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Nancy Graff Crowned Homecoming Queen

1st 6 Weeks Honor Roll

FIRST HONOR ROLL

Seniors	
Judy Sellner	5.00
Ken Chalcraft	4.80
Bill Walden	4.75
Fred Staudt	4.75
Shirley Wilson	4.50
Nancy Graff	4.50
Juniors	
Reuben Dubson	4.75
Sophomores	
Carol Hodges	5.00
Sally Blickensderfer	5.00
Gary McClung	4.80
Judy Elliot	4.50
Iantha Housel	4.50
Phyllis Pulliam	4.50
Freshmen	
Roberta Traxler	5.00
Sheldon Nicol	5.00
Jenna McMillan	5.00
Barbara Brelsfoard	4.75
Carol Merrifield	4.75
Sharon Tapp	4.50

SECOND HONOR ROLL

Seniors	
Lonny McClung	4.40
Robert Connelly	4.00
Luann Braden	4.00
Gwen Ferrell	4.00
Fred Wikowsky	3.75
Jean Roberts	3.75
Beverly Himes	3.75
Juniors	
Eunice Fathauer	4.25
Pat Hoffman	4.25
Les Wilson	4.25
Helen Ensign	4.00
Joyce Greeson	4.00
Pauline Hick	4.00
Dick Stone	4.00
Adrienne Stoutenborough	4.00
Kaye Wattles	4.00
John Crabtree	3.75
Mary Cummings	3.75
Kermit Dealey	3.75
LaVon Larson	3.75
Sophomores	
Lynette Boyer	4.45
Judy Daggett	4.45
Barbara Sullivan	4.25
Walter Query	4.25
Joanne Withers	4.25
Tonia Hughes	3.80
Lynette Morgan	3.75
Pat Woolums	3.75
Bob Rose	3.75
Larry James	3.75
David Braden	3.75
Bill Birge	3.75
Freshmen	
Judy Alsop	4.25
Richard Bennett	4.25
Junior Odle	4.25
Betty Stinson	4.25
Ronnie Terrell	4.25
Buddy Jay	4.00
Shirley Newell	4.00
Judy Roney	4.00
Janet Walters	4.00
Nancy Welliver	4.00
Priscilla James	3.75
Diana Thrall	3.75
Ron Wikoff	3.75

FOUR ALUMNI HOME

David Lewis, Bob Leinhart, Vernon Clifton, and Barr Stoutenborough, all graduates of Maroa High School in 1956, recently visited the school. All four have completed their basic training at Great Lakes with the U.S. Navy.



STUDENT COUNCIL TO ORGANIZE HONOR SOCIETY

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION TO STUDY CURRICULUM

Mr. Wayne Stoneking, Research Assistant of the Illinois Education Association, was the speaker at the first meeting of the year of the Maroa Unit No. 2 Teachers Association, on Tuesday, October 2, 1956, in the Forsyth School. Mr. Stoneking spoke on Taxation and Legislation and used Maroa as an example to illustrate his talk. He explained the methods and ways of finding amounts of aid from the state funds, how our local income is determined and the principles behind deficit spending.

The Teachers Association is planning to make a thorough study of the Curriculum in the field of Language Arts this year. It was felt that more could be accomplished by studying one field rather than to study the curriculum of all fields. Language Arts was chosen because it is so essential to all fields of study. Mrs. Jean Smith is chairman of the curriculum study committee.

Officers of the Association are: President, Melvin Nicol; Vice President, David Catlin; Secretary, Betty Coen; and Treasurer, Ruth Barnett.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, with Dr. Olsen as the main-speaker. His topic will be on the Curriculum. Dr. Olsen is from Eastern Illinois Teachers College at Charleston.

The new and enlarged student council, as voted on by last year's student body, met early in this school year and elected officers and discussed an overall view of this year's activities.

The following officers were elected: President, Ken Chalcraft; Vice President, John Crabtree; Secretary, Luann Braden; and Treasurer, Lonny McClung.

In addition to the help in handling of many problems in the school, this year's council has planned as one of their major objectives the establishment of a Maroa High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

The following committee is at work studying the formation of this organization: Jerry Riddle, chairman, Carol Ann Merrifield, Warren Ferrell, John Crabtree, and Lonny McClung.

As soon as the constitution is adopted, and the application approved by the national organization in Washington, D. C., a full explanation of the purposes of the Society will be explained to the student body in the home room, and in an issue of the Blue and Gold.

McCLUNG HEADS SENIORS



The Senior Class officers for '57 are President, Lonny McClung; Vice President, Nancy Graff; Secretary, Tom Meador; Treasurer, Fred Staudt; and Co-treasurer Judy Sellner.

Our class has an addition of two members this year. They are Gloria Tozer previously from Auburn, Washington and Jerry Riddle from Clinton, Illinois. Also a former student of ours, Ann Karban, is back with us. Welcome!

We have ordered our announcements and name cards.

JUNIORS ORDER RINGS

The Juniors ordered their class rings on September 25 and the representative said they would be here before Christmas, vacation starts.

The class is happy to welcome all the new Juniors this year. They are Martha Landgrebe from Decatur, LuElla Maglone, Larry Wise, and Rollin Goodrich.

