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**KANSAS' LARGEST  
ANNUAL  
CELEBRATION**



**1965**

**OCTOBER  
27-28-29-30**



**QUEEN NEELAH XXIII**  
Miss Karen Schaub

**INDEPENDENCE  
KANSAS**

## *Calendar of Events*

### **OCTOBER 27 THROUGH OCTOBER 30**

Sonny Myers Carnival - Downtown Area

#### **Free Street Acts**

Performers will include Roy Clark, Hank Thompson, Candy Candido, The Fendermen and The Au Go Go Girls, Wanda Jackson and Her Party Timers, the Watusi Dancers, and others.

#### **OCTOBER 27 AND 28**

8 p.m. "Auntie Mame" on stage of Memorial Hall.

#### **OCTOBER 29**

4 p.m. Kiddies Parade in downtown Independence.

8 p.m. Coronation of Queen Neelah XXIV by Governor William Avery, on stage of Memorial Hall.

10 p.m. Coronation Ball in Civic Center, featuring Johnny Tillotson and The Fendermen.

#### **OCTOBER 30**

11 a.m. Grand Parade in downtown Independence.

8 p.m. "Neewollah Follies of '65" on stage of Memorial Hall, starring Paula Kelly and The Modernaires, Gene Austin, The Brooks Sisters, Mary Taylor, Richard Hayman and Orchestra, Candy Candido, Master of Ceremonies.

#### **Three Dances**

9 p.m. Hank Thompson and His Brazos Valley Boys - Westernaire, Spider and The Crabs - 4-H Building.

10 p.m. Richard Hayman and Orchestra - Civic Center.

Neewollah Presents  
"Auntie Mame"

by  
Jerome Lawrence - Robert E. Lee

Based on the  
best-selling novel by  
Patrick Dennis

Starring  
Bernie Poznik



Produced by  
Bill Woods

Directed by  
Tim Emert

Memorial Hall

8 P.M.

October 27, 28, 1965



## *Cast of Characters*

Norah Muldoon	Martha Payne
Patrick Dennis, as a boy	John Freeman
Ito	Bob Wullenschneider
Vera Charles	Mary Frances Harding
Radcliffe	Jo Woods
Dr. von Klingenberg	Steve Shawger
Ralph Devine	Keith Cottom
Bishop Eleftharosees	Bill Schmidt
Charles	Norman Castagna
Edna	Joan Casari
M. Lindsay Woolsey	Al Casari
Auntie Mame	Bernie Poznik
Mr. Waldo, a painter	James Johnson
Mr. Babcock	George Butler
Al Linden, the stage manager	Jerry Webb
Theatre Manager	Pat Jarrett
A Maid	Delma Crawford
A Butler	Don Dancer
Reginald	Hub Meyer
Lord Dudley	Rev. Edward Rutland
A Customer	Nora Steinberger
A Shopper	Sally Walke
Mr. Loomis, a floorwalker	Fred Wilkin
Beauregard Jackson Pickett Burnside	George Kasten
Cousin Jeff	James Johnson
Cousin Fan	Lena Riley
Uncle Moultrie	Don Dancer
Aunt Euphemia	Joan Casari
Lizzie Beaufort	Kay Guyer
A Little Girl	Maggie Beidleman
Sally Cato MacDougal	Kittie Orr
Emory MacDougal	Freddie Knuth
Mother Burnside	Catherine Caston
A Groom	Steve Shawger
Dr. Shurr, a vet	Bill Schmidt
Patrick Dennis, a young man	Neil Long
Agnes Gooch	Jo Woods
Brian O'Bannion	Jim Mullen
Gloria Upson	Kay Monroe
Doris Upson	Lena Riley
Claude Upson	R. J. Osborn
Pegeen Ryan	Judy Nickel
Michael Dennis	Mike Keeley

## *Synopsis of Scenes*

The action of the play takes place in Auntie Mame's Beekman Place apartment and various other locales in which she becomes involved during a period of years from 1928 to 1946.

