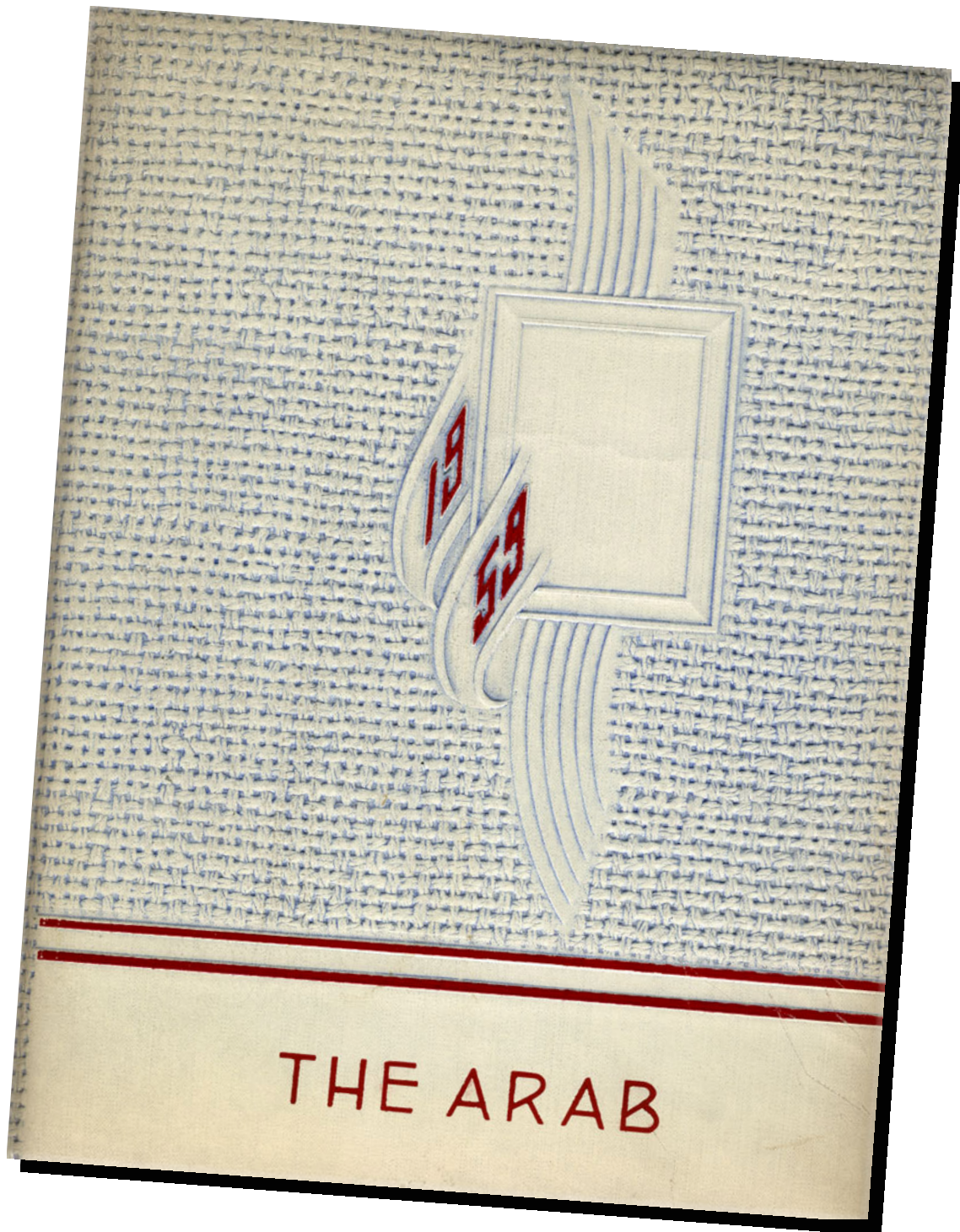


# 1959 Mecca Annual



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# DEDICATION

We the Senior Class of 1959, dedicate this annual to



the late Mrs. Thelma Lewman  
and  
the late Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor



Whose careful instruction and wise guidance during the  
early years of our lives are deeply appreciated.

