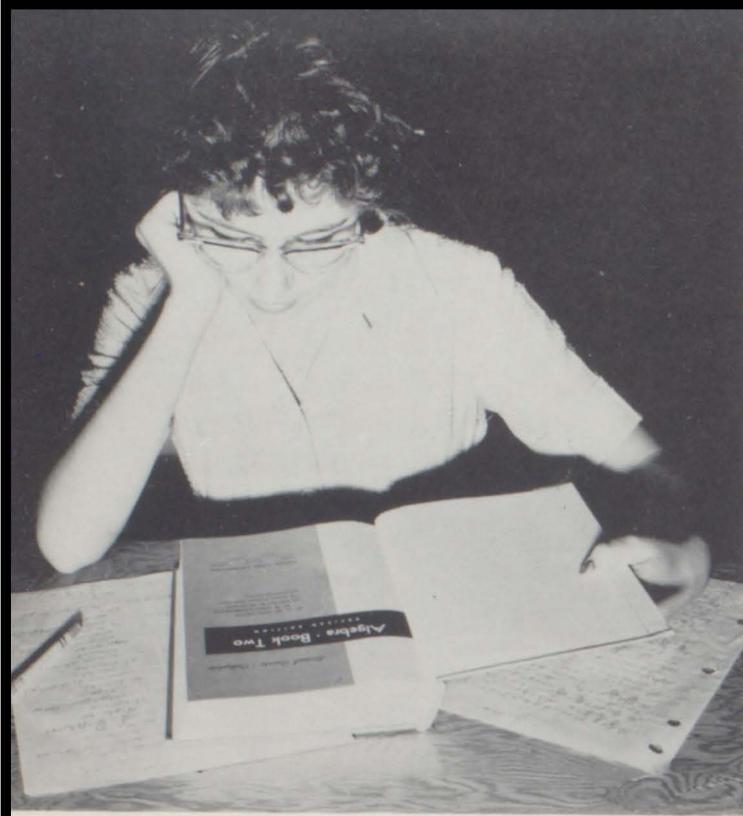
This year sixty are enrolled in the two Algebra I classes, thirty-seven freshmen and twenty-three upperclassmen. Nineteen sophomores and seven upperclassmen advanced to plane geometry, a preparatory course for higher mathematics and physics.

Juniors now usually study advanced algebra, a class open to anyone who has passed the first algebra course. Since the expedited course began only three years ago, seven of the nineteen members this year are seniors.

Trigonometry is the most advanced math course offered by WSHS. It is a senior subject and the class is usually small; this year only three senior boys are enrolled.

"Trig" is a half-year course; second semester students study analytical analysis, a subject to bridge the gap between secondary and college math.

Through our speeded-up program headed by Mr. Neil Pamperien, who teaches all the classes except the general mathematics taught by Miss Hoover, the number enrolled in the more advanced courses will noticeably increase in the future.



Terry Fisk works hard on algebra.



"This is work!" decides Pat Burns, Margaret Flannery, Phil Davis, and Jean McCreary. Larry Abbey and Larry Bennett, working logarithms on the board, seem to think they're having fun.

MR. NEIL PAMPERIEN

Most of his students see in Mr. Neil Pamperien the Willow Springs version of the television and motion picture character, Mr. Peeper, the ideal mathematics teacher. Mild-mannered, quiet, it is hard to imagine Mr. Pamperien as a machine gunner in the Korean War. He came to Willow after his discharge seven years ago.

He then had the degree of B.S. in Education from Southwest Missouri State College. Since, he has received the Master of Education from Drury. This last summer he did additional work under the federal program in the Missouri School of Mines.

This year he teaches Algebra I, advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, mathematical analysis, and physics.

He and his wife are active in church work; he is also a member of the Toastmaster's Club. For recreation he fishes and is looking forward to sharing his favorite sport with his little sons, Gary and Kelvin. But he regretfully acknowledges that fishing is one place he cannot use the instrument which has become a symbol to his students, his ever-present slide rule, the magic slide rule which seems to solve every problem at the flick of a finger.

Willow Springs appreciates Mr. Pamperien and the qualities of scholarship which he personifies.



MR. NEIL PAMPERIEN

Examining a trig paper are Larry Mullins and Kenneth Letterman.



Tommy Nelson is showing Scotty Holloway, Clark Kahler, and Billy Fisk how to use geometry instruments.





David Blinkingsop looks eagerly into the findings under the microscope in biology.

Science, the Key to "the Best of Times"

Are you concerned with the quality of house-paint? The relative merits of aspirin, bufferin, and anacin? The Salk vaccine?

Do the mysteries of the motors which power your car, Vanguard, Explorer, provide the lights by which you study, the heat which warms you in winter, intrigue you?

Perhaps the ever-present marvel of life, the soil, the wonders of the Milky Way, appeal to your curiosity.

To all these and myriad other mysteries, science opens the door.

The State requires one unit of science. Willow High offers general science, biology, physics, and chemistry.

16 General science, taught by Mr. Finley, the

introductory course, is an overview of all the fields of science. Biology, which Mr. Bennett teaches, is the study of plants and animals--the wonders of life on this planet.

Chemistry, also taught by Mr. Finley, deals with elements and compounds, the fundamentals which every would-be Jonathan Salk must master.

Mr. Pamperien explains the changing of matter into energy and its application to building a United Nations building, the Golden Gate Bridge, a Sputnik, an Explorer, a Vanguard, a Polaris missile, a Nautilus, flashing the "Great Debates" on TV in physics.

To these wonders--and man's ultimate conquest of space--high school science courses are the first step.

MR. JOHN FINLEY

Of Mr. John Finley, who teaches general science, chemistry, and French, one of his students, Pat Burns, wrote, "He is an individualist, an intellectual, and one of the kindest, most patient men I have ever known."

Although handicapped by poor vision, he has a gifted ear which he employs to repair and tune musical instruments; he especially enjoys classical music. The intricate mechanism of a clock intrigues him.

Mr. Finley's wife is the head of our lunchroom, his daughter a graduate of Willow High. "Chuck" is in the fifth grade.

Although a native of Louisiana, his Bachelor of Arts is from Southwest Missouri State.

He has done advanced work in science and mathematics under the government program offered by the Missouri School of Mines.

Student biographer Pat concluded, "A man of science, dedicated to perfection...Mr. Finley has been enlightening students of Willow Springs High School in the fields of chemistry, science, math, and French for nine years. He is truly worthy of the respect and admiration they have for him."



Joan Hagner and Paul Darnell are conducting an experiment in chemistry in measuring the percentage of acidity.

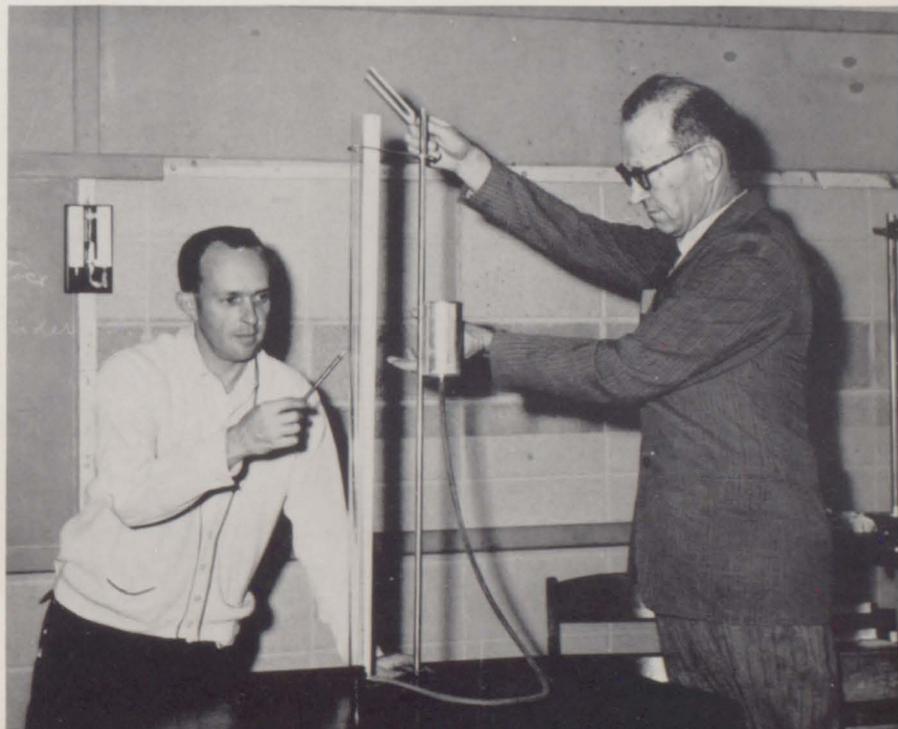
MR. CHARLES BENNETT

Mr. Charles Bennett, known to everyone as "Buddy," began his work with young people when he was twelve years old by teaching swimming to underprivileged boys at the local Y.M.C.A. He carries the same concern for people into his classroom. Every student is "special."

After graduation from high school, he spent four years in the Navy. Following his discharge, he entered the University of Missouri as a physical education major, graduating with a B.S. in Education and a Master of Education. He came to Willow Springs in 1957 where he has taught physical education, general science, biology, and coached baseball and junior high basketball and football.

Counseling at a summer camp, he met his attractive wife, Joy. They have two children, three-year old Kim, her father's adoring shadow, and six-month old Scott. Outside his home and school activities, Mr. Bennett is an ardent sportsman.

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Finley are showing the class the mathematical measurement of sound.



Practical Arts: Skills

Willow students may choose the one unit in practical arts required for graduation from thirteen units in three fields--business education, vocational agriculture, and homemaking.

Dating back to a typing class taught by Mrs. W. C. Grimes in 1922, business education now includes Typing I, secretarial practice, shorthand, and bookkeeping--taught by Miss Masnor--and general business, business law, salesmanship, and business arithmetic--taught by Mr. Harmon.

In Typing I we painfully peck f-f-f-, j-j-j, until we master the keyboard. Then we enjoy being able to type smoothly and rhythmically while working to increase our speed.

In secretarial practice, shorthand, and bookkeeping, we see ourselves as perfect, efficient secretaries presiding over well-ordered desks or taking dictation from a handsome boss.

General business, business law, and business arithmetic are non-vocational courses offering future housewives or professional workers a sound background for their everyday business affairs.

Salesmanship teaches the qualities needed by good sales people and correct sales procedures.

Vocational agriculture was the second of the practical arts introduced in Willow. Haskell Foard arrived in 1930 as the first instructor.

This year vocational agriculture classes have a total enrollment of sixty-eight. Nineteen freshmen are studying the farming enterprise and breeds of livestock. In the shop they are learning the basic skills needed to use shop tools and power machines.

Twenty-five sophomores are studying field crops and soils. In the shop some will continue to work to increase their skills; some will make farm equipment ranging from tool racks to hay feeders.

Six juniors, the smallest class, will have the hardest year. They will study animal nutrition, animal breeding, and diseases of farm animals. In the shop they also will make equipment for their supervised farming programs.

Eighty-one are enrolled in Homemaking I, II, and III this year. One junior and thirteen seniors are completing their third year.

First year girls learn how to improve personality and personal appearance, and the basic requirements for cooking and sewing by making Christmas cookies and a simple Peter Pan blouse.

Homemaking II students add the responsibilities of preparing complete meals on a very strict budget, starting a basic wardrobe, and preparing well balanced meals. They are taught how to serve and to set a table correctly so that they will not have to learn later the hard way by being embarrassed by their lack of knowledge of gracious manners.

The third year students look forward to marriage and their own homes. They learn the wisest ways for spending their money for better living and the preservation of foods by freezing and canning. Only the girls who have taken homemaking can realize the great importance of these classes.



MR. LINDEL PIGG

After being wounded in France, hospitalized for nine months, awarded the Purple Heart, and discharged after almost four years of service in World War II, Mr. Lindel Pigg entered the University of Missouri from which he received the degrees of B.S. in Agriculture and Master of Education.

Five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Pigg brought the three little Piggs--Richard, Donald, and Patti--to Willow Springs. A fourth, Thomas, has now joined the family. Last year the Piggs moved into a new home where Mr. Pigg can enjoy landscaping.

Mr. Pigg teaches Vocational Agriculture I, II, III, and IV, and sponsors the Future Farmers of America. The steady increase in his department since he has been here reflects his sincerity, interest in boys, and his genuine scholarship.



Ruby Clinton, Linda Bryan and Sue McCormick practice on office machinery as Miss Masnor instructs.

MISS LORENE MASNOR

When Miss Lorene Masnor entered the first grade under Miss Lottie Slusser, she didn't like to study spelling. When the spelling period arrived, little Miss Masnor would be ill and have to go home. Miss Lottie and Mrs. Masnor compared notes. Miss Lottie always wore a little, white apron. So she laid the little miscreant across the white apron and spanked her.

Perhaps we need more little white aprons; Miss Masnor can spot a misspelled word or punctuation mark at fifty paces. Until the illness of her parents cut short her extra activities, she co-sponsored the yearbook and the school paper. The errors that she missed over the years could be counted on one's hands.

Miss Masnor holds the B.S. in Education from Southwest Missouri State. Half of her credits are in business education. She did additional graduate work at the University of Arkansas.

For twenty-nine years Willow students have studied Typing I, secretarial practice, shorthand, and bookkeeping with her quick warm smile and clear explanations as encouragement.

Although she has devoted her life to teaching and caring for her parents, she finds time to crochet--baby boots are her specialty--and read.

MRS. RUTH MATHIEU

If you should see, on a bright, sunny morning, two energetic figures pedaling vigorously up a long hill, don't think they are competing in a cross-country bicycle relay. Our pedaling friends are Mrs. Ruth Mathieu and her second-grader, John.

When Mr. and Mrs. John Mathieu chose Willow Springs as their home after Mr. Mathieu's discharge from the Army, where he held the rank of colonel, in World War II, she brought with her the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and B.S. in Education. For eleven years she has conducted Homemaking I, II, and III classes in Willow.

A perfectionist, she excels in everything she does at home or in school. Students in sewing are taught that personality, figure, and wardrobe needs must be considered in choosing any dress or accessory. If a seam is not perfect, the sound of ripping threads will be heard. In cooking students are taught to use the correct utensil and to measure ingredients as carefully as a chemist conducts an experiment.

All the girls in school reflect her influence. Is it any wonder that the homemaking classes and Future Homemakers of America have record enrollments this year?



Jean Brummet, Linda Duddridge, and Bernice Clinton test the new automatic washer.

Keeping Alert and Fit Helps to

If we Willow Springs students want to improve our chances of not having a fatal accident by more than 60%, we take driver education.

Statistics prove that those who have taken driver training have fewer accidents. Those who have had driver education have an average of 1,776 accidents a year, those without have 26,096. Of the 1,776 only 31 are fatal, 628 people are injured, and \$111,700 worth of property is damaged. Of the 26,096, 752 are fatal, 9,001 people are injured, and \$634,300 worth of property is damaged.

