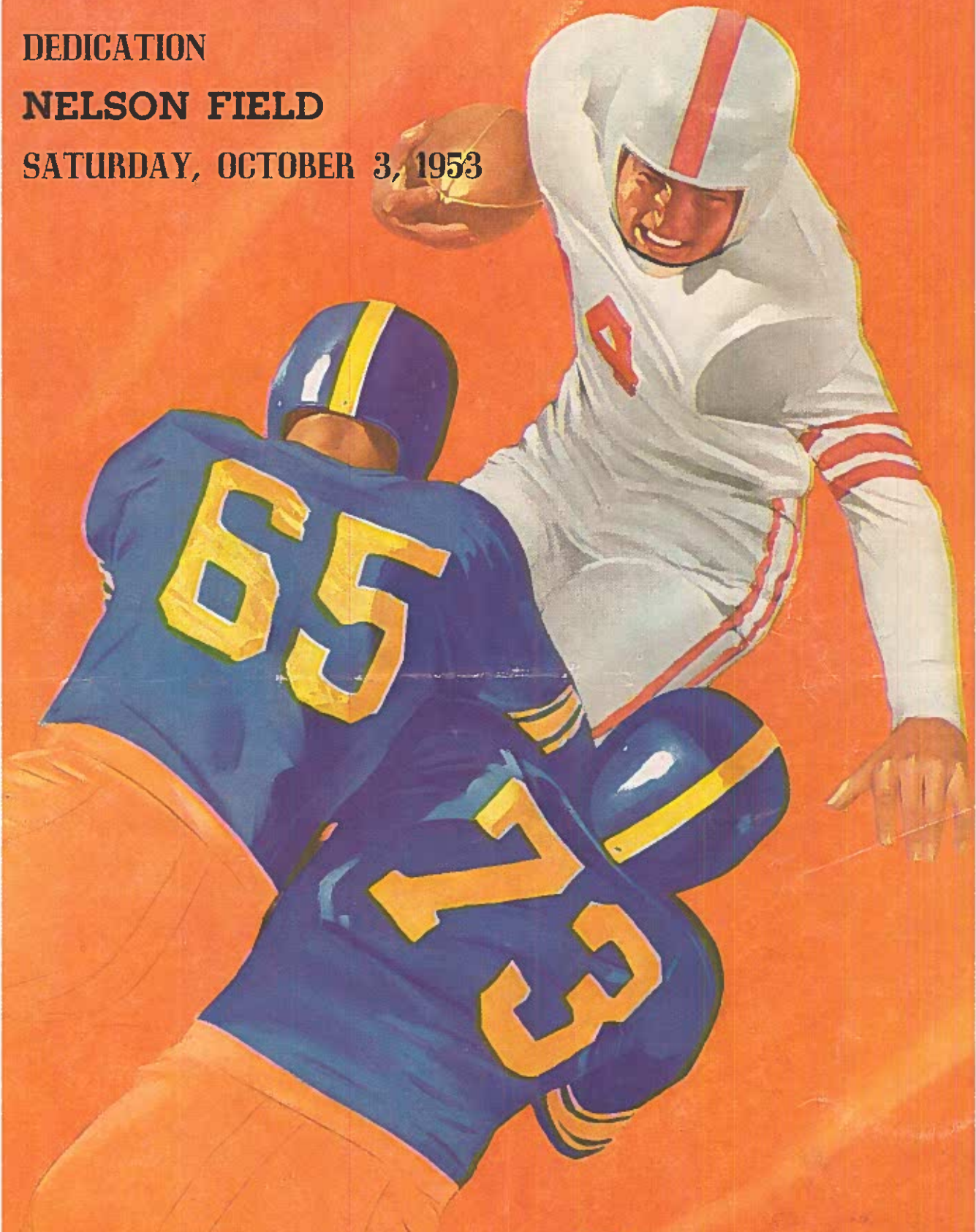


**DEDICATION**

**NELSON FIELD**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1953**



**Irononton vs. Bellaire**

**TRIADDELPHIA  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**T.H.S. OPP.**

Central Cath.		
Sept. 12 — Stadium		
Moundsville	13	0
Sept. 18 — Away		
Bellaire	7	14
Sept. 23 — Stadium		
Parkersburg		
Oct. 2 — Stadium		
Wellsburg		
Oct. 9 — Away		
Martins Ferry		
Oct. 17 — Stadium		
Follansbee		
Oct. 24 — Stadium		
Wheeling		
Oct. 30 — Stadium		
Union		
Nov. 6 — Stadium		
Warwood		
Nov. 14 — Stadium		

**MARTINS FERRY  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**M.H.S. OPP.**

Linsly	6	14
Sept. 18 — Home		
Moundsville	6	7
Sept. 25 — Home		
Wheeling		
Oct. 2 — Home		
New Phila.		
Oct. 9 — Away		
Triadelphia		
Oct. 16 — Away		
Weirton		
Oct. 23 — Home		
E. Liverpool		
Oct. 30 — Home		
Steubenville		
Nov. 6 — Away		
Bridgeport		
Nov. 13 — Home		
Bellaire		
Nov. 21 — Away		
All Night Games		

**BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL**

**B.H.S. OPP.**

Sept. 19—Ford City	Home	21	20
Sept. 25—Triadelphia	Away	14	7
Oct. 3—Ironton	Home		
Oct. 9—Moundsville	Away		
Oct. 17—Linsly	Home		
Oct. 23—E. Liverpool	Away		
Oct. 31—New Phila.	Home		
Nov. 7—Wh'g Central	Home		
Nov. 13—Wheeling	Away		
Nov. 21—Martins Ferry	Home		

**WHEELING  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**W.H.S. OPP.**

Warwood		
Sept. 11 — Stadium		
Parkersburg	6	12
Sept. 18 — Away		
Central Cath.	7	14
Sept. 25 — Stadium		
Martins Ferry		
Oct. 2 — Away		
