

**MHS ALUMNI 2009
CLASS OF 1974...CELEBRATING 35 YEARS**



Taken from the 1974 Yearbook donated to the Old Greer County Museum in 1991 by Ms. Chloe Jones, former Mangum teacher.

This class, celebrating 35 years in 2009, has preserved its history with a fine yearbook or annual, as it is also called. The Annual Staff consisted of **Patti Perryman as Editor; Co-editor was Teresa Burkhalter** and Advisor was Mr. Don Sparks. **The Yearbook was dedicated to Charley Buford Blackwell, “a wonderful teacher and friend.”** The Table of Contents at the front of the book is an excellent asset; spacing and information on each senior makes it easier for a researcher to read..

The Mangum Star News, May 20, 2004, had an excellent article on the history of this class written by Patty Miller York, classmate and Mangum resident. She published the class senior

composite (picture) and paid tribute to three deceased classmates: Angel Crawford, Mike Hilley and Sherri Stansberry.

According to the “annual”, forty-five graduating seniors included: Gary Winters, President; Tom Spence, V-President; Charles Callaway, Secretary and Patti Perryman, Treasurer; Sandy Bryan, Junior Beal, Robert Bentley, Shirley Clement, Johnny Bond, Andy Burcham, Angel Crawford, Cynthia Gray, Bobby Byrom, Randy Choate, Rose Mary Heatly, Kim MacRobert, Dwayne Clinton, Ken Hamilton, Carolyn Martin, Terri Nelson, Mike Hilley, Joe Bob Maddox, Cindy Opperde, Susan Paxton, Jim Norris, Don Osborn, Linda Perryman, Sandie Pettingill, Garland Pierce, Jerry Ray, Latanya Ray, Debbie Rogers, Sammy Sells, Sherman Silk, Jana Smoot, Sherrie Stansbury, Kevin Smith, Eugene Towery, Margaret Toole, Kathy Wileman, Eddie Don West, Sonja Wolford and Patty Miller York. **Mom and Pop were:** Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gelnar; Stephanie and Junior were ‘little brother and sister’.

Academic Honor Students were: Robert Bentley, Charles Callaway and Eddie West

Honored Seniors: **Teresa Burkhalter**, Annual Queen; **Kristi Heinze**, Band Queen; **Angel Crawford**, Basketball Queen; **Kim MacRobert**, Football Queen; **Terri Nelson**, Key Club Queen; **Margaret Toole**, FFA Sweetheart; Glee Club King & Queen: **Dwayne Clinton and Linda Perryman**; All Around Girl/Boy: **Linda Perryman Tom Spence**; Miss MHS **Kim MacRobert** and Mr. MHS **Tom Spence**

Group Leaders: **Debbie Rogers**, Student Council President; **Robert Bentley**, Key Club President; **Shirley Clement** FHA President; **Ken Hamilton** President FFA; **Jack Merritt**...Rodeo Club President; Boys’ and Girls’ State: **Charles Callaway, Dwayne Clinton, Mike Hilley, Tom Spence, Rose Mary Heatly, Debbie Rogers, Sonja Wolford**; Masonic Awards, **Sherri Stansbury, Cindy Opperde, Teresa Burkhalter, Andy Burcham, Tom Spence and Ken Hamilton**; Students of Today: **Teresa Tinney and Greg Greer**.

Superintendent of Schools was Travis B. Slaton and High School Principal was **Robert A. Steeds**. **Board members were:** James Calcote, President; Warren Herndon, V-President; Jim Howard, Barbara Matthews, Clyde Smith, and Balma Brignon, Clerk.

High school faculty included: Monroe Chadwick, High School Counselor and Federal Program Director; Bernice Addy, Jim Ed Bull, Norma Edwards, Johnny Crabb, Helen Deaver, Charley Blackwell, Chloe Jones, Glenn Hardin, Linden Haygood, Patsy Falk, Kathie Linders, Mike Jones, Gladys Paxton, Mike Riley, Karon Matthews, Jack Jerman, Danny Vaughn, Garland Roper, Diana Storm and Don Sparks.