Although Driver Education is not a state requirement, the facts show it is a very important class. Under Mr. Stringer and Mr. Koeneman we have three classes this year.

Students learn the fundamentals of good driving. For the first two weeks, the student studies from a text to learn about the mechanisms that actually put a car in motion and the rules of good driving. He learns how to handle a car before he ever begins to drive. The student learns how to start, stop, parallel park, and back correctly. He gets the feel of having control of power under his hands and feet.

Finally he presents himself for his test for his driver's license. Passing his test, he is free from being chauffeured to school and all other functions. More important, he is free from the danger of eighty horse-power at his feet--without the realization of how to use it wisely.



MR. BEN KOENEMAN

After playing football at Mount Vernon High School, in the Marine Corps, Southwest Missouri State College, and with a professional team in Canada, Mr. Ben Koeneman came to Willow Springs last year as football and track coach and physical education teacher. This year he also teaches one class in Driver Education.

He holds the B.S. in Education from Southwest Missouri State.

One of his students says "He talks so everyone listens and understands. He will take time to listen to anyone's problems."

When asked about his hobbies, he said he had little time for anything other than sports. Last year he served as Student Council Advisor; one of the Council members said, "If you watch him for a while, you will soon learn how kind and understanding he is and how much time he'll take to try to help someone.....He seems to understand the students' desires and tries his best to help them realize them." So perhaps his hobby is people.

We like Mr. Koeneman; we hope he stays with us.

MR. CLIFFORD STRINGER

Clifford Stringer, basketball coach and driver education teacher, has come home.

Graduating from Willow in 1940, he had starred in football as quarterback, in basketball as guard, in the shot put and discus in field events. He was on the SCA All-Stars in both football and track.

"Mack" graduated just in time to enter the Army. He served with the Army Air Force for almost four years in the Pacific area--island hopping from New Guinea to Okinawa.

After his discharge, he entered Southwest Missouri State College where he received the B.S. in Education. He has done two summers' work at the University of Arkansas and is now working on his Master's degree from the University of Missouri.

Mrs. Stringer teaches physical education and grade school music. They have four blonde daughters--Sue, a senior this year; Patty, a freshman; Becky, in the first grade, and Caroline Mack, four years old.

In the rare leisure coaching, teaching, and graduate work permit, Mr. Stringer likes to hunt and fish.

Welcome, Mr. Stringer.
Welcome home.

MRS. WILMA STRINGER

Perhaps "The third time's the charm"; perhaps Mrs. Wilma Stringer will stay in Willow this time.

With her newly won B.S. in Education in physical education and music from Peabody College, Miss Wilma Vance arrived in Willow to teach physical education in 1940. She stayed two years.

Returning to Willow in 1945, she married Clifford Stringer in January. That summer "Mack" entered Southwest Missouri State. Mrs. Stringer served as physical education supervisor at the college training school supervising practice teachers from kindergarten through high school.

With her husband, she returned to Willow this year to teach girls' physical education and grade school music.

Being the mother of queens seems to be her specialty. Sue is WILLAMIZZOU queen; Pat is the freshman attendant. First-grade Becky was the Fall Fiesta candidate from the first grade. The Stringers returned to Potosi, where they taught last year, November 5 to permit Sue, last year's "Miss Potosi," to crown the 1960 queen.

Mrs. Stringer is the only member of the faculty who "has seen Paree" whose trip was not financed by Uncle Sam. Sue won a TV contest; the company flew her and her mother to Paris as a prize.

Between school and family activities and holding open house every weekend for Mr. Stringer's former students from other schools, Mrs. Stringer has little time for outside interests except in her church choir.

"Willow has always been my favorite town," says Mrs. Stringer. Perhaps "The third....."

Volleyball, softball, rhythms, drills, tumbling, marching relays, tennis, badminton, ping-pong, gym hockey, calisthenics--all of these offered in the physical education classes give Willow students relaxation and healthy minds and bodies.

"Phys. ed." has been one of the state requirements since World War I. Every graduate must earn one-fourth of a unit each year to meet the



state requirement of one unit unless he has a written permit from a doctor excusing him or substitutes marching band or athletics.

Mrs. Stringer teaches five periods a day for girls, Mr. Stringer one period for boys, Mr. Koeneman four periods.

Vocationally, physical education prepares students for teaching, camp counseling, physical therapy, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. directing.

Girls' P.E. swings into action under Mrs. Stringer's instruction.



Ageless Communication: The Fine Arts

The students at Willow Springs High School may obtain their one credit State requirement in the fine arts field by choosing any of the nine credits offered in music, art, and dramatics.

Music, first offered in 1922 by Superintendent W. C. Grimes, is the oldest.

This year under the able and ever-willing hand of Mr. Carl Walker, beginning musicians learn notes and small fingers hopefully seek the keys as they learn to play their instruments to prepare themselves for senior band.

Senior band members serve in both marching and concert band. During the first part of the year they work hard learning to march to the sound of Mr. Walker's booming voice shouting, "Get those legs up!" Or "Pick up those feet!" as they prepare half time shows for the football games.

During concert season they work hard preparing themselves for the two annual concerts--Christmas and spring.

In the vocal field, we have glee club, or fundamentals in music as it is called this year, and choir. Singing for the fall fiesta and the annual Christmas and spring concerts, the robed choir is the most familiar of the vocal groups to the citizens of Willow Springs.

Mrs. Marie Booth taught the first art classes five years ago. Today one hundred twenty-two students fill the two art rooms and adjoining hall four periods of the day.

If first year students find lettering and design challenging, they may wish to take the second course, applied design. Craftsmen, too, find their niche in art, tooling leather or weaving. Sketching and painting are for the advanced students who wish to continue art for the third and fourth years.

Mrs. Booth and her students provide the beautiful stage setting and attractive posters for school activities throughout the year.

Completing the program of fine arts is a class in dramatics. The course helps students to express themselves effectively, promotes appreciation of good drama, and fosters more selective taste in the productions we choose to see.

The relaxed air which prevails in this lively class is deceptive; underneath it is a strain of creative excitement as the class prepares for the first three-act play presented here in several years, a Christmas play, a contest play, and a number of one-act skits. There is a possibility of a musical in the spring.

Students looking in on a dramatics class never know what to expect. Ranging from vocal exercises to the principles and techniques of acting, the class may be doing deep knee bends, high comedy, or serious pantomime. The field is practically unlimited.



Mr. Walker gives special help to Sue Stringer on a difficult instrument, the French horn.

Miss Martin helps her dramatics class with its daily exercises.
FRONT ROW: Linda Smith, Nancy Cowgur, Cathy Haase, Francie Gooch, Shirley Smith, Sharon Thomas, Susan Smith, Nellie Havens; BACK ROW: Robert Holland, L. Ray Weese, Phil Davis, Larry Bennett, and Gary Sorrells.





Irven Gregory seems to approve of the picture Linda Ray is painting.



Brenda Burns puts the finishing touches on her oil painting while Bonnie Wheat, Robert Means, Mary Nell Ladage, and Clark Kahler try to solve the mysteries of the loom.

MRS. MARIE BOOTH

Mrs. Booth, who holds the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy from Drury College, founded the art department in WSHS in 1956. Her classes overflow, a tribute to her interest in students in class or out. She teaches Art I, II, III, and IV, and sponsors the yearbook this year.

She never refuses her services if called upon. Her personal touch is always visible in decorations for the stage, Fall Fiesta, Parent-Teacher Association, Pep Club, or banquets.

This fall she has seen Anne and George off to college, welcomed Paul and his bride, made rush orders for candy and cookies for fourth-grade Danny, delivered Mr. Booth at the highway department, and still arrived a few minutes after eight every morning looking trim, immaculate, and full of vitality.

In addition to her interest in school and home, this remarkable lady finds time to be active in her church.



MR. CARL WALKER

This year no one has heard anyone say, 'Oh, I wish I didn't have to go to that class!' about Mr. Walker's classes. Welcoming a new music teacher this year, we found not only a versatile musician gifted as both a vocalist and an instrumentalist but also a teacher who makes us feel that he enjoys working with and helping his students. He is blessed with the gift of transferring his appreciation of music to his pupils," wrote one of Mr. Walker's students.

This is Mr. Walker's first year of teaching. Before coming to Willow, he acquired a beautiful wife and the degrees of B. S. in Education, and a Master of Education in Music.

Continued Mr. Walker's student biographer, "Mr. Walker has interests outside of teaching and music, such as the 'Charlie Brown' comic strip. I don't suppose he has missed a single issue of it. He enjoys telling others about Charlie; if anyone wants information, Mr. Walker will be overjoyed to help."

Willow is fortunate indeed in finding a real musician and a human being with a delightful sense of humor.

Safety, Cleanliness for

Very important people on Willow's campus are the custodians and cooks pictured on this page.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holloway, who replaced long-time custodians Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stringer October 1, are former Willow students who recently returned from California. They care for all the buildings pictured on the two pages.

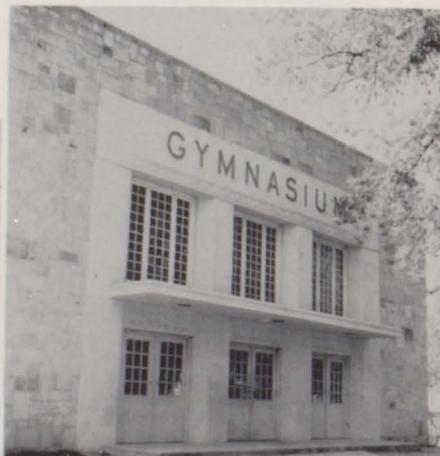
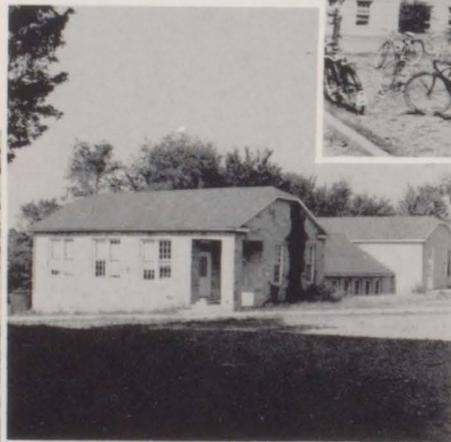
Headed by Mrs. John Finley, the smiling cooks serve an average of four hundred twenty-five students every day.



RIGHT: The high school building was opened in 1924. BELOW: Built as a vocational agriculture workshop in 1939, to replace the small frame one, the east wing now houses the music department. The middle section and the west wing, built in 1948, are used as the vocational agriculture shop and classroom.



BELOW: The gymnasium has served Willow classes and teams since--1940. BELOW LEFT: The auditorium, opened in 1942.



"the Best of Times"

Nine buses driven by Ed Wilbanks, Raymond Duddridge, Bob Gossard, Tommy Skaggs, Willard Waggoner, Winfred Collins, Leonard Collins, Raymond McCarty, and Raymond Gilbert transport three hundred ninety-nine Willow Springs students to school every day.

Veteran Ed Wilbanks has been driving since the first bus routes opened in 1933. Raymond Duddridge, Tommy Skaggs, and Willard Waggoner, former Willow student bus riders, are also veterans.

Drivers must have health certificates and hold chauffeur's licenses. At the beginning of school the State Patrol checks every vehicle to see that it meets safety requirements. As a result of such precautions and careful drivers, Willow has never had a serious accident.



"Is this my bus?" asks Patricia Land of the kindly bus driver, Raymond Duddridge.



ABOVE: The grade school opened in 1954. LEFT: The building completed this fall and occupied October 7.

Never the "Worst of Times" in Activities

"It was the best of times" as prancing twirlers and high-stepping bandmen paraded down the football field for the between-half show, led the Fiesta and Homecoming parades to the applause of the cheering onlookers, or combined with the chorus in the annual Christmas concert. "It was the worst of times" when sleepy-eyed musicians dragged their unwilling bodies out at eight o'clock in the morning to practice the routines which looked so simple when performance time came.

It was "the best of times" when the band attended the South Central Association clinic; it was "the worst of times" as soloists, small and large ensembles practiced, practiced, practiced to win the coveted "one" ratings in the District Music Festival.

Presenting The Curious Savage before an appreciative audience marked "the best of times"; forgotten were the long hours of practice, the frayed nerves, the red eyes, the struggle to keep up in other subjects. "It was the best of times" when Willow went to the finals in speech tourneys; it was "the worst of times" when twice one speaker rating point meant missing those quarterfinals, semi-finals, finals--and knowing that more study, more practice would have meant that extra point.

"It was the best of times...the worst of times" in football, basketball, track--when victory was honey-sweet, defeat bitter.

But in victory or defeat, "it was the best of times" in growth, growth in sportsmanship, character, personality, musicianship, speaking ability. For "When the last great Scorer comes," there can be no "worst of times" in school activities.





*At the Fall
Fiesta, 1960*



ABOVE: Sophomore Ian Kurtz crowns Patricia Morris, Queen of the High School Division of the Fall Fiesta as their kindergarten attendants, Frank Richard Stringer and Terry Bacon, watch. LEFT: Dennis Chritton, fourth grade, crowns Earlene Williams to reign over the Grade School Division of the Fall Fiesta. Attendants are Margaret Hood and Timmy James, kindergarteners.



For the first time, Homecoming candidates rode in the Fiesta parade. Linda Garrett represented the juniors; Connie Green, seniors; Deanna Collins, freshmen; Jo Anne Longnecker, the sophomores.





ABOVE: High School Fiesta Royalty. Bill Tandy, Susan Garton, freshmen; Bill Haase, Shirley Smith, juniors; Frank Richard Stringer, crown bearer; Patricia Morris, Ian Kurtz, sophomores, winners of the division; Terry Bacon, flower girl; Sue Morgan, Phil Davis, seniors; Barbara Graves, Truman Grogan, eighth grade. RIGHT: Managers are responsible for the success of the Fall Fiesta. Class managers Brenda Burns, Connie Green, Carol Ann Hale, and Kary Kilpatric check the final returns with Fiesta Manager Francie Gooch.



Sophomores Win Fiesta

Dashing here and there, turning in the last of each class's hard-earned money, making last minute changes in floats were a part of the busy 1960 Fall Fiesta, October 22 was a beautiful setting for the annual Fiesta. With the Bruin Band leading, the biggest and best parade yet featured thirteen floats based on the theme, "Folklore and Legend."

The coronation of the fourth and fifth grade and sophomore candidates with a program honoring Fiesta royalty climaxed the day. That was "the best of times" for weary class managers: Fred Corl, freshman, Brenda Burns, sophomore, Kary Kilpatric, junior, Connie Green, senior, and Francie Gooch, general manager, who rejoiced it was over for another year.

Mrs. Booth's art classes were responsible for the stage setting, Mr. Walker's and Miss Martin's students for the entertainment which closed another outstanding example of student initiative--the 1960 Fall Fiesta.