Linsly		
Oct. 9 — Stadium		
Moundsville		
Oct. 16 — Stadium		
Dunbar		
Oct. 23 — Stadium		
Triadelphia		
Oct. 30 — Stadium		
Weirton		
Nov. 6 — Away		
Bellaire		
Nov. 13 — Stadium		



"I think the coach is starting to show a little favoritism!"

**ST. JOHN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**S.J.C. OPP.**

Sept. 19—Open		
Sept. 26—Central Catholic		
Springfield	Home	7 12
Oct. 3—Tiltonsville	Home	
Oct. 10—Central Catholic		
Wheeling	Home	
Oct. 16—Wellsville	Away	
Oct. 24—Union	Home	
Oct. 31—Linsly	Away	
Nov. 7—Warwood	Away	
Nov. 14—Yorkville	Home	
Nov. 21—Central Catholic		

**LINSLY**

**MILITARY INSTITUTE**

**L.M.I. OPP.**

Moundsville		
Sept. 11—Away		
Martins Ferry	14	6
Sept. 18 — Away		
Weirton	0	6
Sept. 24 — Stadium		
St. Clairsville		
Oct. 1 — Stadium		
Wheeling		
Oct. 9 — Stadium		
Bellaire		
Oct. 17 — Away		
Stenb. Central		
Oct. 24 — Stadium		
St. John's Cen.		
Oct. 31 — Stadium		
Wellsburg		
Nov. 6 — Away		
Central Cath.		
Nov. 14 — Stadium		



# DEDICATION



NELSON  
FIELD



## DEDICATION

John Vance Nelson served our Community, our schools and our country, ably and well.

Our children and our grandchildren will continue to reap the benefits of the labor that he expended upon our educational system.

To honor his memory, to remind us of his work, and to serve as a challenge for us to emulate, the Board of Education has named this field:

## NELSON FIELD

Mrs. Lena Bonar Nelson is a gracious lady who has an abiding sense of duty and whose ideas of right and wrong have never been dulled.