### **ACT I**

- Scene* 1: Reading of the Will.  
*Scene* 2: Foyer of the Beekman Place apartment.  
*Scene* 3: Beekman Place apartment.  
*Scene* 4: The same, two weeks later.  
*Scene* 5: The same.  
*Scene* 6: The stage of the Shubert Theatre, New Haven.  
*Scene* 7: Office of Widdicombe, Gutterman, Applewhite, Bibberman and Black.  
*Scene* 8: Macy's Department Store, New York, Christmas season.  
*Scene* 9: Beekman Place apartment, later the same day.  
*Scene* 10: Burnside Mansion at Peckewood, Georgia.  
*Scene* 11: The same, dawn of the following day.  
*Scene* 12: The same.

### **INTERMISSION**

### **ACT II**

- Scene* 1: A study room at Saint Boniface Academy.  
*Scene* 2: The Pyramids.  
*Scene* 3: A dormitory room at Rumson University.  
*Scene* 4: The Matterhorn.  
*Scene* 5: Beekman Place apartment.  
*Scene* 6: The same.  
*Scene* 7: The same, half an hour later.  
*Scene* 8: The same, early morning of the following day.  
*Scene* 9: Patio of the Upson home in Montebank, Conn., late afternoon.  
*Scene* 10: Beekman Place apartment.  
*Scene* 11: The same.



# Starring



**MARY FRANCIS HARDING** (Vivian Charles)  
A native of Independence, Mrs. Harding has been active in theatrical productions both locally and while a resident at Oklahoma State University and Corn City Seminary College in Okmulgee, Ok. She is recognized for the Monday Night Club Chorus and sang in the chorus of the Newsworld shows, "The Music Man" and "Gypsy and Dolly."



**GEORGE KARYEN** (Barnyard Barnum)  
Karyen graduated from Northwestern University where he received a degree in business administration and took part in several musical productions, including a singing quartet. Karyen, his wife Jane, and their six children moved to Independence a year ago from Youngstown, Ohio. He is vice president of Kaiser at Electro Manufacturing Company.



**JO WOODS** (Agnes Goss)  
Mrs. Woods appeared in the 1943 Newsworld production of "Gypsy and Dolly" as a Hot Girl. This spring she played the role of "Mary, Mary." She also has played roles in KCTV's "Change by the Door" and "The Tender Trap" and "The Girls in 1939." Mrs. Woods is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, where she majored in speech and political science. She is married to Bill Woods, producer of "Agnes Goss" and has two sons.



**JOHN FREEMAN** (Patrick Dennis, as a boy)  
Young Freeman is an eighth grader at Independence Junior High School and has participated in many school programs. Although this is his first Newsworld appearance, he will be remembered for his performance at Florida in the Independence Community Theatre production of "Life With Father" in 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeman of this city.



**BERNICE POZNEK** (Annie Maize)  
Mrs. Poznek made her initial Newsworld appearance in 1941 in "Agnes Goss." She later took a role in "The Music Man" and also appeared in the Independence Community Theatre production of "The Tender Trap." Mrs. Poznek attended Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma City University in a speech and drama major. A resident of Nowata, she is married to Al Poznek and has four children.



**NEIL LONG** (Patrick Dennis, as a young man)  
Long and his family moved to Independence shortly after he became associated with the local Freeman team. A former Army lieutenant, Long is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State College, where he majored in English and political science. He was a member of the college variety debate team and is listed in "Who's Who in American College and Universities."



**MARTHA PAYNE** (Gussie Matlock)  
Mrs. Payne graduated from Pittsburg High School and attended the Thelma Arts Conservatory of Music in Wichita. She is a past president of the Thelma Arts Conservatory of Women's Club, and has been active in the Monday Night Club Chorus for several years. She played the role of Mrs. Potts in the 1942 Newsworld production of "The Music Man" and the part of Mrs. Potts in "My Fair Lady" last year.



**BOB WELLSCHNEIDER** (Bud)  
Wellenscheider is a sophomore at Independence Community College, where he has been active in various dramatic productions. He has appeared in the Independence Community Theatre shows, "Change by the Door," "Life With Father," and "The Music Man." As a member of the Radio Station KSHS, Wellenscheider plans to attend Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia next fall.