LuElla Maglone was first attendant to the Homecoming Queen and we are very proud of her. Our other candidate was Barbara McFarland.

Sophomores Have Party

The sophomore class of Maroa High had a weiner roast and hayride on Tuesday, September 18, at the home of Carol Hodge.

About fifty young people of the class and their guests attended the affair. The weiner roast started about 7:00 P. M.

After everyone was finished eating, the hayride started.

After the hayride the group enjoyed hot chocolate, marshmallows, etc.

SENIORS TO PRESENT PLAY "IT'S GREAT TO BE CRAZY"

This is what is known as a comedy of errors. The fun starts when Betty Lou Maxwell, a politically inclined teenager, decides that she is related to Elizabeth Browning, a famous poet of the 19th century.

In proving her point, she manages to disrupt her whole family: Mr. Maxwell, who is about to receive a promotion; Mrs. Maxwell, a candidate for the exclusive Civic Women's Club; and Connie Maxwell, Betty Lou's older sister, who is trying to wangle a date to a college dance. Wilbur, the son of the family, aided by his friend and cohort, Hercules Nelson, adds to the chaos as do Louie and Goitruide, two small-time crooks.

The characters of the play are:

Betty Lou	- - - - -	Barbara Marshall
Bernadine	- - - - -	Pat Cass
Connie	- - - - -	Judy Sellner
Mrs. Maxwell	- - - - -	Luann Braden
Mr. Maxwell	- - - - -	Bill Walden
Aunt Mary	- - - - -	Gwen Ferrell
Wilbur	- - - - -	Tom Meador
Hercules	- - - - -	Lloyd Rodgers
Louie	- - - - -	Lonny McClung
Goitruide	- - - - -	Shirley Wilson
Gladys	- - - - -	Gloria Tozer
Clara Smith	- - - - -	Ann Karban
Grover Jennings	- - - - -	Bob Connelly
Mrs. Jennings	- - - - -	Beverly Himes
Mr. Mallory	- - - - -	Fred Staudt
Student Directors	- - - - -	Jerry Riddle
		Bob Braden
Business Manager	- - - - -	Bob Haenny
Stage Managers	- - - - -	Joe Roberts
		John Kintner
		Eddie Cooper
		Alan Hoffman
		Fred Wikowsky

Reserved seats are 50 cents and bleacher seats are 35 cents.

Pep Committee Uses "Canadian Sunset" As Their Theme

The Pep Committee was in charge of our Homecoming again this year held on October 5, 1956.

Our annual parade consisted of floats from every class, each organization, queen candidates, Cheerleaders, the Maroa High School Band, and the fire trucks. The floats were judged by three businessmen, and were judged as follows:

- G. A. A. Float--first
- Senior Class---second
- Freshman Class---third

After the football game between Maroa and Eliopolis we had our homecoming dance. The theme this year was "Canadian Sunset" with music by Frank Hoffman.

At 10:30 the new queen was crowned. The candidates were:

- Joanne Williams
- Judy Alsop
- Tonia Hughes
- Judy Jackson
- Barbara McFarland
- LuElla Maglone
- Luann Braden
- Nancy Graff

Their escorts were the following senior boys: Dean Cole, Bob Braden, Tom Meador, Bill Walden, John Ray Kintner, Dave Smith, Lonny McClung, Bob Connelly, and Ken Chalcraft.

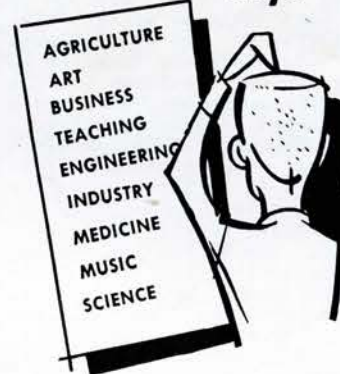
The climax of the dance came when Nancy Graff was crowned Homecoming Queen by Barbara Marshall, last year's Queen. LuElla Maglone was first attendant and Luann Braden second.

Martha Coen and Mike Brown were our King and Queen of tomorrow.

After the crowning the queen and her court had the first dance.

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LaVon Larson and Judy Elliot riding on the G. A. A. Homecoming float which received first prize in the judging.

Junior High Starts Honor Roll

We have decided that our Junior High needs an honor roll. We want to be able to recognize those students who are willing to put forth just a little more effort scholastically.

What we call our "core" curriculum will be the basis for evaluating our students grades. By "core" we mean these subjects: Language arts, reading, writing, spelling, grammar, and English. We allow a double period each day for this field because we feel that the importance of this subject warrants extra consideration also in rating our students as to the honor roll.

The other "core" subjects are Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, and Physical Education. We will evaluate the above five subjects in this fashion:

- A - 4 points
- B - 3 points
- C - 2 points
- D - 1 point
- F - 0

We will first find the language arts grade and double its value, then add up the values of the other four and divide by six for an average. Example: Student receives these grades:

	Grade		Value
Language Arts	B	3 x 2	6
Social Studies	A		4
Mathematics	C		2
Science	B		3
Physical Education	D		1
Total			16

Divide by 6/16 = 2.67

This student receives a high "C" rating. To make the honor roll he must average "B" or at least 3.0. If he receives an average of 3.5 or better he would achieve high honors.