She faithfully and loyally helped to smooth the path for her husband in his exacting duties.

One marvels at the boundless energy she possesses. No one works any harder for the church than she does — especially missionary work, and were it in her power, she would gather in her arms all of the abandoned and homeless youngsters and make them into good Christians.

Surely, Mrs. Nelson has been a worthy mate of the man we honor today.

## DEDICATION PROGRAM

Invocation .....	J. A. Dixon President, Class Room Teachers' Asso.
Selections by .....	Bellaire High School Band
Presentation of flowers to Mrs. J. V. Nelson by .....	Mrs. Mary Jones President, Pilot Club
Address .....	K. G. Cooper Member - Clerk of the Bellaire City Board of Education
Band .....	H. S. Song Bellaire High School Band



## AS WE REMEMBER HIM

To print all the glowing tributes paid to Mr. Nelson at the time of his retirement and since his death would require more space than is available in this program. The ones which follow were written by school personnel, all of whom served with Mr. Nelson while he was Superintendent of Bellaire Schools. When they worked with him they respected his strength and appreciated his leadership. They now honor his memory.

### J. V. NELSON: 1877 - 1952

John Vance Nelson, or "J. V." as he was generally known to his friends, was born in the hills of Monroe County about one mile from Jerusalem on May 27, 1877. With his two brothers and three sisters, he attended the nearby one room school, and at the age of fifteen he went into Jerusalem to attend high school where he met and later married Miss Lena Bonar whose interest, personality, and tact were a constant source of help and inspiration to him as he journeyed along the road of success.

Mr. Nelson taught for a decade in the schools at Sardis, Pike Creek, Jacobsburg, and Jerusalem during which time he earned his way through Ohio Northern University to get his B.S. degree in 1907. He obtained his M.A. at Columbia in 1922.

From 1911 to 1914 Mr. Nelson taught Latin in the Bellaire High School when in the latter year, the enrollment was 249. Then for two years he was Superintendent of the Monroe County Schools, but in 1916 he returned to Bellaire as principal of the high school. On his birthday in 1918 he was elected Superintendent of the Bellaire Schools, and he served in this position until 1949. He remained with the Bellaire schools as purchasing agent, but his health began to fail, so he retired. He died on April 16, 1952.

As Superintendent, Mr. Nelson strove continuously to maintain financial stability and high standards of scholarship. Three buildings were opened during his time: Indian Run in 1919, and West Bellaire and the present high school building in 1925.

Mr. Nelson was an early member of the Ohio Valley Athletic Association and therein did much to help set up regulations which have stabilized valley athletics. He felt that athletics should play a definite roll in community and school life. As he said to a newspaper reporter in 1936: "Athletics, particularly football and basketball, give the needed tone to a community, something around which the people can rally. If the game is not played by bona-fide players it can become a menace to the community. I believe that the best football is developed through a program of non-promotion with those boys participating who have grown up in the schools, developing within themselves the proper spirit . . . Football played as an adventure for the participant and amusement for the spectator, and subordinate always to school work helps unify a community." Mr. Nelson's leadership in bringing about the founding of Nelson Field marks the growing up of athletics from the sand lot stage of his earlier years to the stadium stage of today.

Mr. Nelson lived to see the Bellaire Schools housed in up-to-date buildings valued at a million and a half dollars, and the high school enrollment multiply five fold. Every phase of community life felt his influence either as a leader or as a public speaker in its many religious and benevolent organizations. As an elder he was especially proud of his work in the Presbyterian Church, but above all he seemed to enjoy having so many children know him, and to speak to him using the familiar title, "Mr. Nelson."

Hewetson Ault

I am happy to join with the multitudes of his friends and admirers in paying tribute to Mr. J. V. Nelson on the occasion of dedicating this field to his memory.

He was a great leader in education, not only by precept, but by example, having for his ideal, "Education for Character." His influence here was spread like waves on water in ever widening circles over the lives of men, women, and children who, because of his unselfish devotion, warm responsiveness, and helpful encouragement to them, still express their love and admiration for him.