**AL CASARI** (Lindsay Woodard)  
A native of Lincoln, Neb., Casari is making his debut in a Newsworld stage show. While in Lincoln, he was business administrator for the Lincoln Community Theatre and appeared in its productions of "Miss Delight" and "The Racketeer." A volunteer for the Barnstable Corporation, Casari, his wife Jane, and their three children moved to Independence three years ago.



## Co-Starring



KITTIE ORR  
(Sally Cato)



CATHERINE CASTON  
(Mother Burnside)



JIM MULLEN  
(Brian O'Bannion)



GEORGE BUTLER  
(Mr. Babcock)



PHIDELLA FOY  
(Understudy to Mrs. Poznik)



R. J. OSBORN  
(Claude Upson)



LENA RILEY  
(Doris Upson)



KAY MONROE  
(Gloria Upson)



JUDY NICKEL  
(Peggy Ryan)

## Production Staff



**BILL WOODS** (Production Stage Manager)  
Mr. Woods, twice president of the Newburgh clubmen, this year has taken the role of production stage manager of the stage show, "Auntie Mame." He has produced many of the Independent Community Theatre productions, including "Milk and Honey," "The Tender Trap," and others. He also has served as art designer for the ICT shows. Mr. Woods is employed as City Recreation Director.



**TIM EMERT** (Director)  
Mr. Emert is making his initial Newburgh effort with "Auntie Mame." While attending Independence Community Junior College, he worked on the productions of "Our Town," "The Beauty of the Beast," and "The Sound of Music." In 1963, he directed the Independent Community Theatre production, "The Wizard of Oz." While attending Kansas University, where he received his law degree this spring, he worked on the University's productions of "Milk and Honey" and "Look Homeward Angel." Mr. Emert is associated with the law firm of Harding and Emert.



**SUE WILLETT**  
(Associate Producer)



**GEORGIA HIGH**  
(Associate Director)



**GLEN JONES**  
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(Costumes)



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(Makeup)



## Rehearsal Scenes

**"HAMS" IN ACTION —**  
From left, the Rev. Edward G.  
Rutland (Lord Dudley),  
Don Dancer (a butler and Uncle  
Moultrie), Jerry Webb (a  
stage manager), Pat Jarrett (a  
theatre manager) and Hub  
Meyer (Reginald).



**ACTORS PAUSE —**  
From left, Nora Steinberger (a  
customer), Sally Walke (a  
shopper), Delma Crawford (a  
maid), Mike Keeley (Michael  
Dennis) and Fred Wilkin (Mr.  
Loomis, a floorwalker).

**THESPIANS PLAY —**  
From left, Steve Shawger (a  
groom and Dr. von  
Klingenberg), Norman Castagna  
(Charles), Joan Casari (Edna)  
and Freddie Knuth (Emory  
MacDougal).



## Artist and Stage Hands At Work



ARTIST AT WORK — Ernestine Wayland works on one of several paintings she has done for the "Auntie Mame" sets.

PAINTERS AT WORK — From left, Carlene Stephenson, Joe McKinney and Doris Woolpert paint a backdrop depicting the Burnside Mansion at Peckerwood, Ga.



STAGE CREW — Included in the group are Glen Jones, Roscoe Long, Lee Nipper, Paul Oakleaf, John Wyckoff, Ira Phelan, Dale Hamlin and Olin Hamlin.

## Committees At Work

**COSTUME COMMITTEE —**  
From left, Elizabeth Barbera,  
Dorothy Butler, Betty Phillips,  
Jean McLean and Virginia  
Oakleaf.



**MAKEUP COMMITTEE —**  
From left, Kay Holman, Diana  
Hellen, Colleen Keeley, Louisa  
Coldwell, Beverly Hight and  
Freda Blankinship.

**PROPS COMMITTEE —**  
From left, Hazel Gillis, Jaye  
Kasten, Rachelle Wyckoff, Rose  
Mary Mong, Ruth Gilmore, Sue  
Davis and Lucy Gibson.





## *Committees*

**COSTUMES:** Virginia Oakleaf, Jean McLean, Betty Phillips, Louise Jenkins, Dorothy Ullom, Mary Mason, Dessie Carter, Marie Marino, Mary Michaelis and Caretha Thomas.