ABOVE: Grade School Candidates and Attendants. Timmy James, crown bearer; Dennis Chritton, Earlene Williams, fourth grade, winners of the division; Margaret Hood, flower girl; Katie Smith, Donnie Coatney, third grade; Debby Fields, Eric Hill, second grade; Becky Stringer, Jimmy Barnes, first grade. LEFT: Junior High. Carol Beavers, Don Pigg, sixth grade; Larry Sorrells, crown bearer; Gary Tetrick, Carol McKinney, fifth grade, division winners; Debbie Hanks, flower girl; Jerry Feldman, Norma McCart, seventh grade.





With the Bruins at practice. ABOVE: Quarterback Davis calls the play for Denver Lawson, Dale Lawson, Gregory, Burns, Coulter, Simkins, Twist, Sorrells, and Turner. LEFT: Harris and Barnes assist Sorrells, ball carrier. BELOW: Holloway centers the ball to Davis who will hand off to Sorrells on his left. Twist waits for another play.

Bears Win Two, Tie Two

This year Willow won two games and tied two of nine games played.

Two outstanding games were with Thayer and Salem. In the Thayer game, Robert Twist made a 65 yard touchdown run. He averaged 11.5 yards per carry. The Bears won with a score of 13-7. In the second win against Salem, Davis scored in the first quarter on a 35 yard run; Simkins made the second touchdown in the second frame with a two yard plunge. Sorrells, in the fourth quarter, made our last touchdown, making the score 19-6.

Average weight in the line was one hundred forty-six pounds, in the backfield, one hundred forty-three pounds.

Plans for next year include a game with Marshfield whom we have never played before.

Of the eighteen lettermen, five are graduating: Larry Gregory, Phil Davis, Richard Simkins, Pat Burns, and Gary Sorrells.

LETTERMEN

Gary Sorrells, Jesse Burroughs, Claude Johnson, Richard Simkins, Dennis Coulter, David Barnes, Charles Harris, Dan Holloway, Dennis Coulter, Larry Gregory, Denver Lawson, Dale Lawson, Robert Twist, Bill Haase, Jack Hawks, Ian Kurtz, Phil Davis, Pat Burns.





ABOVE: Lawson, Cox, Burroughs, Johnson, and Haase watch a play demonstrated. CENTER: Twist explains a defensive play. FIRST ROW: Twist, Burns, Kurtz,

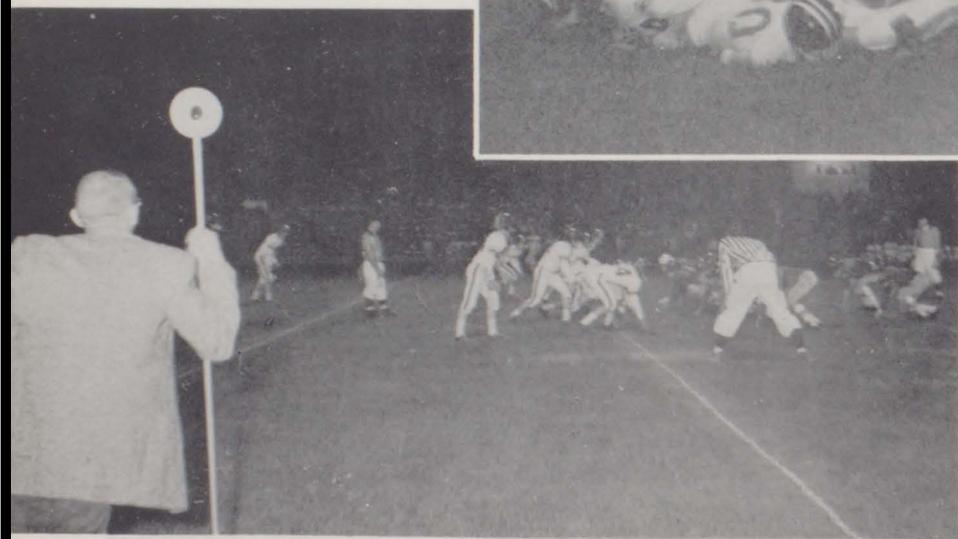
Holloway, Gregory, Hawks. SECOND ROW: Coulter, Harris, Barnes, Sorrells, Turner. BELOW: Dale Lawson and Davis protect Sorrell's punt.

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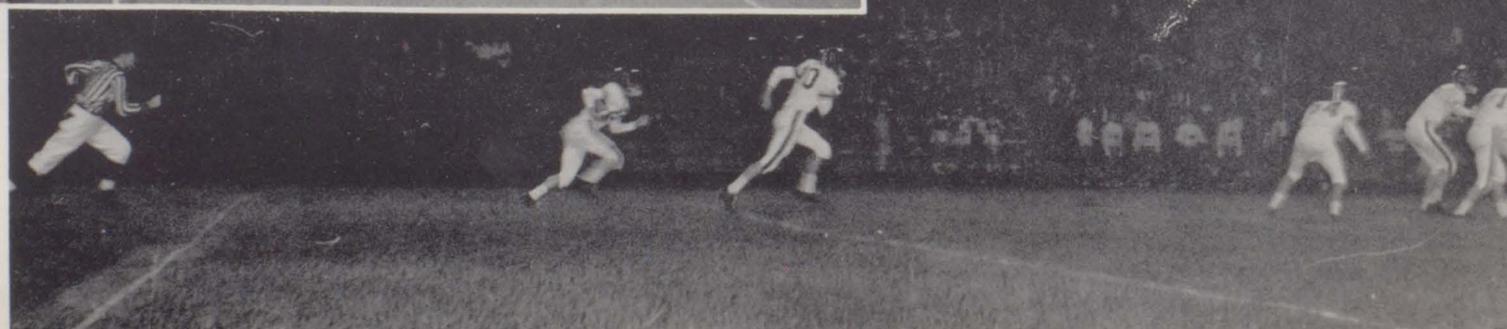
Sept. 16	Mtn. View	13	Willow	0
Sept. 23	Thayer	7	Willow	13
Sept. 30	Salem	6	Willow	19
Oct. 7	Cabool	32	Willow	0
Oct. 14	Mtn. Grove	24	Willow	6
Oct. 21	Houston	7	Willow	7
Oct. 28	West Plains	30	Willow	0
Nov. 4	Ava	48	Willow	0
Nov. 11	Waynesville	13	Willow	13

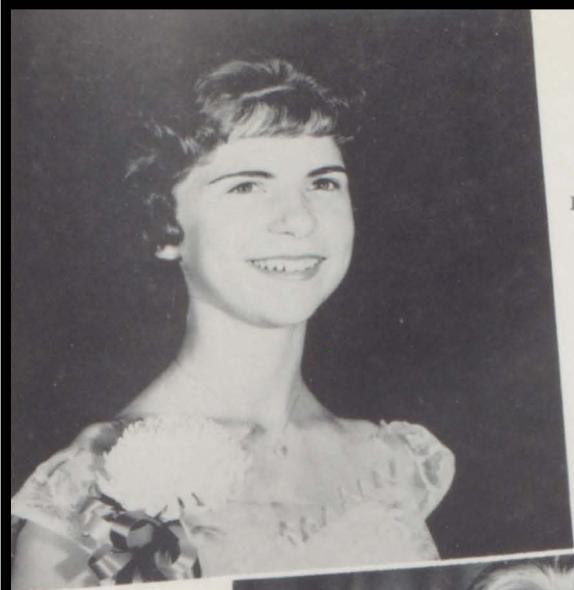


First Game in '60 Season, Cabool vs. Willow



TOP: Phil Davis and Gary Sorrells stop Cabool's offensive as Burns, Twist, and Shuey charge in. CENTER: The Bruins stop this one at the line of scrimmage. LEFT: A basic defensive play. BELOW: Linemen block for Sorrells as he returns the kick-off twenty-five yards.





DEANNA COLLINS
Freshman



JO ANNE LONGNECKER
Sophomore



LINDA GARRETT
Junior



HOMECOMING QUEEN CONNIE GREEN, Senior

Ceremonies of the 1960 Homecoming began on the crisp night of November 4 when four convertibles rounded the football field and stopped in front of the stands to allow the attendants--Linda Garrett, Jo Anne Longnecker, and Deanna Collins--and Queen Connie Green to be escorted to the float prepared by the Student Council. Escorts were Richard Simkins, Phil Davis, Pat Burns, and Larry Gregory. Gary Sorrells, captain of the football team, presented the queen her bouquet, crowned her, and gave her the traditional Homecoming kiss.

Homecoming brightened an unhappy night; Ava's Bears tromped Willow 48 to 0.

Queens Make Homecoming "The Best of Times"



Lettermen
 JACK BRUMMET
 SAM COLLINS
 VAN TURNER
 GARY SORRELLS
 GARY COX
 FRANK MARCUM

A TEAM: Pat Burns, Jack Brummet, Gary Cox, Franklin Marcum, Sammy Collins, Gary Sorrells, David Barnes, Van Turner was absent.

Basketball Builds Attitudes for Better Times

Bruin cagers, both "A" and "B" squads, sometimes knew "the worst of times" as their losses outnumbered their victories.

Yet they also knew "the best of times" as

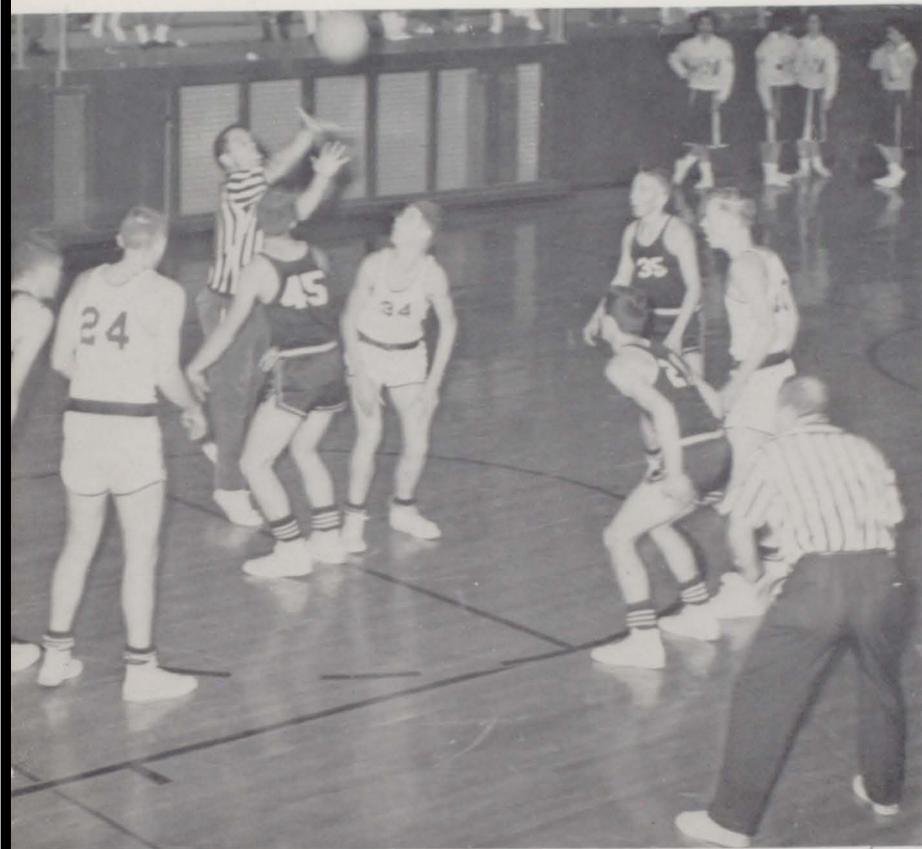
they spent the season practicing and building better attitudes and basketball skills under the skilled guidance of Coach Clifford "Mac" Stringer.



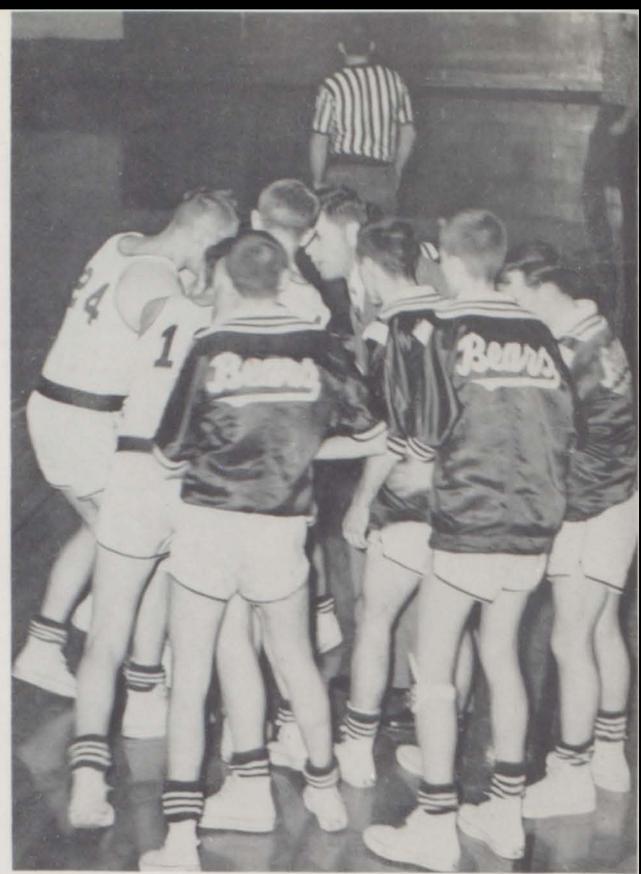
BEARS "A"				BEARS "B"			
DATES	BEARS "A"	OPPONENT	SCORE	DATES	BEARS "B"	OPPONENT	SCORE
Nov. 9	61	Mtn. View	37	Dec. 9	27	Mtn. View	35
Dec. 15	45	Parkview	54	Dec. 15	30	Parkview	88
Dec. 23	39	Salem	56	Dec. 23	27	Salem	34
Jan. 6	61	Cabool	43	Jan. 6	31	Cabool	35
Jan. 17	42	Salem	62	Jan. 17	17	Salem	28
Jan. 20	41	Mtn. Grove	49	Jan. 20	19	Mtn. Grove	59
Jan. 24	40	West Plains	63	Jan. 24	23	West Plains	63
Jan. 27	24	Houston	57	Jan. 27	38	Houston	44
Jan. 31	52	Mtn. View	53	Jan. 31	21	Mtn. View	34
Feb. 8	39	Thayer	69	Feb. 8	37	Thayer	40
Feb. 10	49	Ava	60	Feb. 10	35	Ava	54
Feb. 14	53	Cabool	45	Feb. 14	37	Cabool	31