Junior High Honor Roll

Sharon Boyer	3.67
Sandra Pense	3.57
Lewis Rooker	3.50
David Lemons	3.50
Connie Sinkosky	3.50
Susie Sprecklemeyer	3.50

LOW HONOR ROLL 3.00 to 3.49

Susan McGuire	3.33
Carol Ann Foulke	3.33
Mary Beth Preston	3.17
Roger Schultz	3.17
Catherine Crabtree	3.17
Lavina Fathauer	3.17
Roy Groves	3.00

SCIENCE CLUB PREPARING EXHIBIT

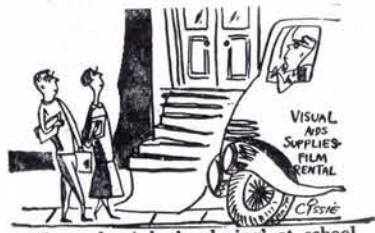
All of this year's science classes are crowded with enrollments. This is an encouraging sign in view of the present trend and need for science in everyday living as well as from a defense and international point of view. Much new equipment had to be added to take care of the large enrollment.

It is well known that the Maroa High School has one of the best equipped science laboratories of any of the Macon County schools and there is every reason to believe that the pupils recognize the science department's potentialities.

The Science Club, an affiliate of the Illinois Junior Academy of Science, which has its activities culminating in the annual science fair exhibit in the spring has elected the following officers: president, Lonny McClung; first vice president, Gary McClung; second vice, Judy Chalcraft; secretary, Ken Chalcraft; and treasurer, Tom Meador.

Each pupil in the science classes is requested to prepare an individual science project for the annual exhibit to be held in April. Pupils are now beginning to plan their projects. Outside judges are used and place winners are awarded ribbons and are eligible to compete in the district and state science exhibits.

WHAT'S COMING UP?



"I wonder 'what's playing' at school today..."

The student council sponsors a school movie on the second Wednesday of each month. The movies shown so far were "East of Eden" and "Sea Chase".

Those to be shown in the future are: "Room For One More" with Cary Grant and Betsy Drake, "The Tall Man" with Clark Gable, Jane Russell, and Robert Ryan, "Rebel Without a Cause", "Battle Cry", "A Man Called Peter" with Richard Todd and Jean Peters, "The McConnell Story", and "Mister Roberts".

WAS IT BAD FRESHMEN?

The student council sponsored a combined annual freshman initiation and Halloween party on Tuesday evening, October 30 in the high school gym from 7:30 to 10:30 P. M. This affair was for the high school pupils and faculty only. Outside dates called for their friends at 10:30 P. M.

This party concluded the freshman initiation week. Green caps were worn by the freshman and all upper classmen newly enrolled in the school this year from Tuesday, October 23 to October 30 inclusive. Caps were obtained in the freshman home room on Monday, October 22 during eighth hour.

On Tuesday, October 30 "Hobo Day" was observed as the day on which all freshman and new upper classman dressed up in odd clothes. Rules for the green caps, and "Hobo Day" were posted on the main hall bulletin board. Penalties were carried out the night of the party and were assigned to the pupils for violating any of the rules.

The student council was divided into committees by council president, Ken Chalcraft, to arrange details for the party. A free lunch was served at about 10:10 P. M. Special entertainment was provided including a demonstration of the famous square dancers "The Stars and Stripes" to which the two Howland boys in our high school belong.

Committees appointed were: Green Cap and Hobo Day: Sally Blickensderfer, Chairman, Jerry Riddle, Lynette Boyer, and Duane Boyer.

Lunch: Pauline Hicks, Chairman, John Crabtree, Carol Ann Merrifield, Bill Walden, and Warren Ferrell.

Entertainment: Maureen Gardner, Chairman, Bob Kinkaid, and Gary McClung.

Penalties: Luann Braden, chairman, Lonny McClung, Barbara Marshall, Robert Connelly, and Bob Braden.

The student council worked hard on the party and they hope that everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves.

McCLUNG HEADS SCIENCE CLUB

The Science Club elected as its officers for this year the following people: President, Lonny McClung; first Vice President, Gary McClung; second vice president, Judy Chalcraft; Secretary, Ken Chalcraft; and Treasurer, Tom Meador.

The science club's sponsor is Mr. John Kitowski and it is a member of the Illinois Junior Academy of Science Clubs. Every year each member prepares an exhibit to be displayed and judged at the Science Fair in the spring. First place winners at the Science Fair go to the section at Normal to exhibit their entry.

We hope that we will have many first place winners this year.

It takes less time to do a thing right than it does to explain why you did it wrong. --Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

TEN TEACHERS JOIN UNIT



Left to right, Mr. Thiele, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Kaiser, Miss Keplinger, Mrs. Hixson, Mrs. Gossman, Miss Holmes, Mr. Hackl, Miss Mikesell, Mr. Aldridge.