**PROPERTIES:** Hazel Gillis, Barbara Clark, Rose Mary Mong, Ruth Gilmore, Lucy Gibson, Sue Davis and Jaye Kasten.

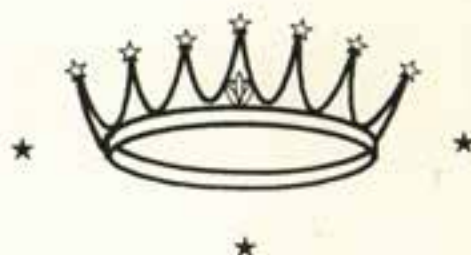
**MAKEUP:** Diana Hellen, Louisa Coldwell, Colleen Keeley, Freda Blankinship, Beverly Hight, Linda Linn, Lucy Wall and Donna Butler.

**STAGE CREW:** Olin Hamlin, Dale Hamlin, Lee Nipper, Tommy Lackey, Paul Oakleaf, John Wyckoff, Mel Phillips, Dean Stephenson, Don Webber, Keith Cottom, Roscoe Long, C. R. Mong Jr., and Ira Phelan.

**PAINTERS:** Carlene Stephenson, Pat Jones, Doris Woolpert, Millie Sands and Joe McKinney.

Furnishings for "Auntie Mame" were provided by Davis Furniture Store. Wigs for the production were styled by Harlyn's Hairdressing of Neodesha, and special paintings for the set were done by Mrs. Ernestine Wayland. The art design for the "Auntie Mame" cover on this program was done by Harold Wheeler. The Production Staff of Auntie Mame wishes to express its appreciation to Mrs. G. D. Alman, Jr., for her assistance with the show prior to moving from Independence.