For thirty-five years, he was a high school teacher, a high school principal, and a superintendent in the Bellaire Public Schools. He was an executive of high standing among his associates, loved and respected by all. During this time, he will be remembered for his kindness, gracious cooperation, and his humor.

He gave liberally of his time to his community. His speaking engagements took him to practically every organization. His addresses were very lucid, beautifully organized, and well delivered. Part of the secret of his success lay in his wide interests. He could talk on most any subject: books, politics, travel, people, and religion. His versatility, initiative, and zeal have drawn his energies into many civic channels.

Yet, he was always faithful to the work in the church of his choice which was the Presbyterian. He was on the building committee, pastoral relations committee, Sunday School teacher, and elder, the highest office for a layman in his church.

His rich personality, ripe experiences, and continued services was the crowning glory of a long career of usefulness — a life of unselfish devotion to others.

All who were influenced by him can best express our indebtedness in these lines:

There is no better service man can lead  
Than to become a teacher, councilor,  
friend,  
And those of us who have this friendship shared  
Now pay our homage to him unimpaired.

Pauline Ewing

#### AN APPRECIATION

My recollections of Mr. Nelson go back over many years but every memory is a pleasant one. Although he was superintendent of the Bellaire Schools, it seemed to me that he had an unusually deep interest in the High School. Every teacher, I think, felt his interest in his (or her) work to be genuine. It was a real delight to have him walk into my Latin classes. Pupils and teacher alike felt that he was interested and rarely did he leave the room without contributing some thing about the subject and its relation to life.

He was — as far as is humanly possible — fair to everyone and never hasty in judgement. He had a fine sense of humor which helped us all in many situations.

Above all, he was a Christian gentleman who served his God by serving men and women, boys and girls. May there be many more of his kind!

Grace M. Price



# Host of the game

## Ironton High School

### Probable Starting Lineup

31 Charles Clawson .....	E
36 Don Hall .....	T
30 Marv Siders .....	G
55 Mike McComas .....	C
45 Ed Beckett .....	G
54 Gus Delawder .....	T
52 Dick Kratzenberg .....	E
28 Bob Renner .....	QB
34 Rube Witt .....	HB
38 Jim Browning .....	FB
44 Ed Bentley .....	HB

Head Coach — James J. Mains

Ass't. Coach — James E. Rockwell

Band Director — James Thomas

Student Managers: Joseph Bowman, Ben Blankenship, Larry Norris and Paul Woods.

Cheerleaders: Janice Dyke, Janice Dolan, Mary Alice Wolfe, Sue Sagar, Leah Ray Smith, Nancy Chinn, Sharon Downey and Jo Lee Remy.

### Today's Officials

Raymond Peffer — Field Judge

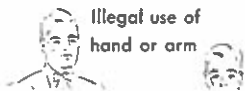
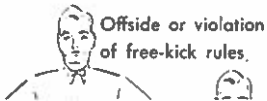
A. L. Walsh — Head Linesman

Roy Hickes — Umpire

William Pugh — Referee



### REFEREE'S SIGNALS



# Bellaire High School

9	Farmer	.....	LE
11	Vasek	.....	LT
55	Lisk	.....	LG
69	Biggins	.....	C
10	Howell	.....	RG
15	Farnario	.....	RT
84	Greenwood	.....	RE
1	Bell	.....	QB
7	Walker	.....	
	or		
3	Bostancic	.....	LH
5	Nemec	.....	FB
4	McKeever	.....	RH

**COACH:**  
Reyman "Bud" Bonar

**ASSISTANTS:**  
Claire Cribbs  
Don Ault  
Gerald Mosso  
Steve Kocheran  
Cal Griffin

**FACULTY MANAGER:**  
I. R. McCarley

**TICKET MANAGER:**  
James Griffin

**BAND DIRECTORS:**  
Frank Spirk  
Alex Stanek

**DRUM MAJOR:**  
Rose Marie Andrews

**MAJORETTES:**  
Arden Teasdale  
Mildred Holenko  
Joyce Mowery  
Rosalie Gacek  
Nancy Morris

**Varsity Cheerleaders**  
Eileen Patrone (cap.)  
Joyce Shackelford  
Jean Stewart  
Gerry Wright  
Nancy Gulley  
Denise Sadowski