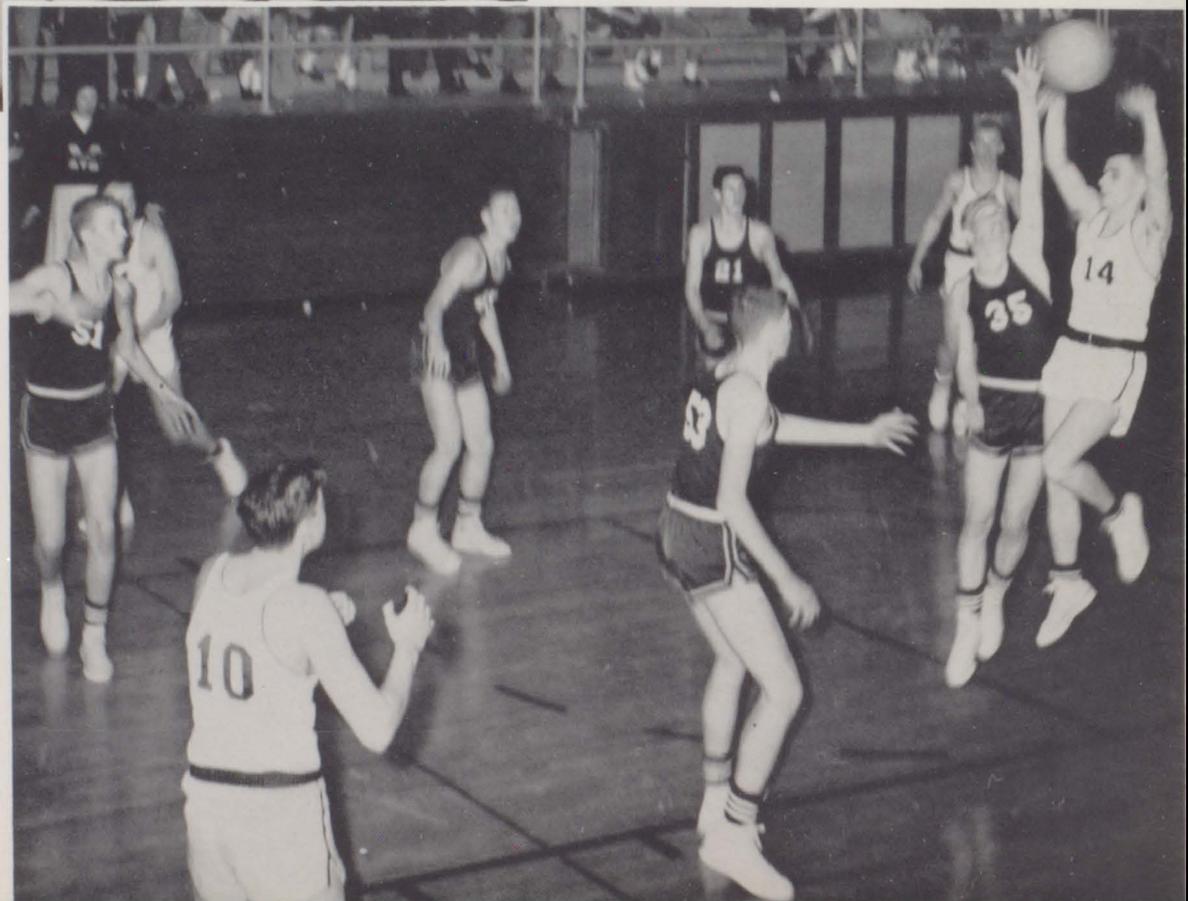
B TEAM: FRONT ROW: Jimmy Kilpatric, Gary Evans, Charles Harris, Tommy Nelson, Robert Twist, Leon Brown, Bill Tandy, SECOND ROW: Scotty Holloway, Richard Beavers, Larry Abbey, David James, Wayne Pace, Coach Stringer.



ABOVE: Center Van Turner opens the Houston games, RIGHT: David Barnes drives in for a field goal.



ABOVE: Coach Stringer gives the boys last minute encouragement before the game. LEFT: Sammy Collins shoots as Gary Cox and Van Turner poise for the rebound. BELOW: Gary Sorrells (14) leaps for the ball as Sammy Collins (10) waits for the pass.





Sue Lynn Cox Reigns as Valentine Hoop Queen

David Barnes crowned Sue Lynn Cox, sophomore candidate, as Hoop Queen at the last home game February 14. Her attendants were Joan Hagener, Jayne LeBaron, and Linda McClellan.

In a colorful flag drill, Mrs. Stringer's students formed a moving arch through which Jack Brummet, Gary Sorrells, Gary Cox, and Van Turner escorted the candidates to receive the diadem.

To climax the "best of times," the Bears defeated Cabool 53-45.



SPELLING AND MECHANICS TEAMS: Linda McClung, Phil Davis, Murdie Pritchett, Janice Cox, Jacie Spence, Myrna Smith, and Paul Darnell check their tests after they return to class the Monday following the contest.

W.S. Shines in Mechanics

VOCABULARY TEAM: Kary Kilpatric, Pat Burns, and Sue Stringer check their mistakes.



Parts of speech, usage of verbs and pronouns, direct objects, indirect objects, capitalization, punctuation, and all their kindred hold no terrors for Jacie Spence, Myrna Smith, Janice Cox, and Paul Darnell. Jacie, Myrna, and Paul rated I in the mechanics division of the South Central Association English contest held in Mountain Grove January 21. Janice rated II.

"How do you spell a Chinaman's queue?" questioned Phil Davis when he and his teammates--Linda McClung, Janice Cox, and Murdie Pritchett emerged after wrestling with a hundred such puzzlers in the spelling section. All rated II except Murdie, who had a III.

Debaters Kary, Sue Stringer, and Pat Burns monopolized the vocabulary team. All rated II.

By the decision of the S.C.A. administrators, the annual event, which has always been held in April, was changed to January this year.

Dr. Harry Siceluff of Southwest Missouri State prepares and administers the tests.

In 1961



Deloris Stovall delivers an informative speech to the fifth period speech class.

The basic speech class learned in their first year of speech that assignment preparation requires work, work and more work! Choosing a selection to read or a topic to speak upon requires some careful thought, examination and approval, and lots of practice before the student is ready to face the audience.

The basic speech class entered the American Legion Oratory Contest in the fall. Dolores Stovall, a sophomore, was designated the winner by faculty judges. She then entered county competition and placed second. Many of these new speakers have been added to the speech and debate squads this year.



Miss Martin checks and approves speech materials of Shirley Hayes and Karen Melton.



Nellie Havens uses stop watch to time Louise Thompson as she reads poetry.

Speech Students Shine

The new terms of articulation, resonance, diaphragmatic breathing and good muscular tone seem unwieldy to beginning speech students. Yet they began to make sense when these new speakers learned that these factors contribute to their good speaking.

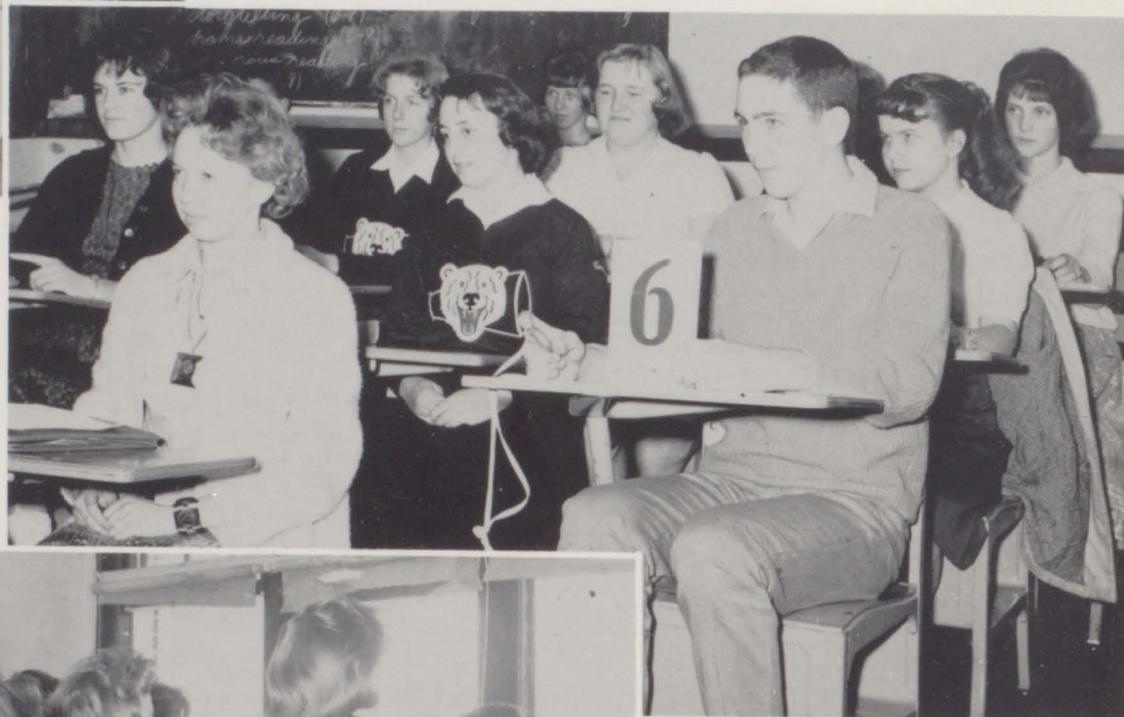
The spirit of helping each other progress flourished in freshman speech class; the art of being a good listener was studied along with the art of being a good speaker.

Beginning speech students have also learned that persuasive speaking can be thrilling, reading a poem can be fascinating, and that giving a demonstration speech on first aid can be downright fun!

These students are anticipating with excitement the end of the school year when they can demonstrate their new skills.



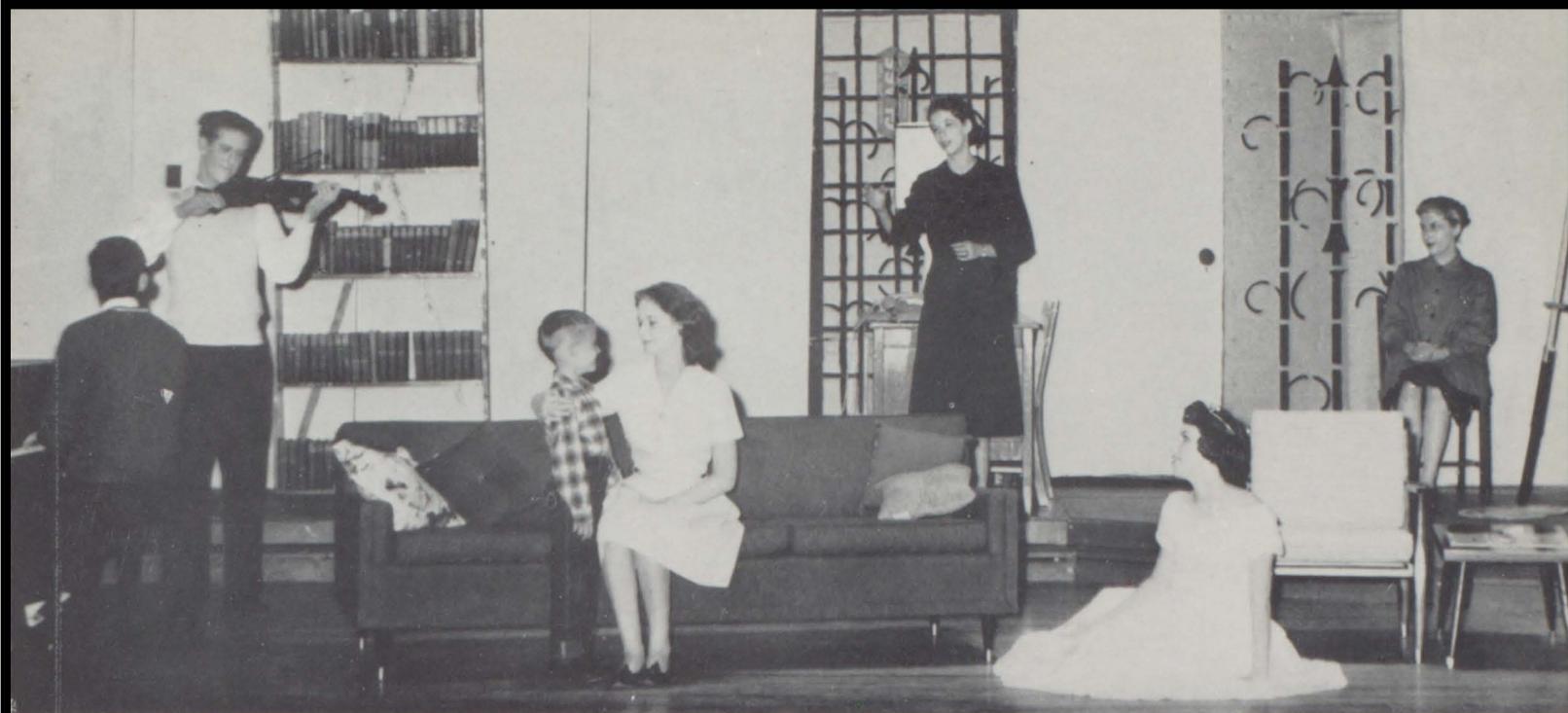
Harry Steele, with the help of Ronnie Bryan, demonstrates his skill in First Aid to the seventh period class.



Karen Miller, Sandra Davidson, Jo Ann Longnecker, Carolyn Gibbons, Pat Murrell, Trellis Schwertfager, Etta Green, and Rosie Marcum watch attentively to an informative speech as Mike Warning keeps time.



Speech students practice deep breathing to improve vocal tone.



Linda McClung as Mrs. Savage sees Phil Davis, Robert Holland, Timmy James, Sharon Thomas, Francie Gooch, and Gail McAllister transformed from reality in the dream scene of *THE CURIOUS SAVAGE*.

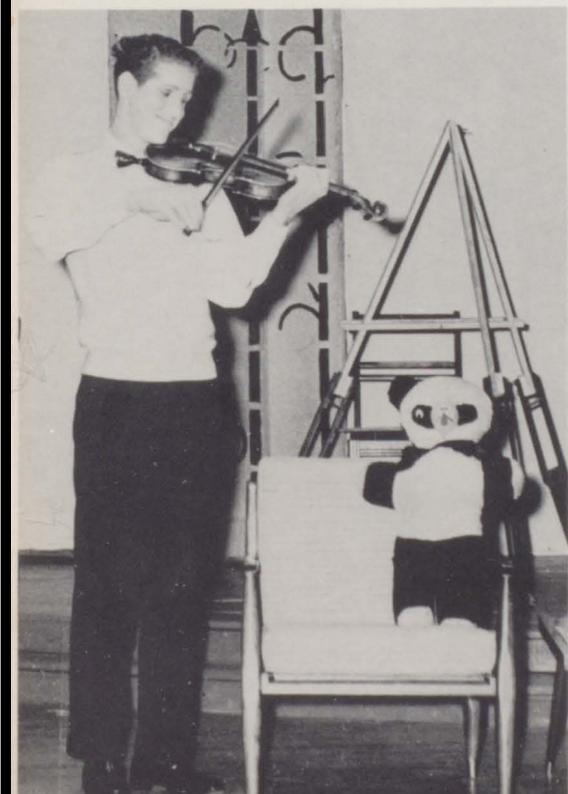
Thespians open season with The Curious Savage

Drama in full scale returned to W.S.H.S. with the production of the three-act comedy, *THE CURIOUS SAVAGE*, November 18-19 in the high school auditorium. Novice thespians spent the first six weeks learning basic acting techniques before doing the John Patrick play.