We wish to welcome the ten new teachers to our unit. They are as follows:

At Maroa Grade School, Mr. F. B. Thiele, Principal, who attended Western Illinois State Teachers College; Miss Effie Mikesell, first grade, Illinois State Normal University; Miss Earlene Kaiser, second grade, Illinois State Normal University; Miss Charlotte Keplinger, fourth grade, University of Illinois; Mrs. Alice Hixson, seventh and

eighth grade language arts, University of Denver; Mr. Russell Aldridge, seventh and eighth grade language arts, Southern Illinois University.

At Forsyth Grade School, Mrs. Joan Edwards, first and second grades, Southern Illinois University; Mrs. Daisy Gossman, second and third grades, Illinois State Normal University; Miss Margaret Holmes, seventh and eighth grades, University of Minnesota.

At Maroa High School, Mr. Richard Hackl, mathematics, Illinois State Normal University

G.A.A. Sponsors "Penny Prance"

Friday, September 14 the Maroa G. A. A. held a Penny Prance and Box Social in the gymnasium following a football game between Saybrook and Maroa. An admission of 15¢ per person was charged.

During intermission, a box social was held. The girls each prepared a box and they were auctioned off to the boy who was the highest bidder. Tom Meador served as auctioneer and did a very good job. Some of the boxes really brought a fancy price.

Archery Expert Presents Program

Jim Lynch, an archery expert was here September 20 for our first assembly program sponsored by the Student Council. Mr. Lynch was a star in the Columbia movie "King Archer". He has also been on all of the major television networks in Chicago and New York City.

Pat Hoffman and Lonny McClung acted as his assistants during the program. For a little while we thought Pat would not be with us much longer. Were you scared, Pat?

Mr. Lynch had six or seven different kinds of bows and about three kinds of arrows. During the program he demonstrated many ways of shooting such as: upside down, backwards, behind his back, behind his neck, and on top of his head. He even shot two arrows at the same time and hit two different targets. He also showed how to shoot at moving objects such as the birds and deer.

He also had many bits of advice for people who wish to take up archery and explained the many ways it can build up your body.

TEACHERS HAVE HAMBURGER FRY



The faculty of the Maroa Unit Schools enjoyed a social get-together on Tuesday evening, October 11, in the Maroa Grade School gym. Their guests were their husbands or wives, bus drivers, board members, cooks, janitors, and school secretaries. A hamburger fry was enjoyed with lots of other good eats. Darrell Biggs acted as chairman assisted by Mrs. Carolyn

Cunningham, and Mrs. Lucille Eagler.

Band director, Art Smith, led the group in some very spirited singing and then Mrs. Florence Berry showed colored slides of her trip last year to Canada and of her trip this year to California. She has some very beautiful pictures and the group enjoyed them a lot.

FRED STAUDT HEADS LIBRARY CLUB

Don't you think the library looks better at all times this year? Is it because Mr. Kitowski is in the library regularly two periods a day, or is it because of the efficient student librarians? Anyway, we also appreciate the cooperation of all pupils and teachers who are in the library daily.

Our first bulletin board was neatly arranged showing the book jackets of all the new books recently purchased. The basic purchase included the Illinois Reading Circle books for 1956-1957. These include fiction, science, travel, biography, sports, guidance and history, as well as the year-books and other general reference books.

All student librarians met and formed the Library Club whose duties are to assist in book selection, all clerical duties, repair of books, collection of fines, and preparation of bulletin boards. The officers elected were President, Fred Staudt; Vice President, LaVon Larson; Secretary, Jean Roberts; and Treasurer, Patty Gass.

School librarians chosen for this year are as follows:

- 8:15-8:30--Sheldon Nicol
- Zero Hour--David Howland
- Richard Bennett
- 1st Hour---A. Stoutenborough
- Reuben Dubson
- 2nd Hour---Nancy Graff
- Pat Gass
- 3rd Hour---Helen Ensign
- Judy Lining
- 4th Hour---Beverly Himes
- Jean Roberts
- 5th Hour---Gwen Ferrell
- LaVon Larson
- 6th Hour---Fred Staudt
- Harry Ensign
- 7th Hour---Joyce Greeson
- Bill Birge
- 8th Hour---Sheldon Nicol
- Richard Bennett
- 3:34-3:45--Sheldon Nicol

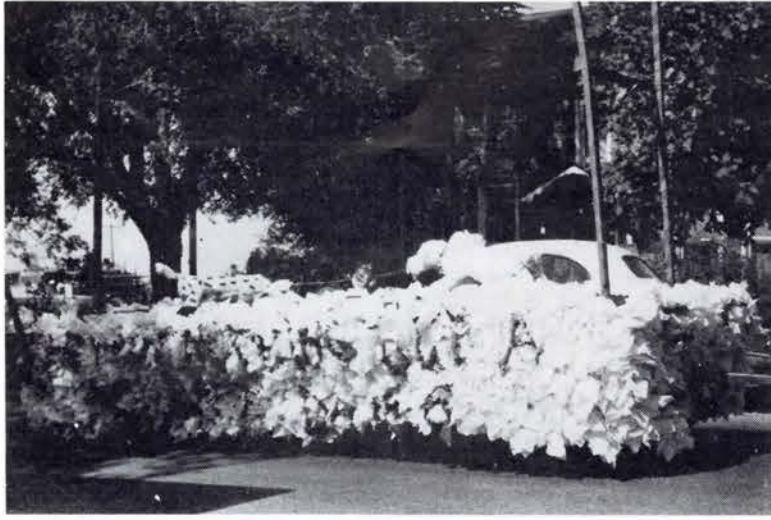
They receive valuable honor points for their help. Another new feature this year is that the library is open each school day morning at 8:15 A. M. before classes convene, and fifteen minutes after the close of school.