**Reserve Cheerleaders:**  
Sally Rumskey  
Marlene Snider  
Jackie Cifoldi  
Bernadine Wiggins  
Rosalie Snyder  
Shirley English

SCORE	1	2	3	4	TOTAL

*refresh*

DRINK

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It was thirty years ago that I first met Mr. Nelson. The word "striking" would well apply to his appearance. His carriage was that of a West Pointer and it gave one the impression that he was taller than he actually was. Walking into an assembly of people with his head erect, his iron gray hair and his piercing eyes made people realize that no ordinary mortal was coming into their midst. Many a time I have seen all eyes focused upon him.

However, his personality was every bit as striking as his looks. He had an amazingly large stock of information on practically every field of knowledge. He had read extensively and he remembered what he had read. His was truly a first rate mind.

He was a forceful speaker and no one ever accused him of being dull. But as a conversationalist, he was really brilliant. Many a time the long road between Bellaire and Columbus with all the twists and turns in Guernsey County would pass like magic and all on account of his conversation.

He had a nice sense of humor, he was tolerant of human frailties, and at no time did he gossip or discuss personalities. One thing he detested and that was sham and hypocrisy.

Mr. Nelson was really a kindly man. In all my association with him, I have never heard him make one disparaging remark about any one. To me his life approached more nearly that of the Christian ideal than that attained by most people.

F. N. Reinbolt

### MR. NELSON

Mr. John V. Nelson, teacher, principal, and superintendent of Bellaire Public Schools, was a man who, true to American tradition, really came up the ladder of success. A believer in hard work, he drove himself harder than anyone else. A genuine scholar, he admired scholarship in his students and teachers. Always progressive, he liked to see his two major projects completed — his church and Bellaire High

School. One of the charter members of Kiwanis, he later served as lieutenant governor and president. A school man to the core, he was highly esteemed in the State Department, and as one of the members so aptly put it, Mr. Nelson always bent over backward to be a gentleman. At the peak of his career he had ceased to worry about public opinion and did what he thought best. However busy, he always took time to lend a courteous, although sometimes dissenting ear. With his finger always on the pulse of every school activity, one of his keenest delights was to follow a child's progress from kindergarten to senior honor student, and, then up the ladder of success in the business world.

His record speaks for itself, and when our class-work sometimes becomes a vague confusion, we will still be able to feel the grip of his thought, and the stimulus of his personality. With his passing we have indeed lost a gentleman, a civic leader, and a friend.

Gertrude Korner

Probably no other man in Bellaire's long history made such an indelible mark and affected as many people as Mr. J. V. Nelson.

He contributed much to the education not only of the young people but also the adults. During his time most of the school buildings were constructed and a philosophy of education was developed which now exists.

He was devoted not only to his church work but to all religious groups whose idea was to develop a better and moral life.

Bellaire owes much to this great educator and religious leader.

S. J. P.



To me Mr. Nelson was for many years the Bellaire schools. Always I shall consider myself fortunate in having begun my teaching career under his wise guidance and supervision. Failure had no place in his make-up. He gave his best and expected the best of those who worked under him. For this reason anything less than one's best was unthinkable. He was approachable and no one ever left his office, having gone for help or counsel, feeling let down or discouraged. Students and teachers alike respected his judgment and valued his friendship. Every student who attended the Bellaire schools was important to him and he could call most of them by name, both while they were in school and after they had been graduated. Any success which came to a Bellaire boy

or girl gave him deep and lasting satisfaction.