Immediately after striking set for *SAVAGE*, the budding actors undertook a Readers' Theater version of Dickens' *A CHRISTMAS CAROL* which they presented to a Sunday afternoon audience December 18.

Opening the second semester, the class began rehearsal on three one-act plays: *SORRY, WRONG NUMBER*, *SUPPRESSED DESIRE*, and *RIDERS TO THE SEA* which were presented February 27 in the high school auditorium.

RIDERS TO THE SEA was chosen as the entry for the South Central Association Festival at Cabool March 4, and the District Festival at Rolla March 24 where students and director hope to qualify for the State Festival at the University of Missouri May 4-5.



ABOVE: Miss Martin discusses the scene in which Mrs. Savage lays a trap for Lily Belle with Linda McClung and Janis Zimmerman. LEFT: Robert Holland hears himself as the musician who entralls his audience.

Chorus in Christmas Concert

Forty-two select voices presented a program ranging from Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and "Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs" to "Five Nursery Rhymes" at its opening performance before a Willow audience in the annual Christmas program in the high school auditorium December 22, 1960. The choir had previously given a concert for the Mountain View student body December 20.

Participation in the South Central Association Clinic in West Plains February 3-4 served as a warm-up for a visit by Alfred Bleckschmidt, State Supervisor of Fine Arts March 8, a vocal clinic in Willow conducted by Tom Mills, Professor of Voice at the University of Missouri, in preparation for the District Music Festival at Rolla April 7-8.

This year only soloists and ensembles of eight or less may advance to the State Festival at the University of Missouri April 24.



CHORUS PERSONNEL

SOPRANO

Marie Gastineau
Connie Green
Cathy Haase
Roberta Langberg
Linda McClellan
Linda McClung
Anne McKinney
Patricia Morris
Linda Pruitt
Shirley Smith
Carolyn Sooter

ALTO

Linda Bryan
Francie Gooch
Betty Creagor
Judy James
Karen Melton
Carol Murphy
Linda Murrell
Deloris Pace
Linda Smith
Susan Smith
Sharon Williamson

TENOR

David Barnes
Teddy Bunch
Charles Burton
Bill Haase
Gene LeBaron
Jayne LeBaron
Boyd Mattocks
Bill Tandy
Dwight Thornton
Bonnie Williamson

BASS

Sammy Collins
Gary Graham
Tony Grogan
Harold Head
Robert Holland
Steve Losh
Darrell Sanders
Mike Sears
Gary Sorrells
Fred Corl

Pianist Cindy Williams

It's "the best of times" when the chorus sings at the Christmas concert.





Willow's Band Has Complete Instrumentation

PERSONNEL AND INSTRUMENTS

BRASS

Pat Burns
 Joe Allen Corn
 Fred Corl
 Gary Cox
 Gary Evans
 Billy Fisk
 Kenneth Garton
 Marie Gastineau
 Jim Girdley
 Eddie Mac Hill
 Douglas James
 Jim Kilpatric
 Jayne LeBaron
 Boyd Mattocks
 Kenneth Norris
 Ronnie Parker
 Sue Stringer
 Bill Tandy
 James Thomas
 Cindy Williamson
 James Williamson
 David Zimmerman

WOODWINDS

Georgia Birdsell
 Deanna Collins
 Sue Lynn Cox
 Nancy Cowgur
 Sandra Davidson
 Terry Fisk
 Margaret Flannery
 Linda Garrett
 Lola Gastineau
 Connie Green
 Billie Horak
 Kary Kilpatric
 Mary Ladage
 Judy Lovan
 Linda McClellan
 Kenny McMurtrey
 Kay Napoleon
 Judy Ogden
 Linda Ray
 Joyce Robertson
 Judy Roberts
 Glenna Sanders

Trellis Schwertfeger
 Barbara Sherrill
 Marilyn Sherrill
 Linda Snider
 Carolyn Sooter
 Annette Tetrick
 Sharon Thomas
 Sandra West
 Danny Zimmerman
 Janis Zimmerman

PERCUSSION

Brenda Burns
 Francie Gooch
 Judy James
 Linda Pruitt
 Susan Smith
 Pamela Wilbanks
 Sharon Williamson



LAST MINUTE TOUCHES FOR THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, Linda Bryan, Linda Murrell, David Barnes, Robert Holland, Gary Graham, Sammy Collins, Steve Losh, Linda McClung, Mike Sears, Shirley

Smith, Patricia Morris, Bill Haase, Linda Smith, and Charles Burton adjust collars and stoles as they prepare for the first choral performance of the year.

Work? Play? Music Department Offers Both



Pictured on these pages are some of the high school music organizations. Other groups are the boys' and girls' glee clubs, the beginning band--most of its members are from the fifth, sixth, and seventh grade--and the intermediate band which gave its own Christmas program this year.

Music means fun as well as practice. Band and choir members enjoyed a Christmas party and are looking forward to the spring concert tours, banquet, and picnic.

Willow's musicians are outstanding in both scholastic achievement and school activities other than music as a glance through the pages of the WILLAMIZZOU will indicate.

Twirlers Pat Stringer, Sandra Davidson, Deanna Collins, and Judy Roberts display various salutes as Bill Tandy, trombonist, parades by.

Band Leads the Fiesta Parade

Batons flashing, whistle shrilling, Willow's sixty-four piece maroon-and-white clad marching band entertained with half time shows at every football game and led the parades at the Fall Fiesta, Homecoming, the Mountain View and Willow Christmas celebrations.

High stepping Mary Nell Ladage, drum majorette, agile Deanna Collins, Judy Roberts, Pat Stringer, and Sandra Davidson--twirlers--and Deloris Pace and Linda McClung--flagbearers--led the band in a style of marching new to the organization this year, featuring delayed movements and a modified high step style of marching.

The precision of the band's public activities climaxed days of eight o'clock rehearsals, miles of marching, and a determined effort to attain perfection to meet the standards of Director Carl Walker.

Each member purchased a pair of white gloves for additional contrast to the maroon and white uniforms.

With the close of the pigskin season, the marching band became the concert band, a sixty-five piece group proud of its balanced instrumentation.

Discarding uniforms for colorful Christmas dresses and spring formals and suits, the band played at the annual Christmas and spring concerts and Commencement.

It will take part in the South Central Association Band Clinic, held in the Willow Springs gymnasium February 11, and the District Music Festival at Rolla April 7-8.

Within the band's membership is a jazz band having full instrumentation and small ensembles including a trumpet trio, trumpet quartet, brass sextet, flute trio, clarinet trio, clarinet quartet, mixed clarinet quartet, woodwind quartet, woodwind quintet, saxophone quartet, and drum ensemble.

These small ensembles have played for civic and school programs and will enter the District Music Festival to compete for the opportunity to go to the State Festival at Columbia. Large ensembles are not permitted to advance to State this year.



MAJORETTE MARY NELL LADAGE

The band marches down Second Street as it leads the Fall Fiesta parade.





MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL: Jo Anne Longnecker, Gary Sorrells, president; Carol Murphey, Mike Sears, Linda

Garrett, Joan Hagener, Richard Simkins, Deanna Collins, Sharon Thomas, vice-president, Larry Abbey was absent.

Student Government for the "Best of Times"

In the hands of those in high school today lies the destiny of the world, the hope for "the Best of Times." The "Best of Times" demands leadership trained in democratic procedures, trained to render service. This training, school organizations--national, local, and informal--afford.

Newest of the national organizations on Willow's campus is the National Beta Club, which recognizes scholastic ability and service. Look magazine writes of "a crackling new intellectual atmosphere in the schools." Presenting high school students with a list of "possessions" ranging from a new car to a Ph. D. degree and asking which would make them "most look up to a person," Look reporters found a "conclusive 62 percent answered a Ph. D."

Most of Willow's Beta Club members may never achieve a Ph. D., but they include practically all of the leaders chosen by the student body on the campus. Scholarship has gained school recognition.

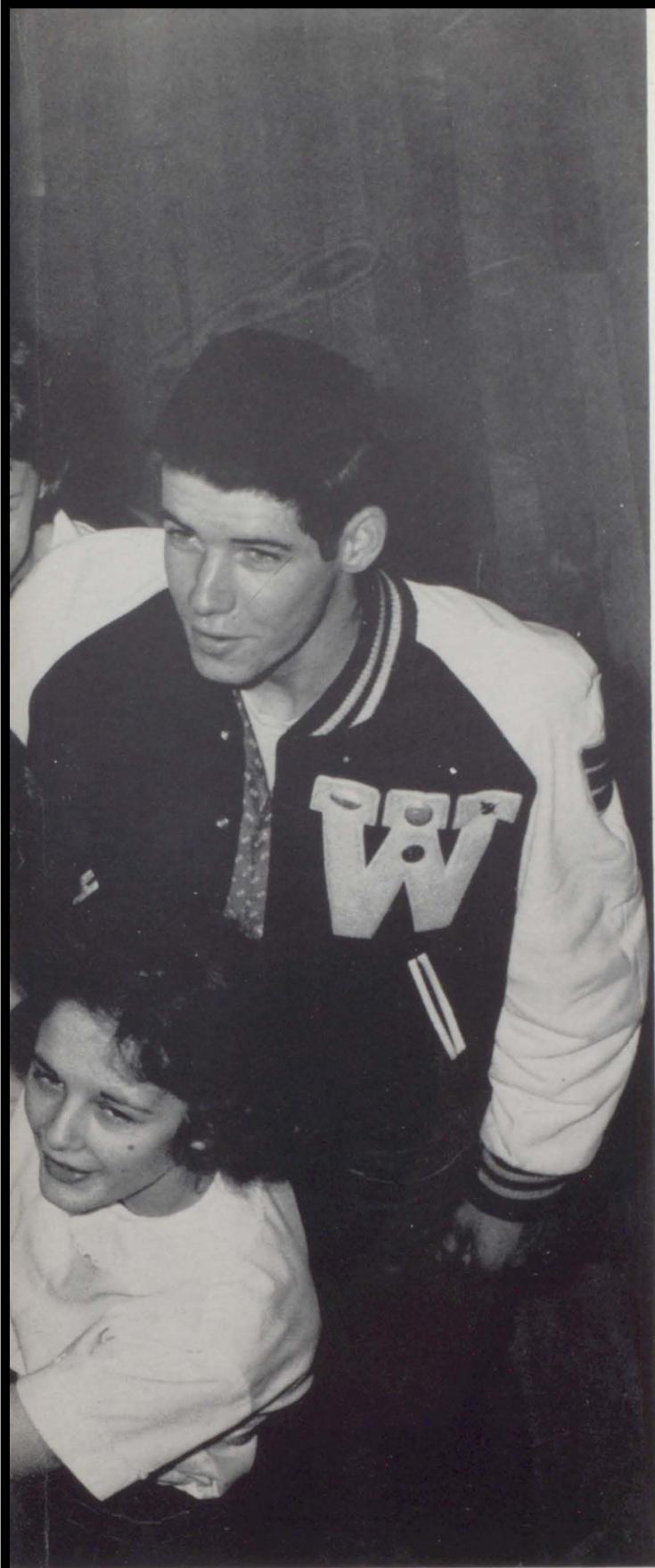
Democracy's leaders must be able to learn the facts, evaluate them, form opinions, and express their beliefs clearly and persuasively to realize Aristotle's contention that truth will prevail is stated well. This training members of the National Forensic League receive through debate and a wide range of speech activities.

Future Homemakers and Future Farmers of America train for leadership and social responsibility in conserving the most valuable of America's resources--her people and her soil.

Local organizations--the Student Council, the Pep Club, cheerleaders, and yearbook staff--give further training in school responsibility and service.

Less formally organized, but not less important, are the groups who project films, care for the library, build the stage settings, build and paint the music risers, and write the weekly school news for the Willow Springs News.

Through all these, Willow Springs students have training in leadership and service to make the world safe in the hands of its youth, to make the present and the future "The Best of Times."





Susan Smith

Linda McClung

Etta Green

Pat Burns

Jacie Spence

UPPER LEFT:
Carol Murphey
LEFT: Mary
Nell Ladage
LOWER LEFT:
Deloris Pace

Beta Club Sets Honor Standard

RIGHT:
Judy James

Brenda Burns



Joan Hagener

Gene LeBaron

Shirley Smith

Jayne LeBaron



LEFT: Janis
Zimmerman

LEFT:
Sharon
Thomas

LOWER LEFT:
Gail McAllister

Kary Kilpatric

Nancy Cowgur

Francie Gooch

Sandra Davidson

Kathy
Hamilton

Willow Springs High School's chapter of the National Beta Club received its charter May 23, 1960, with twenty-eight charter members: Jayne LeBaron, Shirley Smith, Kary Kilpatric, Etta Green, Brenda Burns, Sharon Kay Thomas, Francie Gooch, Joan Hagener, Nancy Cowgur, Jacie Spence, Janis Zimmerman, Gail McAllister, Linda McClung, Susan Smith, Sharon Williamson, Patrick Burns, Gene LeBaron, Myrna Smith, Judy James, Helen Johnson, Anne Booth, Robert Curtis, Mary Corn, and John Tandy.

Miss Elaine Martin sponsored the club. Officers elected were President Gene LeBaron, Vice-President Joan Hagener, and Secretary-Treasurer Deloris Pace.

The National Beta Club is a non-profit, leadership-service organization for high school students to stimulate effort, reward achievement, and encourage and assist its members to continue their education after high school. To qualify for individual membership, a student must show worthy character, good mentality, creditable school service, a commendable attitude, and maintain a superior scholastic average.

RIGHT:
Myrna
Smith

LOWER RIGHT:
Sharon
Williamson



N.F.L. Offers Competition

Competition involving the articulate expression of ideas is the keynote of the National Forensic League which requires at least twenty-five points for membership. Members gain additional degrees as they continue competition. Four new members have qualified by February 28; three more will almost certainly be eligible by the end of the year.



ABOVE: Linda McClung, Kary Kilpatric, Sue Stringer, Pat Burns, and Miss Martin return from Lebanon.



ABOVE: Susan Smith, Jo Anne Longnecker, Brenda Bruns, Francie Gooch, Sandra Davidson, Sue Stringer, and Miss Martin leave early in the morning for the West Plains Novice Tournament.



NFL MEMBERS

- Patrick Burns
- Kary Kilpatric
- Gail McAllister
- Linda McClung
- Sharon Thomas
- Sue Stringer
- Brenda Burns
- Jo Anne Longnecker
- Susan Smith
- Shirley Smith
- Sandra Davidson
- Dolores Stovall*
- Deanna Gentry*
- Joan Hagener*

DEGREES

- Distinction
- Excellence
- Excellence
- Excellence
- Excellence
- Honor
- Honor
- Honor
- Honor
- Merit

*Expect to Qualify

CALENDAR

September	30	SMS Workshop
October	29	Missouri U. Clinic
December	2- 3	Lebanon
December	16-17	Joplin
January	13-14	Parkview
January	27-28	West Plains Novice
March	3- 4	Cabool SCA
March	10-11	Neosho
March	24-25	Rolla District
April	13-14	State N.F.L., Rolla
May	5- 6	State Speech Meet

MIDDLE: Miss Martin discusses the speeches they have handed in with Phil Davis, Shirley Smith, Linda McClung, and Sharon Thomas. RIGHT: Scherherezade takes over when Kary Kilpatric, Gary Sorrells, Pat Burns, and Susan Smith go to Miss Martin's home for debate help.



