

## History And Tradition

In 1957 the voters of Pendleton County agreed to provide funds for the consolidation of the two county high schools, Morgan and Butler. A new high school was to be established. This school, then only a distant vision, was to be called Pendleton Memorial High School. Since that time many events have passed that have made this dream become a reality. Through the efforts of the school board, our parents, and many other people, Pendleton Memorial High School was completed in 1959. On September 8th, the doors opened for the first time and 360 lively students with hopeful enthusiasm entered these halls. Since 1959, 528 students have graduated from this school and have taken their place in the world.

Pendleton Memorial has grown and has become one of the outstanding schools in the state. A new addition to the school, completed in 1963, adds more and better facilities for its students.

### Awards and Openhouse

Openhouse is held each year to allow parents observe the school and some work in each of the classes. There is also an assembly during Openhouse when the awards are presented. There are awards given in each subject.

### Senior Class Tradition

The Senior Class organizes each year and elects its officers by popular election. A class flower,

motto, and colors are selected. The senior class rings are purchased by the student if he so desires. The ring is the standard one which was designed in 1959, and may be purchased with a red or black stone.

Graduation exercises include three nights - Class Night, Baccalaureate, and Commencement. Students may purchase the standard invitations and thank-you notes. The standard caps, gowns, diplomas, and folders are provided by the Board of Education.

A custom begun in 1963 has each graduating class purchase some useful object to be left to Pendleton High School as a token of their gratitude. The items purchased by each class is as follows:

Class of 1963 - Graduate picture stand

Class of 1964 - Punch bowl and cups, silver tray, candelabras and servers

Class of 1965 - Dictionary and stand for library

Each year two seniors (a boy and a girl) are chosen by the faculty as Good Citizens. This is the highest recognition that can be awarded to a student of PHS.

It is tradition for Mr. and Miss Pendleton to be chosen from the Senior Class, by the Senior Class, and crowned at the Junior Senior Prom.

### Memorials

There are three memorials at PHS; one is situated in the lobby, another is in the library, and the third is on the front lawn. The one in the hall is in memory of Mark Mulloy and Mike Thompson, who were freshmen in 1962 and died in that year. This changeable letter bulletin board was purchased by the students at PHS in 1962. The plaque in the library is in honor of Miss Kate Parson, for her valuable service as a teacher for 43 years. This was presented to her by the Beta Club in 1963. The third memorial was erected by the Pendleton High School organizations in cooperation with the Student Council to commemorate Anson Dowd, a beloved teacher who died in 1963. This brick structure erected in 1964 serves as a marker displaying the school's name and bears a plaque in Mr. Dowd's memory. The spirit and goodness which was embodied in Anson Dowd's actions and deeds will truly become a heritage of Pendleton High School.

In addition to the memorials displayed at Pendleton we have a memorial in our hearts for Mrs. Lucy Davis who retired from active teaching in 1964 after 28 years of service in Pendleton County. A program was given in her honor in 1964 entitled "This is Your Life." It was planned by a Student Council Committee in appreciation of her faithful and dedicated services.

### Colors

The colors of PHS are red, black, and white. These colors were chosen by the Board of Education when PHS was established.

### Mascot

The Wildcat, mascot of PHS, was selected in 1959 by the Board of Education.

### Fight Song

The PHS fight song lyrics were written by Virginia Fogle during the Pep Club contest in 1963. The music was written by Mr. Barnard, our Band Director.

### School Fight Song

Hail, Hail for our school,  
Pendleton Memorial is its name,

Hail, Hail for our team,  
Pendleton Wildcats bring us fame.

Red, Black, and White are the  
colors

Of our mighty team.

No school will ever top them  
'Cause the Wildcats are supreme.

### School Emblem

The PHS emblem is the shape of Pendleton County divided by the Main Licking and the South Licking. Where these rivers meet we find PHS. There are four symbols on the emblem — the torch for leadership, the balance for citizenship, the book for knowledge, and the burley because it is one of the chief money-making

crops of Pendleton County. This emblem was designed by Mrs. Louise Cordray, Mrs. Julia Monroe, Mrs. Ava Lou Gulick, Mr. Ray Hogg, and Mr. Reedus Back, in 1959. The art work was executed by Mrs. Helen Byrd. This emblem is found on the senior class rings and on the school flag which was purchased in 1963.