Band Elects Officers

The Maroa High School Band elected as its officers for this year the following members: President, Tom Meador; Secretary, Judy Chalcraft; Treasurer, Lonny McClung; chief Uniformer, Bob Connelly; and Student Director, Luann Braden.

The band has played for several events since the opening of school. A concert was given at the Maroa Grade School and at the Forsyth Grade School on October 3. We played for the Homecoming parade and football game on October 5 and at all of the pep meetings we have had so far.

SENIOR FLOAT WINS SECOND



The Senior float "They ain't Nothing but a Hounddog" won second prize.



The Freshmen float won third prize. Riding on the float are Carol Windlan, Diana Thrall, Dick Bush, Tom Birge, Roy Hanks and Pat Windlan.

BLUE & GOLD STAFF

Co-Editors - Shirley Wilson, Barbara Marshall
Ass't Co-Editors - Luann Braden, Jean Roberts
Advertising - A. Stoutenborough, Barbara McFarland, Maureen Gardner, Joyce Smith, Martha Landgrebe, and Lloyd Rodger
Circulation - Reuben Dubson, Carol Stogsdill, Helen Ensing, and Betty Stuard.
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F. F. A. - Richard Lazell
Band Reporter - Sheldon Nicol
Library - Pat Brown
Science - Sheldon Nicol
Senior Class - Beverly Himes
Junior Class - Joyce Greeson
Sophomore Class - Judy Daggett
Freshmen Class - Sheldon Nicol
Social Editor - Judy Sellner
Sports Editor - Bill Walden, Tom Meador
Girls - Barbara Sullivan
General Reporters - Ann Karban, Phyllis Pulliam, Sheldon Nicol
Photographers - Bob Kinkaid, Bob Connelly, Sheldon Nicol
Chorus - Fred Staudt
Grade School Reporter - Gary McClung

WISDOM: "Is knowing what to do next; Skill is knowing how to do it; and Virtue is doing it."
--David Starr Jordan
FASHION: "Something that goes out of style as soon as everybody has one."
SUMMER RESORT: "A place where a person sees a lot of stuffed shorts."

MATH. TEACHER MARRIES

Mr. Richard Hackl, new mathematics teacher at Maroa High, was married to Miss Norma Dezonias of Chicago on September 1, 1956. The wedding was held in St. Andrew's Church in Chicago at 12 o'clock noon. A reception followed.
Mrs. Hackl's attendants were dressed in yellow and carried white and bronze mums. The men all wore white dinner jackets and dark trousers.



Mr. and Mrs. Hackl did not have time for a honeymoon as they were both in school. At the present they are living in Normal.
Mrs. Hackl is finishing her senior year at Normal preparatory to becoming an elementary teacher.
The student body and faculty wish you a long and happy life together.

The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving.



One of the four rack loads of hay ready to start on the FFA-PHA hayride.

HONOR CHOIR NAMED

Eight schools in Macon County have selected 8 students to be in a "Honor Choir". There were 4 girls and 4 boys selected from Maroa who are: Shirley Wilson, Luann Braden, Mary Cummings, Barb Marshall, Lonny McClung, Fred Staudt, Jerry Riddle, and Dick Thomas. Saturday October 20 the Honor Choir from all schools sang on WTVP T.V. at 4:45.

Niantic Chorus Festival

The Annual Chorus Festival was held October 23 at Niantic Harristown at 8:00 P.M. It consisted of the Glee Clubs from all the schools in Macon County. The director was Esther Duncan of Springfield High. There were approximately 500 voices. It was a wonderful experience for those who attended the festival and the music was enjoyed by all.

Hit Tunes of Students

A poll was taken among several of the students to see what songs rate as the most popular. Does your favorite appear on this list?
Jerry Riddle: Have I Told You Lately That I Love You.
Gloria Tozer: More Love Than Your Love.
Bob Connelly: Moonglow.
Luann Braden: You'll Never Walk Alone.
Maureen Gardner: It's A Sin To Tell A Lie.
Luella Maglone: Don't Be Cruel.
Butch Brown: Hound Dog.
Sid Foulke: My Prayer.
Gene Lowe: Wayward Wind.
Gary McClung: Tonight You Belong to Me.
Barbara Sullivan: Friendly Persuasion.
Lynette Boyer: No, Not Much
Judy Chalcraft: Jealousy.
Ronnie Terrell: Allegeny Mountain
Warren Ferrell: Soft Summer Breeze.
Judy Alsop: Canadian Sunset