Support personnel were: Mrs. Greta Riley, High School Secretary; Mrs. Aline Savage, Superintendent’s secretary; Mrs. Jerla Bryant, High School aide; Mrs. Dianne Haygood, Junior High Secretary; Mr. Odell Halford, Junior High Custodian; Mrs. Elmo Petzold, Gym Custodian and Bus Caretaker; Mr. Leonard Smith, Gym Custodian; High school cooks: Mrs. Joyce Klepper, Mrs. Imogene Lively, Mrs. Dessie Hart and Scarlet Berry.

The yearbook stopped with the seventh grade. The MJH Faculty included Principal, Jim Ed Bull; Connie Bull, Kenneth Martin, Joyce Snow, Mitchell Marugg, John Schaufele, Jeanette Snow, Doris Penn and Joe Bell.

Deceased members of the class in 2009 are: Angel Crawford, Mike Hilley, Sherri Stansberry and Sandy Bryan Walker.

Whereabouts unknown: Kathy Wileman Bright, Charles Callaway, Carolyn Paxton Nees, Eugene Towery and Margaret Toole Scallorn.

Twenty-four percent of this class lives in Mangum today including the Class Parents.

Singing praises for Mangum and Greer County, a historian cannot pass up columnists who do so, especially when the schools or the Alumni Association members are recognized in the article. The Wichita Falls Times, March 2, 1975, published an editorial written by Glenn Shelton. Shelton talked about Mangum describing it as “a few miles west of the ancient and ruggedly beautiful Wichita Mountains and the capital of Old Greer County. It (Mangum) is a picturesque town of old buildings and visionary citizens with a public library, a museum, a modern hospital, two banks and an incipient zoo built around the now famous jaguar, Geronimo”.

“Throughout the countryside, standing in line like patient soldiers, remnants of New Deal days are echelons of tall trees, the remains of President Roosevelt’s Shelterbelt Program. Greer County has more shelterbelt trees than any other county in the U.S., and the first trees planted under the program were planted in Greer County.”

“The first thing I learned on entering Mangum was that most Mangum citizens were born there or moved away awhile and moved back. “I lived here for 10 years before they’d forgive me for not having been born here,” commented Ed Deaver, vice-president of the Guarantee Bank. The other bank, First National, has Lacy Noble as President; he founded the bank in 1900.”

“Mangum has many distinctions. It was the home town of the late Rufe Davis, movie and television actor. “He was tremendously strong,” said Bob Heatly, manager of the Chamber of Commerce. “He played football, and he once lifted me high off the ground.”

“Ike Rude, 81 at the time, was world champion steer roper three times and is the only living inductee into the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. Bill Ponder of Mangum, was number-two ace behind Eddie Rickenbacker in World War I.”

“Mangum boasts the oldest and biggest high school alumni association in the United States. Dr. James B. Boren, later to be president of Southwestern State College in Weatherford, and even later, president of Wichita Falls Hardin College and Midwestern University, served as school superintendent in the late 1930’s. His nephew is now governor of Oklahoma.”

“Farmer, Pete Byrom, said farmers had more money than at any other time in their lives at the end of 1974. In the spring 87,582 acres of wheat yielded an average of 22.5 bushels per acre. The 37,488 acres of cotton produced 260 pounds as compared with the record 350 pounds per acre in 1973.”

“Mangum suffers a housing shortage but 15 new homes are being constructed according to Lois Norman of the Greer County Abstract Company. One of them is a \$60,000 home. Aiding the economy is a nice little gas field north of Reed. Gas production was discovered in the fall of 1973.”

“In the 1930’s Greer County had 16 consolidated high schools. Now only two remain: Granite and Mangum. Travis Slaton is superintendent of Mangum schools and Floyd Gibson is principal of Mangum High. A classmate of Shelton’s, Monroe Chadwick, is assistant superintendent of schools. Chadwick graduated from Altus High School in 1933.”

“My warmest thanks to chamber manager, Bob Heatly, who was born and reared in Mangum. His son, Roy, worked with CBS television in 1962 and interviewed Richard Nixon when Nixon lost his race for governor of California.” Note by writer: Both Heatlys are MHS grads.

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