

## MHS ALUMNI 2009

1959.....50<sup>th</sup>

**MANGUM SENIORS CLASS 1959**

John Ward Elaine Hughey James Rockhold RubyJoy Barker John Uecke James A. Callins Joyce Reynolds Joe Boyd Thompson Pat Sheward Donnie Hodge

Mr. Ray Hogan Principal Mrs. Ed Deaver Sponsor Nicky Don Curtis Mary Berk Nance Norman Tally De Ann Greenwood Vernon Abrams Janice Gable Miss Hoover Sponsor Mr. Allen Aaron Superintendent

Salutatorian Jill Scott President Murl Anderson Morn Barnett Valedictorian Bonnie Hall Pop Barnett Vice President Orphie Neathery Secretary Sally Land Norris

Syvilla Wynn Fred Rosenbaum Pat Caddell Bill McAdams Ellen Stover Bob Lewis Rhona Fletcher James McElroy Sammie Jo Pence Stanley Conrad

Keith Johnston Jan Martin Garland Cupp Betty Ann Chapman Kenny Parker Carol Heatly Charles Freeman Nancy Wharton Bert M Avery Eula Mae Stehr

**The Class of 1959 members will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2009.** As with many other 1950's classes, the Class of 1959 had no yearbook. Old newspapers and records from classmates and their families keep this history alive.

The **MJH Commencement exercises** were held in the Junior High School Auditorium (today's Middle School) on Wednesday, May 16, 1956, for 44 members as listed: Murl Anderson, Bert Avery, Ruby Barker, Jo Boling, Naomi Burgess, Harold Burris, Patsy Caddell, Betty Chapman, Helen Colbert, Gwen Crawford, James A. Callins, Billy Clayton, Robert Conrad, David Doyle, Rhona Fletcher, Janice Gable, De Ann Greenwood, Charles Freeman, Bonnie Hall, Vera Halladay, Carol Heatly, Sally Land, Donnie Hodge, Keith Johnston, Robert Lewis, Janice Martin, Billy McAdams, Jerry K. Miller, S. M. Murry, Orphie Neathery, Jerry Nelson, Kenny Parker, Joyce Reynolds, Edith Rutter, Ellen Stover, Fred Rosenbaum, Norman Tally, Joe Boyd Thompson, John Uecke, Nettie Warren, Nancy Wharton, Jesse Wilson, Ann Wooley, Syvilla Wynn and Johnny Wright.

**Faculty at the MJHS** included: Lee T. McMahan, Principal; Louella Moore, Math; Pearl Rude, English and Social Science; Ruth Mosby, English and Social Science; Frances Phipps, Science and Reading; Odie Jones, Home Economics; Berniece Gaylord, Vocal Music and Larry Cooper, Band. **Note: Mr. Cooper is living in Sayre, Oklahoma, in 2009,** where he retired from the Sayre ISD.

**Three years later, according to the Mangum Star,** May 27, 1959, the Senior Class Day program was held Tuesday afternoon in the "old" high school auditorium which was standing where today's "new" gym stands. That school burned in 1962. Elaine Hughey received the \$100

B&PW scholarship from Mrs. Harold McDaniel, club president. Ray Hogan, principal, presented \$75 scholarships from Epsilon Sigma Alpha to Bonnie Hall and Nancy Wharton. Beta Sigma Phi presented a \$75 scholarship to Jill Scott.

**Oklahoma Honor Society** certificates went to: Bonnie Hall, Jill Scott, Nancy Wharton, Stanley Conrad, Orphie Neathery, Sharon Bailey, Margaret Winters, Sammy Harlan, Bobby Crane, Robbie Snipes, Arlen Gable and Phillip Carder. The upper ten percent of high school scholastic leaders are eligible for state society memberships.

**The National Honor Society** certificates were awarded to: Nancy Wharton, Eula Mae Stehr, Bob Lewis, Orphie Neathery, Nancy Van Vacter, Robbie Snipes and Mary McDonald.