ALUMNI NOTES

Have you been wondering what last year's graduates are doing or where they are? We did too, so we tried to find out all the information we could about them to pass on to our readers. Steve Able is attending a college in Georgia and hopes to become a lawyer. Allan Alexander and Paul Seelbach are both attending Millikin University. Ed Crabtree, Jim Flint, and Nancy Parker are all attending the University of Illinois. Rosalyn Cooper has enrolled at Iowa State College and Larry Stinson is going to a college in Colorado. Mary Sue Dealey is in nurses training at Decatur and Macon County Hospital--the only one from the class. Vernon Clifton, David Lewis, Bob Lienhart, and Barr Stoutenborough all joined the navy and were home recently for a leave after completing basic training. Those working at Caterpillar are Harold Arnold, Larry Haines, and Dick Hitchens. Donna Marlow is a secretary there. Jan Kay Archey is a secretary at Decatur High School, Ruth Ann Luellen, the former Ruth Ann McIlvanna, is a secretary at Oak Grove School in Decatur, and Mary Jane Fornwalt, the former Mary Jane Williams, is also a secretary at a school in Decatur. Mary Jane and Don were married in the summer and Don works at Wabash. Sara Dubson is working, but at this writing we don't know where. Carroll Grindal and Joyce Weber are both working at Woolworth's in Decatur. Pat Rose is working at Walgreen's. Phyllis Hodges is working for the Herald and Review. Carol Query and Gene Runyen are working on the farm, and Don Wisnasky is still at A. W. Cash and Company. Ruth Skidmore is working as a nurses aid at Decatur and Macon County Hospital. Linda Howland is now Mrs. McDaniels and lives in Forsyth. They were married in July. Katherine Kay was married last December to Vernon Greutman and they are living in Maroa. Marla Klepper was married to Melbourne Lazell, Jr. shortly before the end of school and they are living in Texas where "Sonny" is stationed.

F. F. A. HIGHLIGHTS



F. F. A. officers upon arrival at Kansas City for the National Convention.

Agriculture students have been busy making corn yield checks on their plots. Some outstanding yields are being recorded this year, with highest yields approaching 140 bushels per acre.



Members of Junior and Senior classes making selection of ear corn for later showing at the Dealey farm

If you will drive south of Maroa on Route 51 for about a mile you will see the new set of signs recently placed there by the Maroa FFA Chapter. They follow the idea of "Burma Shave." The signs read "Future Farmers--Learn To Do--Future Farmers--Do it Too---Maroa Chapter." The signs were made by the vocation Agriculture Service at the University of Illinois and funds for making them were provided by the Illinois Foundation, F.F.A. The local chapter stood the expense of the posts holding the signs.



FFA chapter members placing new FFA signs south of Maroa on Route 51.



Members of the Junior-Senior Ag class look over a field of grain sorghum at the Braden farm. The grain sorghum is used for silage.

The Maroa FFA Chapter had an exhibit at the State Fair at Springfield, which was part of the Macon County School Exhibit. It featured the work the chapter has been doing in Land Use Selection.

The Section 16 FFA Fair was held at the Macon County Fair Grounds on August 2. There were 19 members of the Maroa Chapter exhibiting livestock at the fair and winning a total of \$365.00 in premiums.

The Section 16 FFA land judging contest will be held near Maroa on Thursday morning, October 25. There will be five member teams from high schools in Macon, Dewitt, and Piatt counties competing for top places.

Maroa FFA Chapter officers attended a dinner and leadership training meeting at the Clinton High School on Tuesday evening, October 9. Officers heard a panel discussion on leadership and attended sessions to learn how to perform their duties. Those attending were Bob Braden, Dick Thomas, Sidney Foulke, Larry Austin, Richard Lazell, and Mr. Nicol.

Elvis Presley Interviews By Bill Birge

This story was based on interviews with different teenagers around Maroa High School. There seems to be a difference of opinion on Elvis, in the school.

When asked what he thought of Elvis Presley, "Duke" Walden replied, "Elvis Presley is lowering the musical standards handed down to us from our forefathers. His vocabulary is made up of such words as blue and shoe which he makes sound like blue oo au an shoe oo au. His hair is causing many teenagers to let their hair grow out until you can't tell the girls from the boys. In other words, he's lousy."

The author quotes Leslie Wilson as saying, "He stinks and I think he looks like a sissy." Judy Elliot in reply to my question, answered, "He's sickening."

When asked about Elvis, Tonia Hughes, who obviously likes Elvis, replied, "I like him. I think he is a fad, but what a fad. Too bad all the boys are not like him."

Tom Dash says, "I think his records are good if you don't see him."

When approached and asked about Elvis, Sheldon Nicol replied, "I think he is a dolt. I like some of his records, but I don't like him."

Norman Howland says, "I just don't have any ideas on Elvis."

In answer to my questions, Richard Cole replied, "He should be able to get along with one car. If he can afford four Cadillacs, I think he can afford a haircut. I like his records but I can't stand the sight of him."

Larry Anderson says, "Elvis should buy clothes to fit."

I now quote a few teachers in their views of Elvis Presley.

Mr. Hackl says, "I just don't like him."

When confronted with questions about Elvis, Miss Blackburn stated, "He has no talent what so ever. He makes a fool of himself, and teenagers make fools of themselves over him."