*The Seniors express their  
appreciation to these*

Mrs. Eula Lewis  
Wabash Township Trustee



Mr. Fred Gale  
Principal

Mr. Robert Shackelford  
Class Sponsor



*for the contribution they have made  
toward our education this year. . .*



We the Seniors of Mecca High School, Class of 59 being of sound mind and body do hereby make, publish and declare this to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking all previous wills made by us.

To the Faculty:

We will all the peace and quiet they had when we were underclassmen.

To the Juniors:

We will all old broken pencils and left over paper.

To the Sophomores:

We will the Student Union Building at Indiana State Teachers College for next years prom.

To the Freshmen:

We will all the desks in the typing room.

To the Students:

Claude Jones wills his ability to keep a job at Turkey Runn to Joe Blacketer.

Kent Harris wills his height to his little brother Dean.

Joe Stevens wills his ability to hot rod to Dick Williams.

Virgil Wilson wills his Hulman House to anyone who is brave enough to park there.

Ike Ross wills his ability to get the school mail to Cork Hord.

Loretta Pollard wills Kent Harris to LaWanda Meschen.

Ruth Ann Sanders wills her extra pound to Treva Harris.

Doris Hord wills her ability to stay in school to her little brother Cork.

Janice Falls wills her ability to make D's in shorthand to Phyllis Reynolds.

Julia Smith wills her ability to chew gum to Mrs. Terry.

Douglas Graham wills his Senior cords to Mr. Fisher.

Allen Clayton wills his ability to dance to the Junior Swearin'g.

Gary Jones wills his trouble with his car to Don Sykes.

Sharon Harrison wills Mr. Kilgore's humor to Mr. Gale.

Dave Capps wills his ability to stay in school to his little brother Pat.

Marlene Ross wills her Senior cords to Mrs. VanGilder.

Helena Pearman wills her long hair to Carol Jones.

Roy Fellows wills his big feet to Ronnie Lientz.



Mrs. Pauline Terry  
Latin-English



Mrs. Ethel Van Gilder  
Home Economics-  
Physical Ed.



Mr. Joseph Fisher  
Music-Business



Mr. Ira Paul Maurey  
Physical Ed. -Math



Mr. William Kilgore  
Industrial Arts-  
Social Studies



Mrs. Irene Bryant  
Fifth Grade



Mrs. Hazel Sanders  
Music-  
3rd and 4th Grades



Mrs. Dixie Akers  
First Grade



Mrs. June Nowling  
Second Grade



Not shown:

Mr. Fred Gale, Principal  
Mr. Robert Shackelford  
English-Social Studies

Mrs. Sarah Insley  
Sixth Grade



Doris Mae Hord



Gary Earl Jones



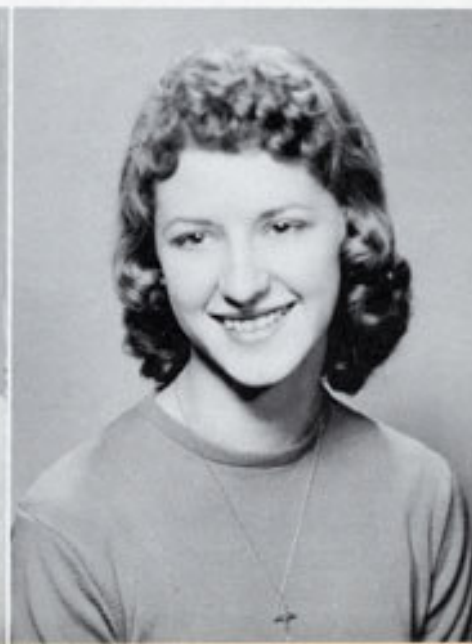
Helena Joy Fearman

*The tree of Knowledge takes long to climb.*

David Bernard Capps

Marlene LaNette Ross

Allen Eugene Clayton





Janice Maxine Falls



Wesley Kent Harris



Ruth Ann Sanders

*The greatest ability is dependability.*

Douglas Warren Graham

Loretta Mae Pollard

Joseph Elwood Stevens





Paul Ivan Ross



Julia Jane Smith



Virgil Wayne Wilson

Sure, He that made us with such large discourse,  
Looking before and after, gave us not  
That capability and God-like reason  
To fust in us unus'd. -- Shakespeare

Roy Lee Fellows

Sharon Helen Harrison

Claude Dale Jones





## CLASS POEM

Now that the school year's ended,  
It's time for us to run,  
But before we say good-bye  
Let's have a little fun,

First in line is David Capps  
Who goes with a Senior lass;  
A blonde that is tall and thin  
He says is just his class.