# *Coronation*



## *Queen Neelah XXIV*

by

**Gov. WILLIAM AVERY**

Friday, October 29

8 p.m. Memorial Hall

**Mike Flynn**

KOTV, Tulsa  
Master of Ceremonies

**Johnny Tillotson**

and  
The Fendermen

Followed by

## *Coronation Ball*

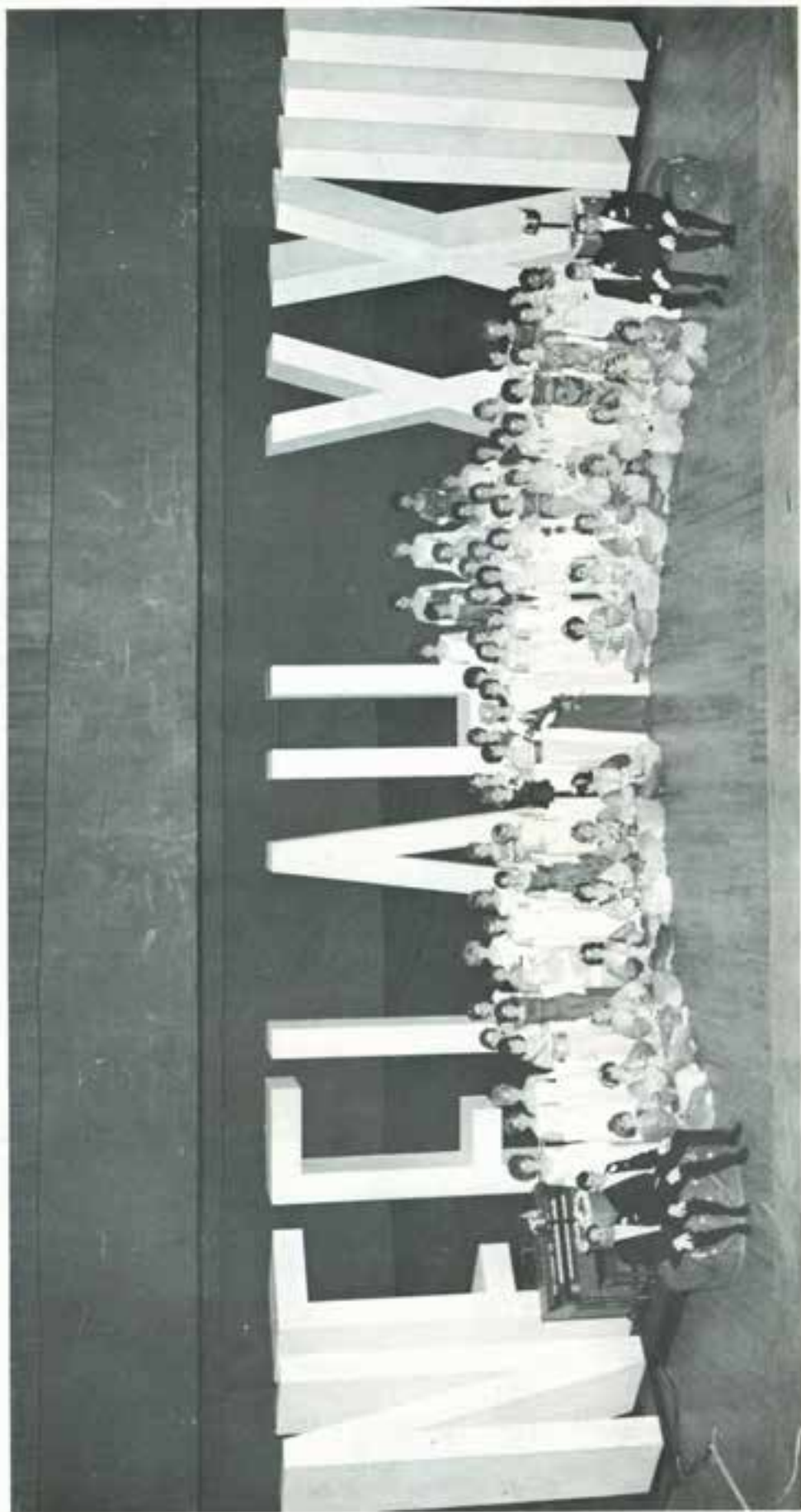
*Civic Center*

10:00 p.m.

with

**Johnny Tillotson**

and  
The Fendermen



*Queen Neelah 23rd and Court*

*1964*



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## Queen's Coronation



THE FENDERMEN



JOHNNY TILLOTSON

MIKE FLYNN  
KOTV, Tulsa  
Master of Ceremonies



NEELAH  
DEBS



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### Kiddies Parade

Gerald Harlin, Marshall

Oct. 29 - 4 p.m.

### Parade

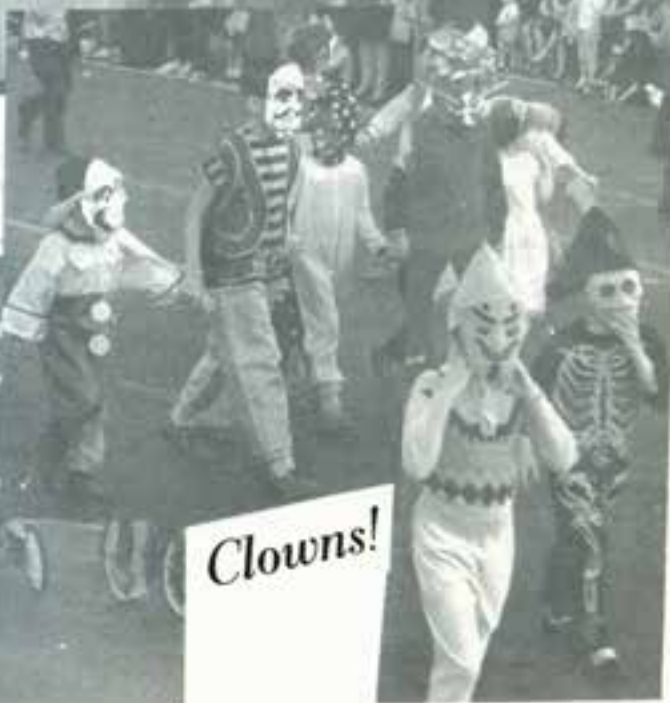
### Grand Parade

Oct. 30 - 11 a.m.