Miss Logan states, "I just don't like him."

All in all, it is the authors belief that more teenagers dislike Elvis than like him--this does not include his singing but Elvis as a person and as himself.

F. H. A. CHOOSES ITS THEME FOR 1956-1957

F. H. A. theme for this year is: "Success Comes In Cans, I Can, You Can, We All Can".

Officers are as follows: President Maureen Gardner, Vice President Beverly Himes, Secretary Adrienne Stoutenborough, Treasurer Diana Lakin, Parliamentarian Shirley Wilson, Historian Luann Braden, Publicity Chairman Pat Hoffman, Project Chairman Nancy Gruff, Recreation Barbara McFarland and Marcia Hughes, Program Chairman Mary Cummings, Degree Chairman Kaye Wattles, Song Leader Barbara Marshall.

We are planning Hobo-Day Nov. 22, 23, and 24.

The Maroa FFA Chapter is again sponsoring a corn picker safety campaign this year. A part of the campaign is chapter members calling on farmers pledging them to safe practices during the picking season, and leaving safety materials with them for their study.

At the state FFA Convention held in Springfield in June, Ed Crabtree and Dean Burgener received the State Farmer Degree.

The Maroa Chapter was named a superior chapter for the second year in a row.

Ed Crabtree was recognized for outstanding work in a Farm Bureau FFA Acquaintance Day project.

Five officers of the FFA and their Advisor, Mr. Nicol, were in Kansas City Oct. 15, 16, and 17 where they attended sessions of the National Convention. The officers attending were Bob Braden, Dick Thomas, Larry Austin, Sidney Foulke, and Richard Lazell.

MAROA CLIPS INDIANS, 19-6; TIES FOR LEAD

Maroa gained a first place tie in the Soya Conference race with a 19-6 victory over Moweauqua at Maroa on October 19. The Trojans and Mt. Zion now have identical 3-0-1 records. James Brown scored twice for the Trojans on runs of 30 and 26 yards. Ken Chalcraft recovered a Moweauqua fumble in the end zone for the other score. Richard Lazell added an extra point. A 25 yard pass from Al Adamson to Bob Bohlen in the final period accounted for the only Moweauqua score. Maroa had the edge in first downs, 13-9.

MT. ZION, MAROA TIE

Maroa's 12 game Soya Conference winning streak was tarnished when Mt. Zion held the Trojans to a scoreless tie at Mt. Zion. It was the first conference game for each team. Each team made a serious threat. Roger Fox of Mt. Zion ran 40 yards to Maroa's nine in the first quarter, but the Braves lost the ball on downs. Late in the fourth quarter Maroa drove to a first down on Mt. Zion's three, but after four plays were a foot shy of a touchdown. The game ended at this point. Maroa had a 9-3 edge in first downs.

FOOTBALL MASCOT



MIKE BROWN



ORCHIDS AND ONIONS

Orchids to all the kids in boys and girls chorus for doing such a good job of singing at Festival. **Orchids** to Lonny McClung for going to the University of Illinois to spend the week-end. Did you have fun, Lonny? **Orchids** to Bill Walden for being able to get around so well. **Onions** to all the play cast who don't make it on stage in time. **Orchids** to Luann Braden for getting up enough nerve to get her hair cut. It looks nice, Luann. **Orchids** to Mr. Nicol for having enough patience to take boys on the land judging trip. **Onions** to all F. H. A. officers who did not go to the Rally at Springfield. **Onions** to Bob Haenny for burning his suede jacket. **Onions** to any of the freshmen who forget their "green beanies."

CAROL MERRIFIELD, HEADS FRESHMEN

At a recent class meeting of the freshmen, election of officers was held. Carol Merrifield was elected president; Junior Odle, Vice-president; Judy Allsup, Secretary; Mike Townsend, Treasurer; and Warren Ferrell, student council representative. Our Pep Club representatives are Judy Chalcraft and Ronald Terrell. Judy Allsup and Joanne Williams were chosen Homecoming Queen candidates.



Joyce Greeson, Mary Cummings, Pauline Hicks, Diana Lakin, Pat Hoffman, and Pat Eastham are the 1956-57 cheerleaders for Maroa High. They were elected last spring by the student body. Their costumes consists of gold sweaters, blue slacks, and white shoes.

SAYBROOK BEATS MAROA, 6-0

Saybrook-Arrowsmith defeated Maroa, 6-0 in the season's opener. The lone touchdown came on a 32 yard run by D. Wayne McNutt in the third quarter. Maroa had a first down inside the Saybrook 10 in the second quarter, but lost the ball on downs on the five. In the fourth quarter, Saybrook was stopped on the Maroa four. Saybrook had ten first downs to Maroa's nine.

Chalcraft Leads In Rushing



KEN CHALCRAFT

Ken Chalcraft captain of this year's football team, leads the team in total rushing yardage. He has picked up 280 yards in 54 carries. This is an average of 5.2 yards per carry. He has completed thirteen passes for a total of 251 yards which is a 19.3 average. Chalcraft has completed thirteen out of 29 passes for a passing average of 44.8%. Ken has also scored 12 points for the season. This places him fourth in individual Maroa scoring.