Next comes Allen Clayton,  
Butch to all of us;  
Whenever he is in a crowd  
There's bound to be a fuss.

Janice Falls is the girl  
Who likes to fuss and fight;  
You never can change her thinking,  
For she thinks she's always right.

Next is Roy Fellows,  
A quiet lad is he,  
Why he had to work in school,  
He never could quite see.

Douglas Graham and his guitar  
Are really quite a pair,  
And someday soon the stage with Ricky  
He will surely share.

Next there is Kent Harris,  
Who's really quite a brain;  
But when there're any girls around,  
He hardly knows his name.

Sharon Harrison, next, in line,  
Still a kid at heart;  
When there's any foolishness  
She always has a part.

Doris Hord is the girl  
Who likes to run around,  
Anywhere that you may go  
She always can be found.

Claude Jones, he is next,  
The clown of our class;  
He's the cause of laughter  
From every lad and lass.

He is quite a romeo,  
The boy who's name is Gary;  
Or at least that's what he thinks  
When he's out with Sherry.

Next is Helena Pearman,  
A friendly girl and scholar,  
If less than an A she makes  
You sure can hear her holler.

Next in line is Loretta  
Who to Rockville likes to go;  
She always goes to see the boys,  
But thinks that we don't know.

Then there is our blonde  
Who's always in a whirl;  
Her name is Marlene Ross  
A very likeable girl.

Ike Ross is next in line,  
Who doesn't care for school;  
He sits and wonders why  
It has to be so cruel.

Ruth Ann Sanders, she is next,  
Who at first seems quiet;  
But when you get to know her  
She really is a riot.

And then there's Julia Smith  
Who at times seems coy;  
But if you get behind the scenes  
The answer is a boy.

Joe Stevens is his name,  
Who wants to be real tall,  
But at the rate he's going  
By that time he'll be bald.

Virgil Wilson is the boy  
Whose love is basketball;  
But you should see him drop it  
When from Joyce he gets a call.

Now before we say farewell,  
And from Mecca High depart,  
"Thanks to our parents and teachers  
From the bottom of our heart."





Dear Mr. Shackelford:

June 3, 1969

I am writing you to invite you and your family to our class reunion which will be held July 1, 1969 at the Buggy Bed Hotel, 1476 Sunset Drive, Mecca, Indiana, at 8:00 P. M. As I was getting in touch with all of the class to inform them of the time and place I was very much surprised to learn of all the many occupations our class had entered into.

I was informed that Joe Stevens is now the proud owner of the Buggy Bed Hotel, and his three sons entertain at the hotel by dancing and singing.

Marlene Ross and David Capps have been married for six years and are the proud parents of 4 girls. Marlene and David are on television in a show in which they portray the "Love of Jesse James and Belle Starr." They live in a Hollywood suburb.

Helena Pearman is the Secretary to the Governor of Utah, who happens to be Virgil Wilson. Helena is married to a prominent businessman; they have two girls, two boys, one cat and two dogs.

Douglas Graham is the owner and four-time winner of the Indianapolis Five Hundred. He is still single and plans to continue his life as a bachelor. Rumors, however, say that he and Elsa Maxwell are making eyes at each other.

Claude Jones is the Ambassador of the United States to England. He is married to the once famous movie star, Marilyn Monroe. He has 10 children by four previous marriages.

Doris Hord is Claude's Secretary. She lives in her Florida mansion with her husband and children when in the states.

Ike Ross and Roy Fellows are partners and proprietors of a gambling house in Reno, Nevada. They both have been married twice and divorced twice. They think marriage is too much of a gamble.

Allen Clayton is a card shark, working in the Ross and Fellows Casino. He is still struggling with the question of whether to marry Mary or go steady with her the rest of his life.

Gary Jones and his wife remodeled the Hulman house and have built a large parking lot west of the estate. They have sixteen children.