"Susie" to Washington

Susan Smith, Willow's president of the Future Homemakers of America, enjoyed an unprecedented trip to the national convention in Washington, D.C., July 11-15 where eight hundred teenagers studied the theme: "Home--the Hub of Good Citizenship."

The F.H.A. chapter, Willowettes, Rotary Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, Parent-Teacher Association, and the school sponsored Susan's trip.

After initiating forty-seven new members October 5, the chapter chose baby-sitting for the Civil Defense classes and the P.T.A. in addition to the annual gift of baskets of food and toys for a needy family as its community projects for the year.

In the first all day regional get together of the F.H.A. in Springfield November 7, the girls joined more than twenty-three hundred others from forty-one schools to hear the featured speaker, Dr. Buena Mockmore Steinmetz.

Homemaking II and III students displayed the stunning winter dresses and suits they had made in a style show January 23 in the high school auditorium before the student body.

ABOVE: Jo Anne Longnecker, who was named "Miss Cover Girl of 1961" at the second annual style show. BELOW: Gail McAllister briefs the judges--Mike Sears, Pat Burns, Harold Head, and Bill Haase--as to the procedure in choosing "Miss Cover Girl."



RIGHT: Susan Smith leaves for Washington.

F.F.A. Hosts

State Leadership Training

Future Farmers opened the 1960-61 year by initiating twenty-five Green Hands and twelve Chapter Farmers and hosting the State Leadership Training School September 20.

In winter activities, Willow's Rotary Club honored Mr. Lindel Pigg, chapter adviser, and the chapter members at a dinner meeting December 13. The boys gave a fifteen minute program over KUKU February 23 to publicize the work of the chapter during National F.F.A. week.

Spring brings a rush of activities opening with the Sub-district contests in public speaking, parliamentary procedure, record book, scrap book, secretary's book, treasurer's book, and chapter activity programs held in Birch Tree in March.

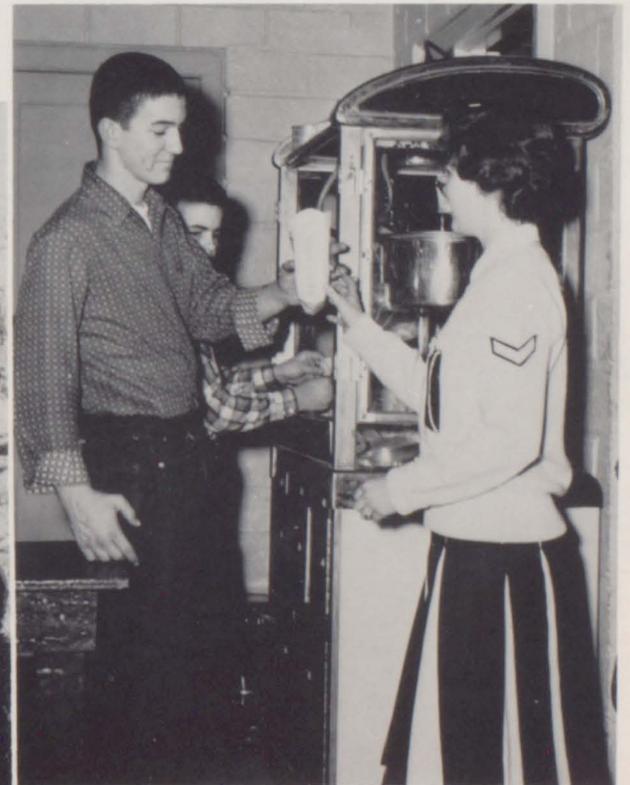
These contests will serve as elimination to determine competitors in the District contests in Springfield April 13-15 at Southwest Missouri State College.

Other district contests which Willow plans to enter are in dairy production, farm mechanics, meats, field crops, animal husbandry, soils, dairy products, and poultry production.

Climaxing the year's activities, the members will honor their parents at the annual Parent-and-Son Banquet April 28 where outstanding boys will receive their awards and Honorary Chapter Farmers will be named.



ABOVE: Shirley Smith and Delmar Borders lead off at the skating party given by F.F.A. RIGHT: Kenneth Letterman and Brenda Burns pause for refreshments. BELOW: Donnie Hamby poses his prize winning ewe.





ABOVE: Linda Ray, Gene LeBaron, and Charlene Ayers work on copy.



Co-editor Deloris Pace and Editor Susan Smith plan the year's work.

The "Worst of Times"-Deadline!

In a year marked by the emergence of the new African nations, a spirited presidential campaign in which every American had the freedom and the responsibility to vote--yet millions stayed at home--the breakdown of world cooperation through the United Nations, the increasing membership in the atomic club, "The best of times. . . the worst of times" seemed an appropriate theme.

Under the leadership of a new sponsor, Mrs. Booth, Editor Susan Smith and Co-editor Deloris Pace, veterans of last year's staff, joined with seven new members in producing the 1961 edition of the WILLAMIZZOU.

This year's staff also published the WILLOMIZZETTE, the first grade school year-book.

To Mrs. Munford and her English IV class, whose members wrote much of the copy, since Mrs. Munford's schedule did not permit her to meet with the staff, to our new photographer, Mr. Irven Masnor, who replaced our faithful veteran, Mr. Ed Faust, to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smuck of Smuck's Studio, to the students and teachers who helped us, to the class salesmen who conducted the sales campaign, and the subscribers, the 1961 staff says, "Thank you, we hope the WILLAMIZZOU pleases you."



ABOVE: Copy and subscriber files occupy Linda McClung, Mrs. Munford, Sharon Williamson, and Mrs. Booth. BELOW: Judy James and Connie Green seem to enjoy the smell of rubber cement as they lay out the senior pages.



RIGHT: For five consecutive years, Susan Smith has topped the list of salesmen in the WILLAMIZZOU contest. This year she broke her own record by selling sixty-six books. Gary Sorrells was runner-up.



Willamizzou Queens



GEORGIA ERHART
Junior



PAT STRINGER
Freshman



JANE DACE
Sophomore



WILLAMIZZOU QUEEN
SUE STRINGER
Senior



FRONT ROW: Susan Smith, Nancy Cowgur, Joan Hagener, Gail McAllister, Jacie Spence, Linda Garrett, Mary Anne Burroughs. SECOND ROW: Pam Wilbanks, Janis Zimmerman, Deanna Gentry, Carolyn Gibbons, Jo Anne Longnecker, Jean McCreary, Pat Stringer, Joyce Robertson, Jean Brummet. THIRD ROW: Connie Green, Sharon Thomas, Sue Stringer, Sue Lynn Cox, Mary Nell

Ladage, Trellis Schwertfeger, Patricia Morris, Marie Gastineau. FOURTH ROW: Kathie Kinnaird, Barbara Sherrill, Judy Roberts, Judy Lovan, Deanna Collins, Beverly Thompson, Karen Miller, Georgia Erhart. FIFTH ROW: Kary Kilpatric, Carolyn Sooter, Judy James, Linda McClung, Linda Spence, Sue Caton, Glenna Sanders. Not shown: Linda Ray.

Peppers Do Their Part, Attend and Cheer

For three years we have had a Pep Club composed of forty members, ten from each class. Being relatively a new club in Willow Springs, the members have had many complications to work out such as uniforms, name, and, most important, a constitution which would state the

duties and privileges of the members fairly and clearly.

Members attend every game; a Pep Club bus is provided for games away from home. These forty peppy students give their loyal support to the Bears and help boost morale in Willow Springs.



B-TEAM CHEERLEADERS: Joyce Robertson, Jo Anne Longnecker, Jean McCreary, Pat Stringer, Carolyn Gibbons, and Deanna Gentry do their share at the B games.

Cheerleaders Attend Clinic for First Time

Elected as A-Team cheerleaders last spring by vote of the student body, Gene LeBaron, Jayne LeBaron, Cathy Haase, Shirley Smith, Linda Smith, and Brenda Burns attended the first cheerleading clinic ever held in Parkview High

School in Springfield September 7, 1960, to study basic skills and techniques of cheerleading. Their B-Team understudies lead the cheers for the B games.

A-TEAM CHEERLEADERS: Cathy Haase, Shirley Smith, Gene LeBaron, Jayne LeBaron, Brenda Burns, and Linda Smith.

Gene and Jayne are veterans of last year's A-Team; Shirley, Brenda, and Linda were on the B-Team.



Students Serve the School



David Shuey and Fred Corl thread the movie projector.



Services of long standing in our school are those of projectionists and librarians. The boys who grow up into the projector's job are responsible, careful workmen. They are available for all school movies or school departmental films, or for visiting programs where a movie is used.

The librarians keep the books in order, check books out and in, and help students in their selections.

Two years ago two services were added to the school. A staff was chosen to write school news for the Willow Springs News, and a radio staff was selected to write news or tape special events, or to broadcast live from the radio station KUKU.



ABOVE LEFT: Librarians Royce Burgess, Linda Duddridge and May Beazley check in reference books. LEFT: The newspaper staff, Editor Gail McAllister, Gossip Columnists Francie Gooch and Linda Ray, Fashion Editor Sue Stringer, and Departmental Editor Shirley Smith work out the problems of writing news for the paper.

in Many Fields



Gary Graham, Robert Holland, Van Turner, Harold Head, and Bryan May use skill and physical hard work as they prepare the stage and risers for the annual Christmas program.

When marveling at the beautiful blue sky at the Fall Fiesta, thank the service students from the art class, who are the ones responsible. Without them, we would not have the risers for our chorus, the sets for our plays. Other service workers check out library books and project movies. It's these students, who unselfishly render their services for the benefit of others, that make life enjoyable for all of us.

Service people, a big thank you from the student body and faculty for work well done.



Robert Holland, L'Ray Weese, and Harold Head are sharing a moment of fun while working on the props for the eighth grade play.

Bill Tandy is shown at radio station KUKU reading for the weekly school program.



"A Spring of Hope"

These are "the best of times....the worst of times." Yet in the youth of the world, of Willow Springs High School, is "a spring of hope." We earnestly seek education, the understanding to cope with the problems of our age.

Yet it is "the winter of despair"; sometimes man's nature seems such that he will never be willing to yield his selfish desires enough to insure the peace of which the angels sang above Judean hills two thousand years ago.

We "have everything before us." As a new generation, we have the entire future to work toward peace, knowledge, human rights. The challenge is unlimited.

We "have nothing before us." We have no understanding of the problems of the world; we have not solved the problems of our own people. These are our fears, our doubts, the fears and doubts of young and old alike. But by our God-given talents of hearts, minds, and souls, we, the youth, dedicate our lives, our futures, our hopes, our prayers to the achievement of human freedoms throughout the world, to the acquisition of knowledge for the betterment of humanity, to "the best of times" in the world of tomorrow.

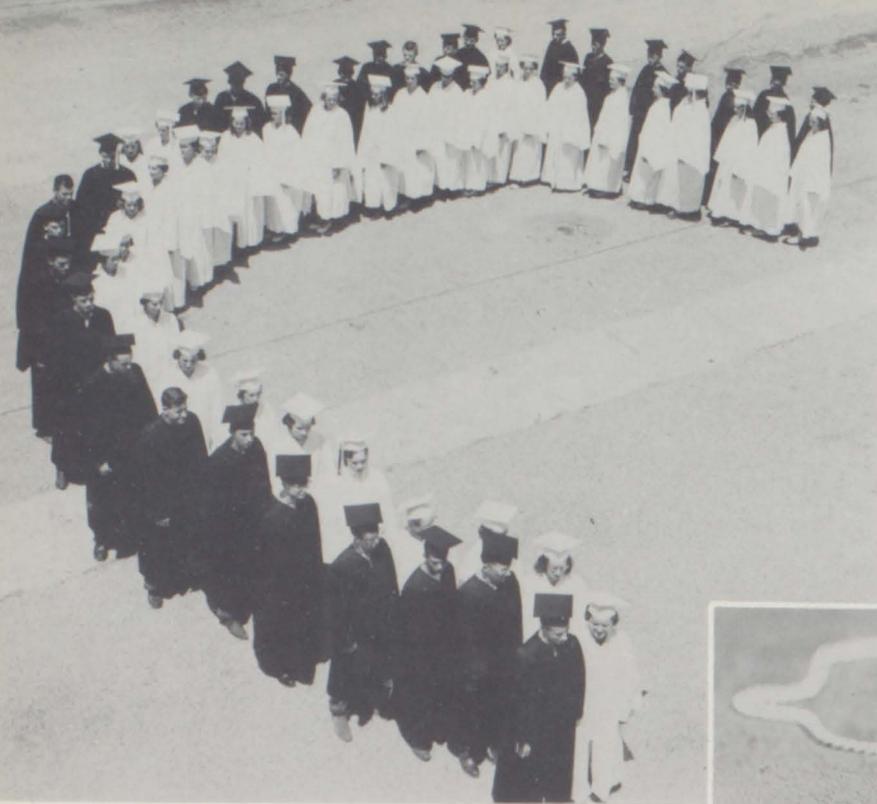
Sue Stringer in English IV

It is "the worst of times," it is "the best of times," when college-bound students Susan Smith, Pat Burns, Carolyn Sooter, Judy James, Phil Davis, and Francie Gooch leave dear ole' WSHS.





Sixty-nine Seniors Receive



LEFT: Seniors rehearse for commencement. BELOW: Senior ring.



SUSAN DORALEE SMITH
F.H.A. 2,3,4, President 4, F.H.A. National Chorus 4; Student Council 2,3, Secretary 2, Vice President 3; Speech 3; Debate 4; N.F.L. 3,4; Girls' State 3; Fall Fiesta Class Manager 1; Beta Club 3,4; Dramatics 4; Band 2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; Secretary, Treasurer 3; Jazz Band 4; Glee Club 1; WILLAMIZZOU Staff 3,4, Editor 4; Cheerleader "A" Team 2,3; Pep Club 2,3,4; Twirler 3; Senior Trip Committee 4; WILLAMIZZOU Salesman 1,2, 3,4.

JUDY JAMES
Class Secretary 2, Treasurer 3; Beta Club 3,4; Homecoming Queen Attendant 1; Band 3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 3,4; Girls' Trio 1,2,3,4; Girls' Quartet 3,4; Mixed Sextet 4; Glee Club 1; WILLAMIZZOU Staff 4; Pep Club 2,3,4.

JOE ENOCH WHEAT
F.F.A. 3,4; Speech 1.