G.A.A. FEATURING BASEBALL

Instead of hikes this year, the G. A. A. started off with a baseball tournament. Six seniors chose teams and they were named after the following colleges: YALE, NORTHWESTERN, U.C.L.A., MICHIGAN STATE, NOTRE DAME, and U. of I. Five games have already been played and just one remains to decide the "Champs." You may think it's simple to be in G.A.A., but it really is not. First of all every member has to have a heart examination. To be initiated each member must earn 24 points. Twenty-four points are also required to be an active member of the club. For each hour of participation a member earns three points. Each sport must be attended four times before any credit is given. You must earn 75 points a year before you can get a letter. It is possible to receive a letter each of the four years, but to do so is quite difficult. G. A. A. does other things besides sports. For instance they sponsor dances such as the "Penny Prance" and box social that was held after the first football game. Those G. A. A. girls don't loaf--they are always "ON THE BALL."

CLASS GAINS FOUR MEMBERS

The sophomore class has four new members this year and the class welcomes you. The new girls are Pat Gibson who attended Centennial in Decatur and Janice Herrin who previously attended school in California. The two boys are Ronnie Hilliard from Mt. Vernon and Gary Hayes from Johns Hill in Decatur.

FOOTBALL STATISTICS

NAME	No. of Carries	Total Yardage	Average	Points Scored
James Brown	34	257	7.6	30
Ken Chalcraft	54	280	5.2	13
Bob Connelly	45	249	5.5	15
Richard Lazell	27	196	7.3	2
Dick Thomas	6	123	20.5	18
Fred Wikowsky	11	49	4.5	0
Gary McClung	4	45	11.3	2
Tom Meador	2	20	10.0	0
Lonny McClung	1	10	10.0	0
Gene Dawson	1	1	1.0	0
Team	175	1,050	6.0	80

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Maroa Hands Illiopolis First Defeat, 41--6

Held scoreless in its first two starts, Maroa smashed previously unbeaten Illiopolis, 41-6. The victory extended Maroa's unbeaten Soya conference streak to 14 games. James Brown scored three Maroa touchdowns on a 30 yard run and two plunges from the one. Bob Connelly tallied from the one and the three and Dick Thomas took a one yard scoring pass from Ken Chalcraft. Connelly added three extra points and Gary McClung and Richard Lazell one each. The Illiopolis touchdown was by Dick Ford from the five in the fourth quarter. Maroa had an 18-7 edge in first downs.

MAROA DEFEATED ASSUMPTION, 20-19

Ken Chalcraft passed for two touchdowns and ran another as Maroa spoiled Assumption's Homecoming by overcoming a 13-0 deficit and going on to win by a score of 20-19. Chalcraft passed 30 yards to Dick Thomas and Gary McClung added the extra point for the deciding points in the final period. Chalcraft earlier had tossed a 20 yard pass to Thomas and ran fifteen yards for Maroa scores. Ronnie Riesch ran 12 and five yards and Robert Cook ran five yards for the Assumption touchdowns. Assumption led in first downs --13-9.

BROWN, THOMAS LEAD TROJAN SCORING



BUTCH BROWN

James Brown leads the Trojan's scoring attack with a total of 30 points scored in five games. Dick Thomas is second with 18. Brown scored three times for Maroa in the Illiopolis game and twice in the Moweauqua game. His scoring includes runs of



DICK THOMAS

30, 26, and 30 yards. The shifty halfback also leads the other backs in rushing averages with an average of 7.6. He is second to Ken Chalcraft in rushing totals with 257 yards in 34 carries. Chalcraft has 280 yards in 54 carries.

BASKETBALL PROSPECTS



McClung was second in rebounding with a total of 223 and had a scoring average of 9.9 points per game. Other prospects for the varsity are Fred Staudt, senior; Gary McClung, sophomore; Larry James, sophomore, and Dick Thomas, junior. With some good hard work and some team spirit the Trojans could improve on last year's record of 17 wins and 9 losses. Let's all go out and back the team, win or lose.

The prospects of the 1956-57 Trojan basketball team are good. Three members of last year's first team are returning. They are Ken Chalcraft, senior; Lonny McClung, senior; and Jim Brown, junior. Chalcraft led the Trojan's attack in practically every department last year. He led in field goal attempts with 384 and made 177; free-throw attempts 212 and made 150; free throw percentage 70.8%; rebounds 331, total points 504, and points per game average with 19.4. Brown led the team in assists with 88 and also had a 9.6 scoring average.

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- Nov. 16--Elkhart there
- 30--Argenta There
- Dec. 4--Bethany here
- 7--Lovington here
- 11--Mt. Zion there
- 14--Warrensburg here
- 15--Atlanta there
- 26-28--Lakeview Tourney
- Jan. 4--Niantic here
- 9--Warrensburg there
- 11--Bethany there
- 15--Deland-Weldon there
- 18--Argenta here
- 23-25--Macon County Tournament
- Feb. 1--Niantic there
- 5--Beason here
- 8--Lovington there
- 12--Mt. Zion here
- 22--Lakeview here
- 26--Assumption here
- Mar. 1--Farmer City here



Counting time is not so important as making time count. --James J. Walker