Julia Smith is a Major in the Women's Marine Corps. She is stationed at Fairbanks, Alaska.

Janice Falls is secretly married to Johnny and is a Space Line Stewardess making weekly trips between the earth and the moon.

Sharon is married to Bob, they have five children, are living in Wisconsin, and are the owners of a famous night club called, "Sharon's Place."

Kent Harris is the owner of a chain of Ford Garages. He is married and has two children. They are on the road most of the time in their new Plymouth, so they have no home Address.

Perhaps you knew that Ruth Sanders and her 7 ft. 1 inch husband have opened their home to orphans of all races. They now have a United Nations all of their own, comprised of children from 13 foreign countries. Besides this, her husband raises rabbits for pets.

Sincerely yours,

Loretta Pollard

P. S.

You notice my name is still the same, but I have my eyes on a wonderful fellow who works here at the Mecca Chamber of Commerce, which is located in the new sky scraper across from the Mecca Garage.

# CLASS HISTORY

In the fall of 1947 we started to school with 24 members in our class. Mrs. Lewman was our teacher. In about the middle of the year we had the Tom Thumb Wedding.

Mrs. Taylor was our teacher in the second year of school. We lost two of our members - Linda Beard, and Lester Gossett.

In the third grade Mrs. Sanders taught us. We lost Ronnie Penn that year.

In our fourth year of school Mrs. Lewman was our teacher. We enjoyed having her as our teacher for the second time.

In the fifth year Mrs. Bryant was our teacher. Doris Hord joined our class and we lost Joe Ray Fellows and Danny Decker.

Mrs. Baldwin was our teacher in the sixth grade.

The seventh year was very exciting for us. We elected Mrs. Lewis as our sponsor. For President, Claude Jones; Vice President, Douglas Graham; Secretary and Treasurer, Doris Hord; Student Council, Helena Pearman. Janice Falls moved to Rosedale at the end of the year. We also gained Douglas Graham.

In our eighth year of school we chose Mrs. Reva Lewis as our sponsor. The class officers were: President, Joe Stevens; Vice President, David Capps; Secretary and Treasurer, Allen Clayton; Student Council, Marlene Brooker.

In our Freshman year we were initiated by the Sophomores. We elected Mrs. Griggs as our sponsor; class officers were: President, Allen Clayton; Vice President, Marlene Ross; Secretary and Treasurer, Tom Smith.

In our Sophomore year of school Mrs. Sally Buchanan was our sponsor. Class officers were: President, Virgil Wilson; Vice President, Joe Stevens; Secretary and Treasurer, Ruth Ann Sanders. We lost Marlene Brooker that year, and gained Kenneth Sykes.

In our Junior year Janice Falls moved back to join us for this year. We also gained two new members- Sharon Helen Harrison, Wesley Kent Harris; We elected Mrs. Goldie Griggs as our sponsor. Class officers were: President, Joe Stevens; Vice President, Virgil Wilson; Secretary, Marlene Ross; Treasurer, Ruth Ann Sanders. The name of our class play was "PAPA SAY'S NO." We lost Tom Smith, Richard Wittenmyer, Joe Blacketer, Kenneth Sykes.

In our Senior year, our last and final year of school, Mr. Shackleford was our sponsor. The class officers were as follows: President, Wesley Kent Harris; Vice President, Ruth Ann Sanders; Secretary and Treasurer, Loretta Pollard. For our class play this year we chose "JUST DUCKY."

Baccalaureate services were held in the Christian Church on April 28th.

Commencement was held May 1st in the Gymnasium at Mecca High School.

And now the time has come to say farewell to everybody in dear old Mecca High School. We regret to leave this wonderful establishment after twelve long years.