**Fourteen English students**, pupils of Miss Tom Johnson, were honored for writing poems published in the 1959 anthology compiled by the Southern School Association. Each was awarded a copy of the anthology. This group included two seniors: Bonnie Hall and Bill McAdams.

Chosen by the highschool faculty, **Bob Lewis** was recognized as the **All-Around Boy** and **Nancy Wharton** as the **All-Around Girl**. **John Uecke** was the faculty's nomination for outstanding citizenship. **Kenny Parker** was chosen as the top boy athlete and **Jan Martin** as the outstanding girl in sports. The title of All-Around band student was conferred on **Joyce Barker**.

**Nancy Wharton** received the good citizenship award by Daughters of the American Revolution, Altus chapter. **The Danforth Foundation Award** for leadership went to **Joe Boyd Thompson and Bonnie Hall**.

**Murl Anderson, class president**, presented a gift to **Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barnett, senior class parents**; he also presented the class picture to Mangum High School.

**Senior commencement** was held May 21, 1959, in the "Old" High School Gym. It's still standing today directly east of the "new" gym. The prelude and processional were played by Maryanne McDonald. Invocation was given by Rev. Allen Anderson. **Jill Scott gave the Salutatory address** followed by a bassoon solo by John Uecke. **Bonnie Hall gave the valedictory speech** followed by a vocal solo performed by Eula Mae Stehr. Mr. Aaron, Superintendent of Schools introduced the speaker, **James P. Garrett, former MHS graduate**. Mr. Hogan, principal, presented the class and Leon Freeman, President of the Board of Education, presented the diplomas. Benediction was led by Rev. Allen Anderson.

**Forty-two seniors** were listed on the commencement program: DeAnn Greenwood, Janice Gable, Ruby Joy Barker, Patsy Caddell, Betty Chapman, Gwen Crawford, Rhona Fletcher, Bonnie Hall, Carol Lynn Heatly, Sally Land Norris, Janice Martin, Mary Elizabeth Nance, Sammie Jo Drake Pence, Joyce Reynolds, Jill Scott, Patsy Petty Sheward, Eula Mae Stehr, Ellen Stover, Nancy Wharton, Syvilla Wynn, Elaine Hughey, Samuel L. Allred, Bert Avery, Murl Ray Anderson, James A. Callens, Stanley Conrad, Garland Cupp, Nicky Curtis, Charles Freeman, Donnie Hodge, Keith Johnston, Robert A. Lewis, Billy Ray McAdams, James McElroy, Orphie Neathery, Kenny Parker, Fred Rosenbaum, Joe Boyd Thompson, John Uecke, John Ward, James Rockhold and Norman Tally. **Class Parents to this group were Bob and Aline Barnett.**

**Class Sponsors were:** Miss Emily Hoover and Mrs. Helen Deaver. **The high school faculty included:** Delbert Dugan, Alva Hawkins, Miss Tom Johnson, Ms. Ruth Sanger, John Shinpoch, Ben Sorrells, Miss Emily Hoover, Mrs. Helen Deaver, Bob Summers, Mrs. Odie Jones and Walter Dill. **Mr. Dill is still living in Duncan, OK, in 2009.**

**The Board of Education members were:** Harold McDaniel, President; Charles Covington, V-President; John Uecke, S. W. Conatser, Leon Freeman, Frank Baker, Clerk, and Ms. Lola Garrett was Secretary to Superintendent Allen Aaron. Mr. Ray Hogan was the high school principal.

**As of 2009, deceased members include:** Vernon Abrams, Dr. Bert Avery, Gwen Crawford, Don Hodge, Elaine Hughey, Keith Johnston, Robert L. Lewis, Billy R. McAdams, James McElroy and Mom and Pop Barnett. **Whereabouts unknown:** Joyce Reynolds Autrey and Sam Allred.

Researched by Alumni Historian, Joy Hall Grant, Class of 1957.