*Queens!*



*Music!*



*Clowns!*



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Parker Willett, Milton

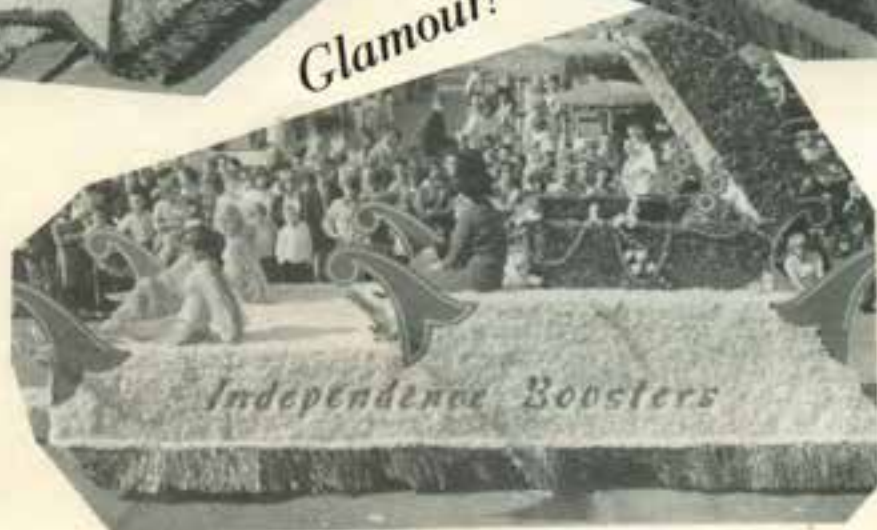
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Fun!



Glamour!





## *Free Street Acts*

October 27 thru October 30



Au Go Go Girls



Roy Clark

## *Saturday Night Dances*

Hank Thompson  
and His  
Brozos Valley Boys

9 p.m. - Westeroire



Richard Hayman  
and  
His Orchestra

10 p.m. - Civic Center

SPIDER AND THE CRABS  
9 P.M. - 4H BUILDING

## *Neewollah Follies of '65*

Stage Show 8 p.m.  
Memorial Hall

Saturday, October 30

Dance in Civic Center - 10 p.m.  
Richard Hayman and Orchestra

*Starring*



PAULA KELLY AND THE MODERNAIRES



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Gambles  
S. H. Kress and Company  
F. W. Woolworth Company

## WEARING APPAREL

Hammond's Clothing Store  
Krueger and Rouse Clothiers  
Locke's  
Man's Land  
Mode O Day

## UNCLASSIFIED

Automotive Controls Corp.  
Bruest, Inc.  
Bynum's Tune-up Shop  
Clement's  
Electra Manufacturing Co.  
Elks Club  
Bill Forsythe  
Brice Goodwin  
Jim Halsey Attractions  
Oscar Hendrix  
George Holt  
Independence Business and Professional  
Women's Club  
Jayhawk Distributors, Inc.  
Kellenberger's Store  
Mercy Hospital  
Henry Meyer Welding  
Oakleaf Drilling Co.  
O'Connell's Store  
Dr. Pepper Bottling Company  
Persky Iron and Metal Company  
Charles Raglin  
Rice Sign Company  
Shulthis Properties  
Sinclair Pipe Line Company  
Starcraft Boat Company  
Universal Atlas Cement Co.  
Valley Distributing Company  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.  
Viets Implement Company  
Wheeler Sign Company  
Sonny Myers Carnival  
Capitol Records

## *In Memoriam*

### **THEO MASON**

(1901-1965)

Miss Mason's association with Neewollah began in 1960 when she was made choreographer of the stage show, "Oklahoma!" She continued in this capacity in succeeding years, working on "Annie Get Your Gun," "The Music Man," "Guys and Dolls" and "My Fair Lady." Miss Mason died the morning of July 7, a few hours after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage at her home in Coffeyville.



### **POLLY CHEROT**

(1911-1964)

Mrs. Cherot played an active role in Neewollah for many years. Always one to shun the limelight, she preferred to work behind the scenes and, preferably, with the Queen's Coronation. She suffered a heart attack at Memorial Hall on Oct. 30 last year as she was assisting candidates prepare for the coronation that night, and died shortly before the ceremony began. In previous years, Mrs. Cherot had served as a stage director of the Queen's Pageant and was Neewollah treasurer in 1962.