**Remembering the Past we Press forward  
into the Future**



# SENIORS' CHOICE



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1. Best Sport
2. Best Mixer
3. Most Studious
4. Most conceited Girl
5. Best Dressed Girl
6. Best Dressed Boy
7. Slimest
8. Best Hairdo
9. Biggest Liar
10. Most Talkative
11. Most Bashful Girl
12. Quietest Boy
13. Quietest Girl
14. Noisiest Boy
15. Noisiest Girl
16. Most Likeable Girl
17. Most Ambitious

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18. Most Likeable Boy
19. Cutest Girl
20. Most Handsome Boy
21. Funniest Hairdo
22. Smallest Girl
23. Smallest Boy
24. Largest Feet
25. Most Pleasant Smile
26. Most Flirtatious
27. Slowest
28. Funniest
29. Man Chaser
30. Best Disposition
31. Best Personality
32. Most Scatterbrain
33. Best Class
34. Most Ambitious

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Sherry Smith  
Joyce Akers  
Mary Sills  
Jerry Mankins



Joe Blacketer  
Dick Williams  
Ted Harpold  
Linda Lee



Karol Jones  
Treva Harris  
Phyllis Reynolds  
Ivan Carroll



LaWanda Meschen  
Shirlene Lientz  
Kaleen Andrews  
Carol Anderson



Theron Cronk  
Becky Hill  
Wilbur Hord



CLASS  
OF  
1960



FIRST ROW: Judy Hesler, Chuck Hutson, Sherry Akers, Bob Wilson, Jeanette Poland, George Kinsey, Judy Ross. SECOND ROW: Jerry Taylor, Sharon Jones, Larry Hutson, Phyllis Lewis, Glenn Stites, Shirley Lee, Jim Blacketer. THIRD ROW: Bob Falls, Denny Gains, Micheal Carrico, Harry Smith, Paul Griffen, John Nowling, Donald Sykes. FOURTH ROW: Hezzie Cohen, Betty Swearingin.

## SOPHOMORES

## FRESHMEN



FIRST ROW: Ronald Lientz, Donna Hutson, Carol Nevins, Frances McCreary, Helen Fellows, Donald Terry. SECOND ROW: Jimmy Wittenmyer, Charles Meschen, Loren Myers, Herman Cronk, Raymond Haughee, Jack Haughee.



## EIGHTH GRADE

FIRST ROW: Janet Peck, Pat Capps, Linda Blacketer, Milo Cook, Patty Pollard, Karl Nowling, Colleen Jones. SECOND ROW: Wayne Maden, Mari Jo Tucker, Kenny Nowling, Sherry Penn, Eva Terry, Larry Poland, Carolyn Fowler. THIRD ROW: Lois Smith, Russell Reid, Susan Hesler, Charlotte Carnegie, Patty Swearingin.



## SEVENTH GRADE

FIRST ROW: Maurice Smith, Claudia Fowler, Steven Meschen, Donna Kay Jackson, Paul Green, Karen Sykes, Dickie Lee. SECOND ROW: John Nevins, Judy Akers, Connie Ratcliff, Amma Fellows, Paul Hill, Alice Cronk, Dean Harris. THIRD ROW: Jill Walters, Billy Stites, Judy Lee,



## SIXTH GRADE

FIRST ROW: Tony Smith, Steven Falls, Sue Adams, LeRoy Jones, Jim Kinsey, Mona Ross, Walter McArty, Melburn Blacketer. SECOND ROW: Pearl Terry, Michael Young, Russell Wells, Alice Hubbard, Donald Graves, Naomi Sills, Joe Walters, Janet Smith. THIRD ROW: Ronald Sanders, Helena Capps, Gary Coonce, Peggy Hutson.



## FIFTH GRADE

FIRST ROW: Charles Davis, Betty Jo Peck, Dennis Coonce, Patsy Gains, Donald Fellows, Candice Baldwin, John Clayton, Pamala Fowler. SECOND ROW: John Wilber, Kathy Sikes, Mike Murphy, Marjory Griffen.



## FOURTH GRADE



FIRST ROW: Virginia Ratcliff, Dickie Hill, Brenda Falls, Marta Keen, Danny Harrison, Pamela Penn, Allen Nevins. SECOND ROW: Randy Myers, Kathy Baldwin, Doris Lee, Helen Terry, Mike Griffin, Phyllis Poland, Donnie Anderson. THIRD ROW: Nancy Fowler.

## THIRD GRADE



FIRST ROW: Alvie Poland, Sherry Beking, Esther Fellows, Donna Lee, Sunny Murphy, Calvin Doan, Linda Stites, Annie Doan. SECOND ROW: Barbara Taylor, David Gaines, Susan Lee, Jeanne Smith, Karen Anderson, Anna Carnegie, Victor Wilbur, Sally Green.