JAYNE NAN LeBARON
Transferred from Mountain View 3; Track 3; Softball 3; Class Secretary 3; Beta Club 3,4; Band 4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Jazz Band 4; Girls' Sextet 3,4; Mixed Quartet 3,4; Trombone Quartet 4; "A" Team Cheerleader 3,4; Pep Club 3,4; Twirler 3.

BRYAN MAY
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Football 1.

JUANITA WAKE
Glee Club 1; WILLAMIZZOU Staff 4.

Sheepskins in '61

FRANCIE GOOCH

Girls' State 3; Fall Fiesta Manager 4, Class Manager 3, Attendant 1; Class Treasurer 4; Beta Club 3,4; Dramatics 4; Band 3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 3,4; Girls' Trio 1,2,3,4, Girls' Quartet 3,4; Glee Club 1; Yearbook Salesman 1,3; Senior Trip Committee 4.

PAT BURNS

Student Council 2, Speech 2,3,4; Debate 2,3,4; N.F.L. 2,3,4, President 2,3; Boys' State 3; Basketball 1,3,4; Football 1,2,4; Track 1,3,4; Class Treasurer 1, President 4; Beta Club 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4, President 3, Secretary-Treasurer 1; Mixed Chorus 1,2; Jazz Band 1,2,3,4; Trumpet Trio 1,2,3; Brass Sextet 2,3; Piano Solo 2,3; Yearbook Salesman 3.



CAROLYN SOOTER

Class Secretary 4; Hoop Queen 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Choir Librarian 3; Vocal Solo 2; Girls' Sextet 3,4; Mixed Sextet 4; Glee Club 1; Pep Club 2,3,4.

PHIL DAVIS

Transferred from Boonville 2; Boys' State 3; Fall Fiesta Attendant 4; Basketball 2,3,4; Football 2,3,4, Captain 4; Track 3,4; Class Vice-President 2,4; Beta Club 4; Dramatics 4; Baseball 2,3,4; Senior Trip Committee 4.



LINDA RAY

F.H.A. 2,3,4; Band 3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2, Jazz Band 3,4; Glee Club 1; WILLAMIZZO Staff 4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Yearbook Salesman.

DELORIS ANN PACE

Girls' State 3; Beta Club 3,4, Secretary Treasurer 4; Homecoming Queen Attendant 3; Band 4; Mixed Chorus 3,4, President 4; Girls' Sextet 3,4; Glee Club 1; WILLAMIZZO Staff 3,4, Co-Editor 4; Pep Club 3,4.

RALPH EDWARD HOOD

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Secretary 4; Reporter 2,3; Speech 1; Boys' State 3; Track 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3.



WILLIAM GARY SORRELLS

Student Council 1, President 4; Debate 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Dramatics 4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,4.

MARY ANN BURROUGHS

Speech 3; Glee Club 1; Pep Club 2,3,4, President 4; Librarian 2,3,4.

RICHARD LEE SIMKINS

Student Council 4; Fall Fiesta King 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 4; Track 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4.





ABOVE: Using the "Fountain of Youth" as a theme for its float, the senior class won first place in the senior high division of the Fall Fiesta. Senior candidates were Susan Morgan and Phil Davis.



ABOVE: Reminiscing the past year, Charlene Ayers, Willie Perkins, Juanita Wake, and Delmar Borders sign the WILLAMIZZOU.

RIGHT: Members of the senior class Anita Bloomer, Carl Spencer, Sue Brotherton, Clyde Howe, and Lola Bradford clean up the concession stand before each Friday night home game.



Score

GARY LEON McMAHAN
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Parliamentarian 3; Reporter 4;
Football 1,4; Track 1; Baseball 2,3,4.

CATHY HAASE
Transferred from Germany 3; Dramatics 4;
Mixed Chorus 4; Vice-President 4; "A" Team
Cheerleader 4.

SAMMY R. COLLINS
F.F.A. 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3;
Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1.



DELLA LUCILLE COATNEY
F.H.A. 2,3,4; Glee Club 1.

SUE McCORMICK
Girls' Softball 3; Mixed Chorus 2,3; Glee Club
1.

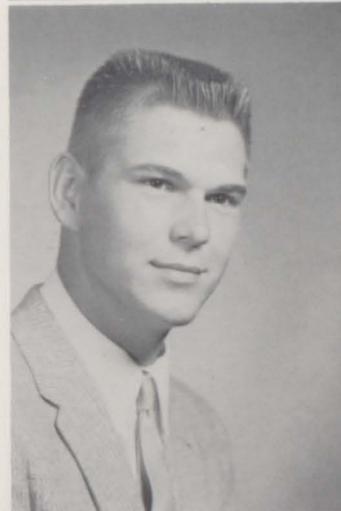
GENE ANNE LeBARON
Transferred from Mountain View 3; F.H.A. 3,4,
F.H.A. State Chorus 3; Softball 3;
WILLAMIZZOU Queen Attendant 3; Beta Club
3,4, President 4; Band 3,4; Mixed Chorus 3,4;
Treasurer 4; Girls' Sextet 3,4; Mixed Sextet
3,4; Clarinet Quartet 3; WILLAMIZZOU Staff
4; "A" Team Cheerleader 3,4; Pep Club 3,4;
Twirler 3; RED AND WHITE RECORDER
Staff 4.



HAROLD HEAD
Fall Fiesta Attendant 1; Glee Club 1; Mixed
Chorus 2,3,4; Dramatics 4; Basketball 1.

ANITA BLOOMER
F.H.A. 2,3,4; Glee Club 1; Librarian 1,3.

SARA SUE STRINGER
Transferred from Potosi 4; F.H.A. 4; Debate
4; WILLAMIZZOU Queen 4; Dramatics 4;
Band 4; President 4; Pep Club 4; N.F.L. 4;
RED AND WHITE RECORDER Staff 4.



CHARLENE AYERS
Glee Club 1; WILLAMIZZOU Staff 4; Librarian
2.

ROBERT HOLLAND
Basketball 1; Track 2,3; Dramatics 4; Mixed
Chorus 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1.

BETTY McCLARY
Glee Club 1; WILLAMIZZOU Staff 4; Librarian
4.



Seniors '61



SUSAN MAE MORGAN
F.H.A. 3,4; Fall Fiesta Attendant 4; Mixed Chorus 2; Glee Club 1.

SHARON WILLIAMSON
F.H.A. 2,3,4, Vice President 4, State Chorus 3; Beta Club 3,4; Band 2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 3,4; Girls' Quartet 3,4; Drum Ensemble 2; Accompanist to Girls' Trio 2,3,4; WILLAMIZZOU Business Manager 4; Pep Club 2.

MIKE MCGLYNN
Football 1,2; Track 1,2.



L. RAY WEESE

MARY HANSEN
F.H.A. 3,4, Treasurer 3,4.

CAROL ANN MURPHEY
F.H.A. 2,3,4; Student Council 3,4; English Contest 3; Beta Club 3,4; Hoop Queen 1; F.F.A. Sweetheart 2; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; Glee Club 1; Pep Club 3.



LINDA McCLUNG
F.H.A. 2,3,4, Regional Song Leader 4, Chapter Song Leader 3,4; Speech 3, Speech Squad 4; N.F.L. 3,4; Girls' State 3; English Contest 3; Beta Club 3,4; Dramatics 4; Band 3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4, Secretary 2; Jazz Band Soloist 3,4; Girls' Trio 1,2,3,4; Mixed Quartet 3,4; Girls' Quartet 3,4; Glee Club 1; WILLAMIZZOU Staff 4; Pep Club 2,3,4, President 3, Secretary 2; R-4 Journal Co-Editor 3; Senior Trip Committee 4.

WILLIS DEAN WILSON
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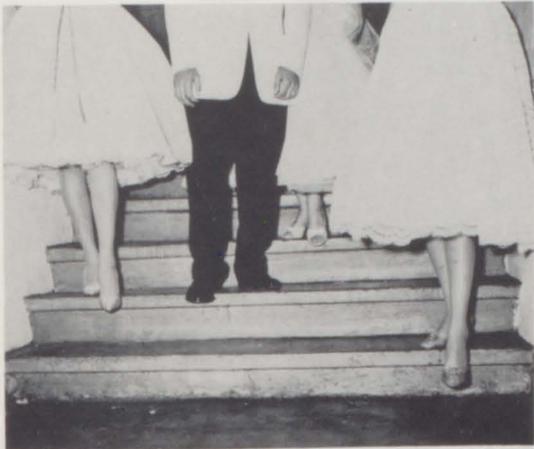
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SHARON KAY THOMAS
Debate 2,3; N.F.L. President 2,3; Class President 2,3; Beta Club 3,4; Dramatics 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2; Pep Club 2,3,4; Student Council Vice President 4.

BOYD MATTOCKS
Football 2; Track 1,2; Band 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Boys' Double Quartet 2; Boys' Quartet 1,2,4; Mixed Quartet 4; Mixed Sextet 4; Brass Sextet 2,3,4.

WESLEY WILLIAMSON
Football 3; Track 2.



ABOVE: Seniors enjoying themselves at the Junior-Senior Banquet.

ABOVE LEFT: Descending the stairs that enter the banquet room are three formally attired seniors.



EUGENE BROWER
Speech 3.

LORENE PRUITT
Glee Club 1; Librarian 2.

DELMAR BORDERS
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; President 4, Vice-President 3;
Basketball 3.

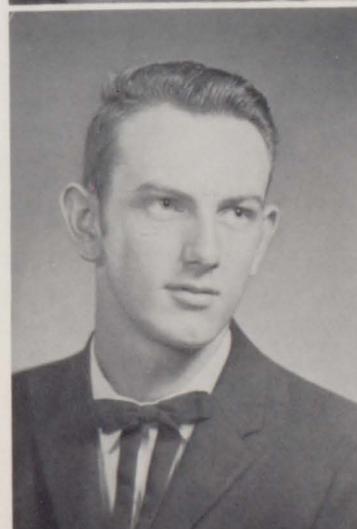
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Student Council 1,3; Fall Fiesta Class Manager
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Vice-President 4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4, Pres-
ident 3, Secretary 4; Jazz Band 2,3,4; Girls'
Sextet 3,4; Saxophone Quartet 2; Glee Club 1;
WILLAMIZZOU Staff 4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Year-
book Salesman 1; Senior Trip Committee 4;
Homecoming Queen 4.



GARY EDWARD GRAHAM
F.F.A. 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Glee Club 1.

SHARON DOVE
Speech 3; Glee Club 1; Librarian 2.

WILLIAM WAYNE JOHNSON
F.F.A. 1.



Seniors Seek Shillings



ABOVE: Francie Gooch, Phil Davis, Connie Green, Sue Stringer, Susan Smith, and Linda McClung plan money raising schemes to finance the annual senior trip. RIGHT: Gene LeBaron plots magazine sales for the year.



ABOVE: Before dreams, before trips, seniors must pass the government test. LEFT: Marie Gastineau rakes leaves, Charles McReynolds mows, Linda Bryan washes windows, Gary Graham, Harold Head, Sharon Burton, and Sue Haase wash cars to earn money for the senior trip.



BERNICE CLINTON
F.H.A. 3,4; Mixed Chorus 3; Glee Club 1.

LOLA BRADFORD
Fall Fiesta Attendant 2; Mixed Chorus 2;
Glee Club 1.

JACK BRUMMET
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; President 3, Vice-President
4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2; Track 2,3;
Baseball 1.



WILLIE PERKINS
Glee Club 1.

SHARON GAIL BURTON
Mixed Chorus 1,3; Glee Club 1; Librarian 2.

PAULINE LANGEBERG
Glee Club 1.



NOT PICTURED: Charles McReynolds, and
Glen Wood.

ELSIE HAVENS
F.H.A. 4; Glee Club 1.

ROYCE L. BURGESS
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Librarian 4.

LARRY BENNETT



LARRY D. BENNETT
Football 2; Track 1,2,4; Dramatics 4; Glee
Club 1.

MARTHA ANN COUNTS
F.H.A. 2,3,4; Glee Club 1.

NELLIE ELIZABETH HAVENS
Speech 4; Dramatics 4; Glee Club 1.



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DAVID C. SHUEY
Football 1,3,4; Track 1,2,3.

SUE HAAS
F.H.A. 4.

LARRY GREGORY
F.F.A. 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; Fall Fiesta Candidate 2; Track 1,2,3.

SHARON FORD ADAMS
F.H.A. 1,2; Speech 3; Glee Club 1.

LINDA BRYAN
F.H.A. 3,4; Mixed Chorus 4; Glee Club 1.

SUE BROTHERTON
Glee Club 1; Librarian 2,3.

CLYDE LEROY HOWE

SONJA SUE COLLINS
F.H.A. 1, Glee Club 1, Library 2.

CARL SPENCER
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4.

MARIE GASTINEAU
F.H.A. 2,3,4; Speech 4; Band 2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4.

TONY GROGAN
Speech 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; Dramatics 4; Mixed Chorus 1,4; Glee Club 1.

KAREN SUE MELTON
Speech 4; Track 3; Softball 3; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; Glee Club 1; Librarian 4.

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PRITCHETT



JOAN
HAGENER



VAN
TURNER



KAY
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DALLAS
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JAMES
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GERTRUDE
WAKE



Juniors, 1960-'61



Typing brings "the best of times," and "the worst of times" to Jacie Spence and Anita Bloomer.

Bill Haase, Dallas Altermatt, Paul Darnell, Darrell Sanders, and Kenneth Garton compare schedules for the year.



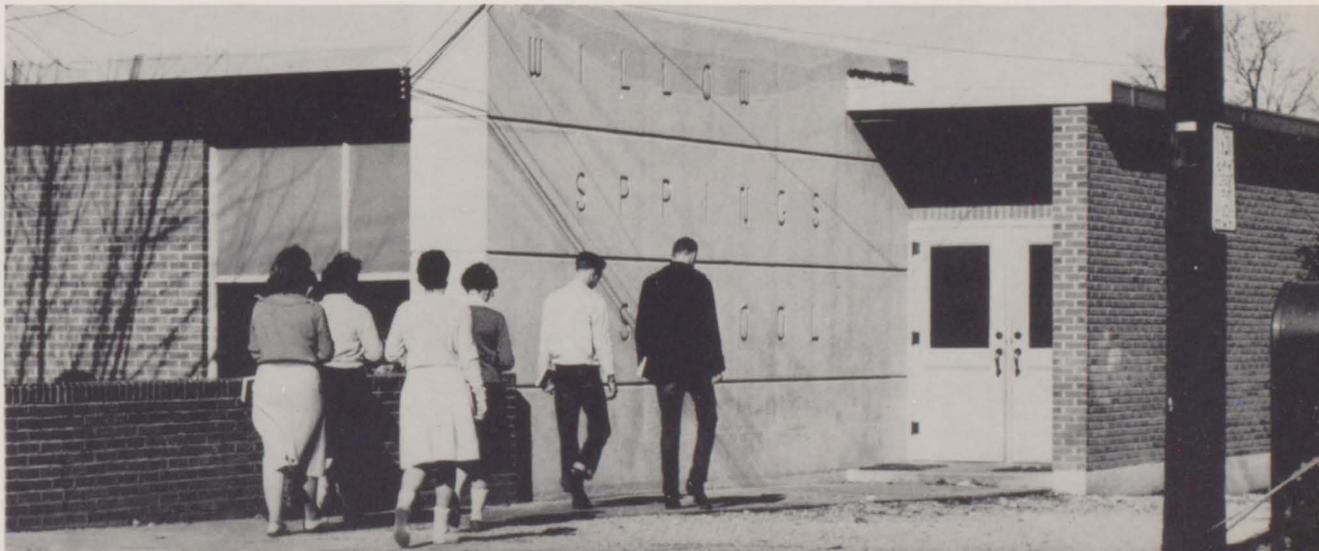
Upperclassmen At Last!