In the school, in his church and as a civic leader, Mr. Nelson gave unstintingly of his time and energy. Not the least of his interests was athletics. He liked a winning team and his enthusiasm at pep rallies always had a stimulating effect upon the student body and upon the team. It seems to me particularly fitting that this athletic field should be called Nelson Field. He loved boys and girls and encouraged them always to live well rounded lives, mentally, physically and spiritually. I feel that he would be happy indeed to lend his name to anything designed for the pleasure and betterment of youth.

Florence Waddell

## **NEXT HOME GAME**

# **Linsly vs. Bellaire**

## **OCTOBER 17th**

## Bellaire Varsity Squad

1	BELL	QB	150	JR.
2	MEEKS	QB	145	JR.
3	BOSTANCIC	B	140	JR.
4	McKEEVER	B	155	SR.
5	NEMEC	B	190	JR.
6	TEDESCHI	B	170	JR.
51	FISHER	B	160	JR.
8	PALKOVICH	T	190	JR.
9	FARMER	E	200	JR.
10	HOWELL (Co-Capt.)	G	175	SR.
11	VASEK (Co-Capt.)	T	210	SR.
12	COPE	B	160	SO.
51	WALKER	B	155	SR.
61	JEFFERS	T	155	JR.
14	BUTTI	B	175	JR.
15	FARNARIO	T	175	JR.
55	LISK	G	195	SR.
56	POTTS	G	160	JR.
13	TROLLEY	B	140	SR.
62	CLARK	G	150	JR.
63	WILLIAMSON	G	150	JR.
65	DESTAFANAS	B	150	SO.
67	INGRAM	B	160	FR.
69	BIGGINS	C	235	SR.
72	GIBSON	QB	160	FR.
74	LOPEMAN	E	160	JR.
76	WILKE	E	150	FR.
80	TOM AULT	T	180	JR.
50	FRY	T	180	FR.
84	GREENWOOD	E	175	JR.
85	HILL	E	155	SR.
86	FITCH	E	155	SR.
87	PECK	E	185	JR.
52	CARMEN	B	150	SR.
53	PIATT	C	155	JR.
59	MORGAN	C	140	SO.
81	KINTER	T	180	FR.
83	HOUSTON	E	175	SO.



## Ironton High School Squad

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Wt.					
	40 Lynn Brammer	HB	11	150					
21	Keith Carroll	HB	12		41	Ron Pyles	E	11	144
23	Ken Meredith	HB	11	132	42	Bill Crank	QB	10	150
24	Cecil Speck	HB	11	142	43	Don Christensen	E	11	152
25	Garilynn McGirr	G	10	170	45	Ed Beckett	G	12	150
26	Bob Phillips	E	12	148	44	Ed Bentley	HB	11	140
27	Glenn Brammer	E	11	140	46	John McClellan	G	11	183
28	Bob Renner	QB	11	136	47	John Justice	C	10	152
29	Ron Ward	C	11	144	48	Jerry Smith	T	10	159
30	Marv Siders	G	11	170	49	Bob White	QB	11	155
31	Charles Clawson	E	11	154	50	Jerry Imes	FB	11	199
32	Jim Haas	HB	12	168	51	Dave Massie	FB	12	190
33	Jack Stowers	G	10	170	52	Dick Kratzenberg	E	12	156
34	Rube Witt	HB	11	152	53	Bob Slagel	T	12	160
35	Denny Coburn	FB	12	160	54	Cus Delawder	T	12	202
36	Don Hall	T	11	158	55	Mike McComas	C	12	170
37	Bruce Morgan	T	12	170	56	Nick Ford	T	10	240
38	Jim Browning	FB	11	161		Sites, Charles	T	11	200
39	Dave Ferguson	HB	11	150					

### PROGRAM

#### SALES GIRLS

Pat Kennedy  
 Nancy Jo Nelson  
 Patsy Clay  
 Mary Rose Curtis  
 Pat McFarland  
 Peggy Lee Pedicord  
 Sylvia Battistome

Cecelia Beveridge  
 Margaret Simko  
 Marlene Jasper  
 Mary Pumpa  
 Betty Protiva  
 Peggy Jones  
 Rose Marie Cuffaro  
 Mona Kinder

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