## SECOND GRADE



FIRST ROW: Jack Sanders, Connie Taylor, Steve Martin, Janice Cronk, Fred Sanders, Betty Capps, Lester Fellows, Donna Keen,  
SECOND ROW: Elsie Falls, John Baldwin, Ruth Haughee, Larry Stites, Judy Taylor, Robert Fellows, Debby Wilbur, Helen Graves,  
THIRD ROW: John Doan, Brenda Keen, Mary Helen Ross.

## FIRST GRADE



FIRST ROW: Russell McCall, Pamela Ratcliff, Danny Smith, Anda Ratcliff, James Sills, Vicki Cohen, Stephen Griffin. SECOND ROW: Randy Smith, Katherine Griffin, Rex Taylor, Vickie Stites, Ronald Ratcliff, Steven Bicking, Richard Terry.

SMALL BEGINNING WITH A  
HAPPY ENDING. . .

1947--1959



## TOM THUMB WEDDING

FIRST ROW: Ronnie Penn, Claude Jones, Allen Clayton, Virgil Wilson, Paul Ross, Dick Williams, Minister-Bill Hill, Joe Blacketer, Gary Jones, Richard Wittenmyer, David Capps, Lester Gossett, David Harrison.  
SECOND ROW: Loretta Pollard, Helena Pearman, Flower girls-Julia Smith, Ruth Ann Sanders, Patty Glaze, Linda Beard, Bride-Marlene Ross, Groom-Joe Stevens, Linda Lee, Linda Sowers, Janice Falls, Betty Edwards, Mary Bennett, Audrey Fisher.



BAND  
CHORAL GROUPS

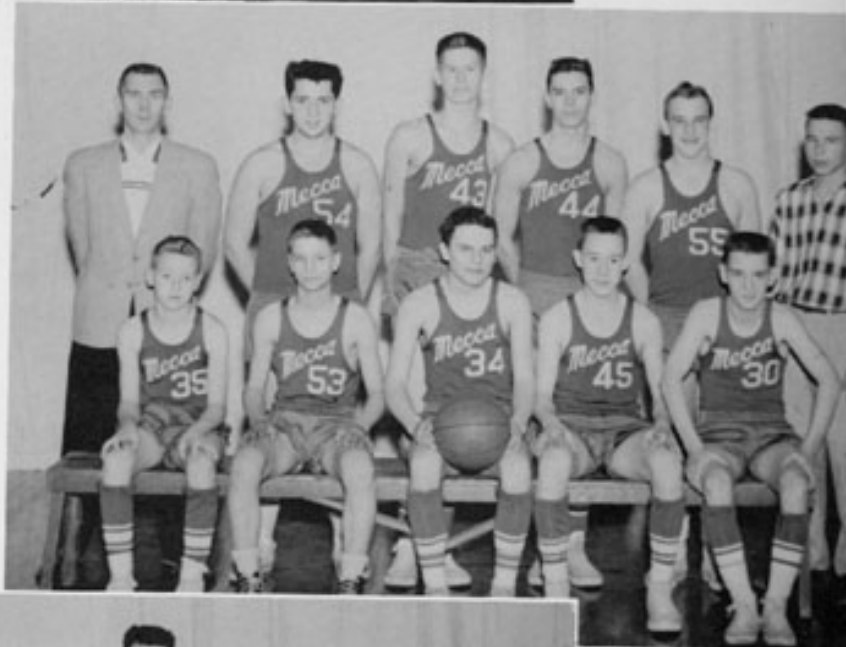






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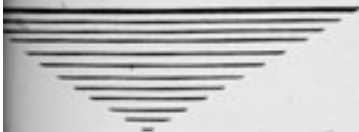
GRADES



Sherry, Rebecca, Sharon

## JR. HIGH

Jody, Linda, Barbara



## VARSITY





TRACK  
BASEBALL





Some work unseen  
and unnoticed

Mrs. Eula Lewis



Mr. Presley Haughee

...but not unappreciated

Unwanted by M. H. S. Dead or alive.