Juniors sighed with relief when they completed their first two years of high school. "The worst of times" lay behind them; they were upperclassmen now, the "big shots" of the school. But they still had two years of assignments and tests, the Southwest Missouri State spelling list, the mysteries of participles, infinitives, and gerunds to master. They still had to win Bunker Hill, Gettysburg, the Argonne, Coral Sea, D-Day in the two required subjects--English III and American history.

Concerts, basketball, football, and speech trips supply a taste of "the best of times" as juniors dream of next year's senior trip and graduation.

Entering the junior high building for the first time after the transfer of the department are Nancy Cowgur,

Gail McAllister, Janis Zimmerman, Mae Beazley, James Schull, and Kenneth Garton.



Juniors, 1960-'61



BILL
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MILLER

RONNIE
GRIMES



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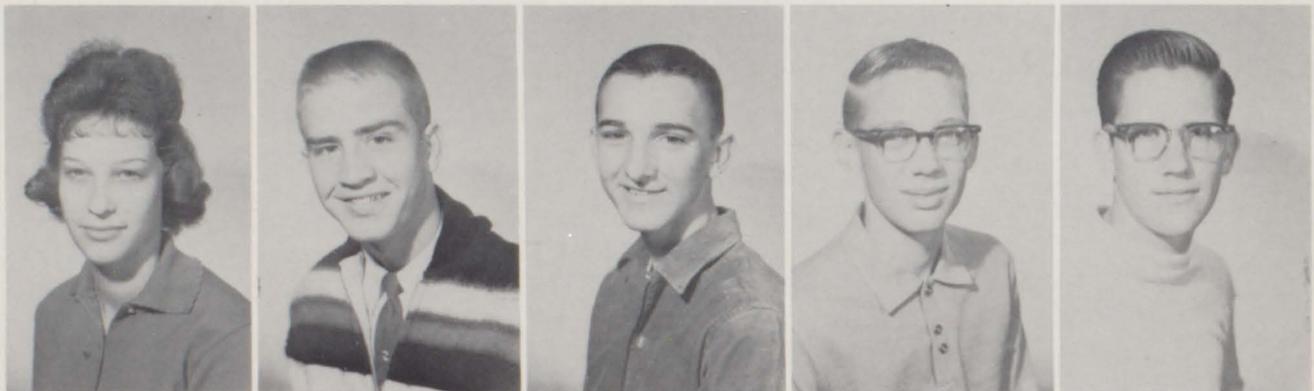
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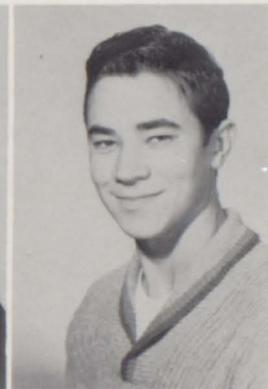
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MADDEN



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LARRY
MURRELL



CARL
SMITH



VENITA
SWEARINGEN



RICHARD
GROGAN





Denver Lawson gives Sammy Collins a quick look for a few pennies for the Fall Fiesta.



Sophomore Activities

ABOVE: Louiese Thompson wrote the prize-winning letter in the Springfield district to the Harlin Fruit Company's query as to what "you would do if you had a great, big stalk of bananas." Company representative Harold Cox delivered the stalk. Streaks on the film are snowflakes from the first blizzard of the year.



ABOVE: Clark Kahler plans and builds a power driven color wheel for stage lighting. CENTER: Etta Green, Jean McCreary, Rodney Frazee, Clark Kahler, Brenda Burns, Billy Fisk, and David James are already planning for their senior trip. RIGHT: Pat Montgomery, Carolyn Coatney, and Sandra West are giving their locker cleaning as Robin Oxley and Nolan Feldman give free advice.





WAYNE
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BONNIE
WHEAT



DENVER
LAWSON



JANE
PACE



ETTA
GREEN



ROBIN
OXLEY



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BERRY



KAY
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SCOTTY
HOLLOWAY



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WILSON



MARY LOUIESE
THOMPSON



LARRY
MULLINS



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DONNIE
TUCKER



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JOHNSON

TRELLIS
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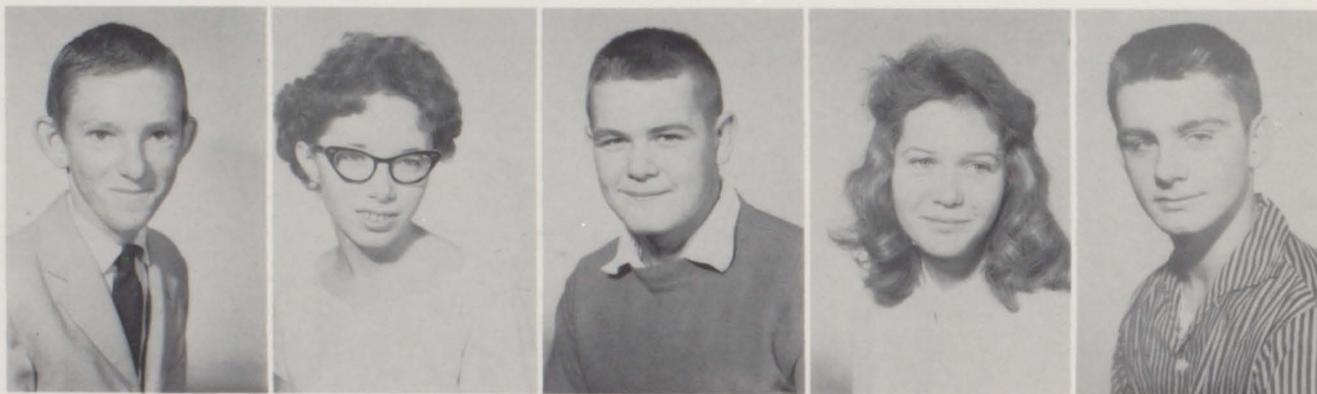
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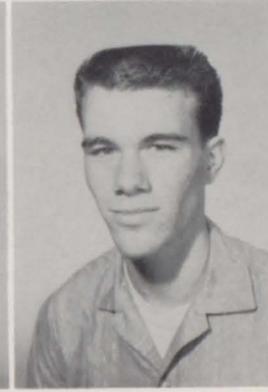
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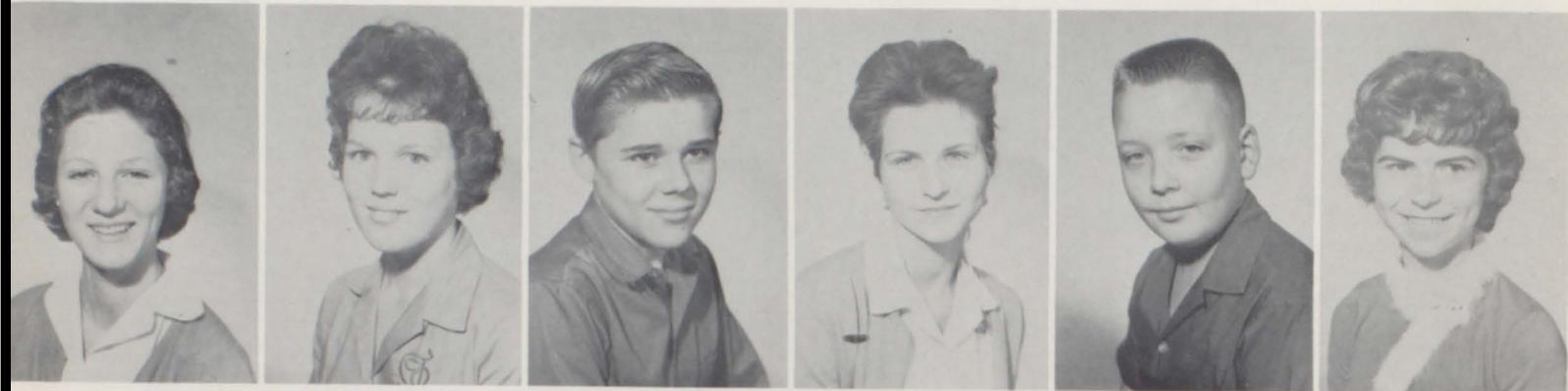


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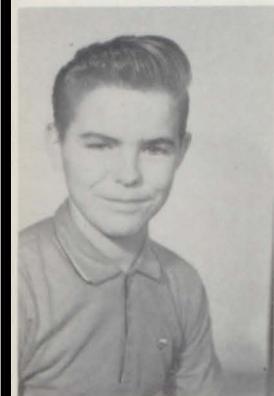
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ETHEL
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STOLBA



PAM
WILBANKS



HERSCHEL
LOWE



JUDY
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JOYCE
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COLLINS



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WANDA
SMITH



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GIRDLEY



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LINDA
DALEY

CHARLES
HOLLAND

ROSIE
MARCUM

MARTHA
FLETCHER



Freshman Activities



Honor students from the freshman class are from top: Rowena Hansen, Beverly Thompson, Sandra Davidson, and Deanna Collins.



Freshman students must get acquainted with the library. Billie Kaye Horak, Judy Lovan and Gary Evans learn to use reference material.

Joyce Nelson, Clella Creagor, Phyllis Adkins, Sharon Tune, Jack Bradford, and Daney Moss ponder questions on the Differential Aptitude Test on Numerical Ability and Verbal Reasoning.



Representing the freshman class for "the best of times" are Sue Caton and Bill Tandy as Rapunzel and Prince Charming on the Fiesta float.



Freshmen, 1960-'61



CAROLYN
PRITCHETT



EUGENE
MARVIN



BEVERLY
THOMPSON



ELLA
HARRIS



ROBERT
PEAIRSON



JUDY
LOVAN



MARILYN
SHERRILL



KATHIE
KINNAIRD



GARY
EVANS



LINDA
McCLELLAN



JACK
BRADFORD



MARY
PERKINS



SHERYLL
GAFFEY



RONNIE
BRYAN

RICHARD
PIGG



J. C.
CLINTON



MARILYN
MATTOCKS



GALEN
HANKS



MARCELLA
BROWER



SHARON
TUNE





RAYMOND
COUNTS



PHYLLIS
ADKINS



EARL
WOOD



ROWENA
HANSEN



JAMES
RAMSEY



PATRICIA
WOOD



RICHARD
BEAVERS



GLENDA
WOODS



CECIL
GREEN



BILLIE
HORAK



DEAN
DAVIS



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HAVENS



CHARLES
COLLINS



LOLA
GASTINEAU



KENNETH
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LINDA
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FAITH
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FAY
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COUNTS

DOYLE
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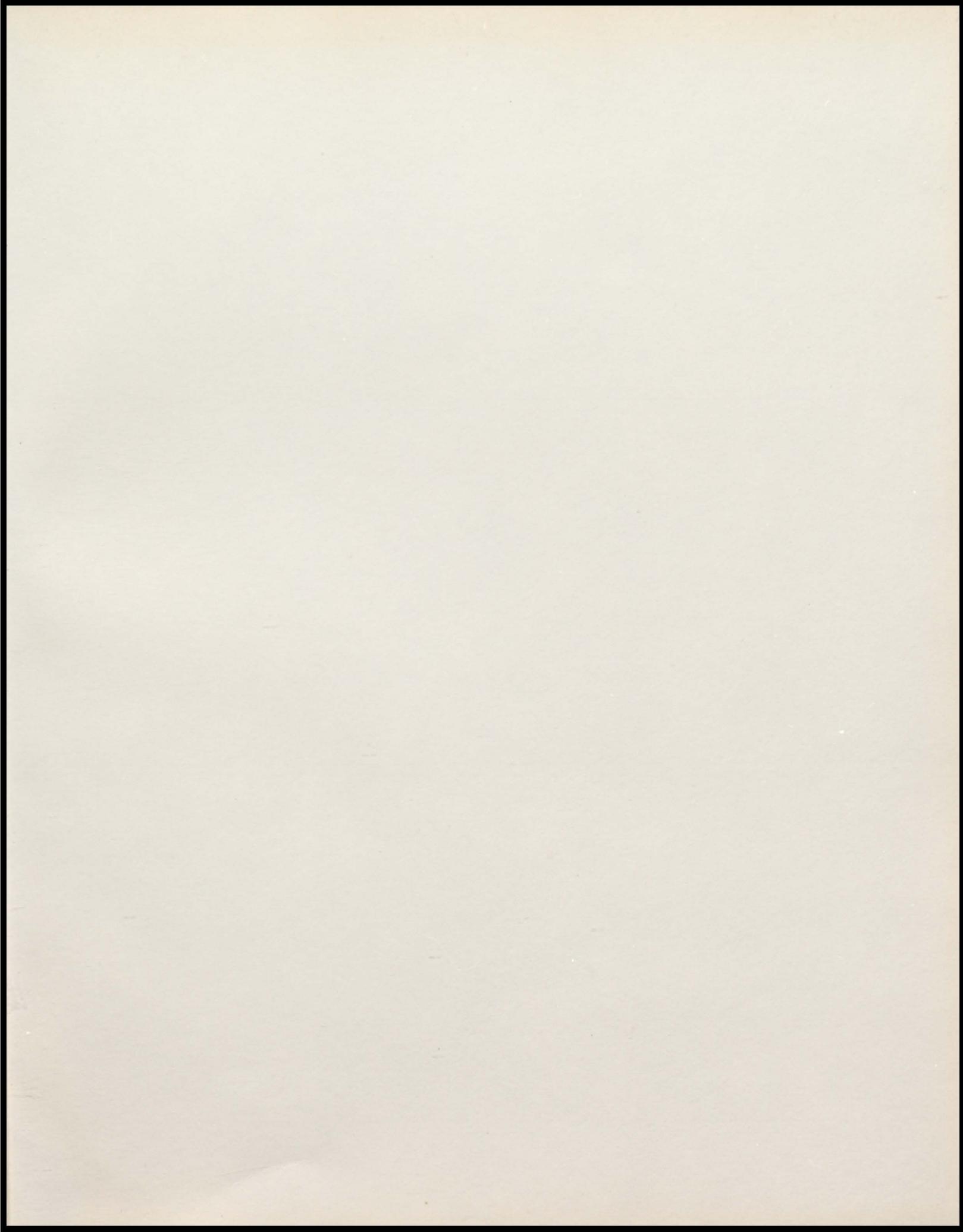
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