

## Greenville Football History Part 1 (1908-1909)

*From the 1908 Echo:* At the beginning of the school year in September, 1908, a notice was posted on the front board of the assembly room asking all pupils interested in football to meet in room 12. The large number present showed the football spirit of the boys. **Noah Markey** GHS 1909 was chosen temporary captain until the team could be picked, and later became the permanent captain. An agreement between the faculty and the boys was signed, saying that every boy is to have his grades to a passing standard one week before each game. The parents had to give permission for their boys to participate in the athletics. **Paul McCaughey** GHS 1911 was chosen captain of the "second team (reserve)". At this time the **Greenville High School Athletic Association** was formed by Superintendent **J.J. Martz** with **Matthew Hunter** GHS 1909 named as president. It joined the Ohio High School Athletic Association which then consisted of 60

Greenville High School Football Team, Season of 1908.

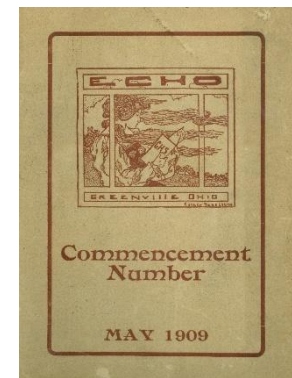
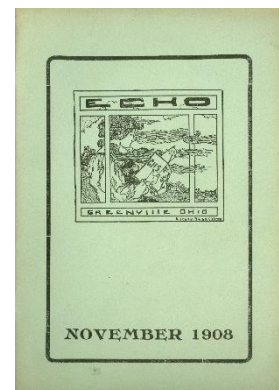
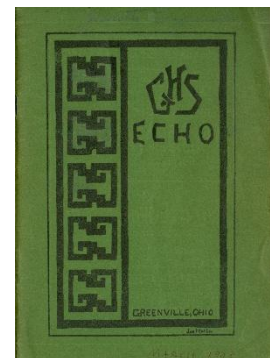
Ed Hunter, lg. York, qb. M. C. Hunter, lh.  
Markey, capt., rh. McCaughey, fb. Mansfield, lg. Clear, mgr.



Wills, re. Aydelott, rt. Mackley, rg. Bowman, c. Livingston, sub. Cole, lt. Martin, le.  
Dwyer, sub. Gould, sub. Marshall, sub.



G. H. S. FOOTBALL TEAM OF 1909.



Schools. Any student or teacher could join this association by paying 25 cents per term. Every boy and girl should be eager to see their side win and give encouragement to the players. It was stated that no one but high school pupils could attend the games. The best men athletes participated in this "physical culture show."

New Madison was scheduled to play but, "They failed to comprehend and brought with them several of the largest citizens of the town. One had played football for eight years and this alone was against the OHSA rules. The game was called off by Superintendent Martz, who offered and did pay back all expenses taken at the gate."

The first game was played in the morning of Saturday, October 10. The opponents from Union City arrived in different cars. Fans lined the field and the game was not stopped to settle any disputed that arose during the game. After an 0-0 first half, the players put on their sweaters at halftime and went to opposite ends of the field to discuss their first half play. Goal kicks made the score 6-0 in favor the Greenville in the end. The green and white marched triumphantly from the field, after giving the Union City boys a rousing cheer for their good playing.

The second game two weeks later was against one of the strongest High School teams in the State. Although their five heaviest players were disqualified, the home boys tried their hardest but lost to Piqua, 54-0. It was simply a practice game for the team from Miami County. Piqua tried all their new tricks and plays and GHS was outclassed. The opponents looked like giants and had an average weight of 148 pounds per player. They played like clockwork. The GHS manager called Piqua "a second-grade high school while GHS is a first grader."

Other games in that first year were: Oct. 31 vs. Covington, Nov. 7 vs. Sidney, Nov. 14 vs. Sidney, Nov. 21 vs Piqua, and Nov. 26 vs. Covington.

It was announced at the school: "FOOTBALL PRACTICE 3:30 at Cole's Field" and, "EVERYONE ! EVERYONE ! Come out and help mark the field this evening."

For fall, 1909, there was some trouble securing a coach because the team practiced in the afternoons. It was also hard to schedule out-of-town games. "Hitch your cart to a star and you'll never fall very low," conveyed the feelings of this football team.



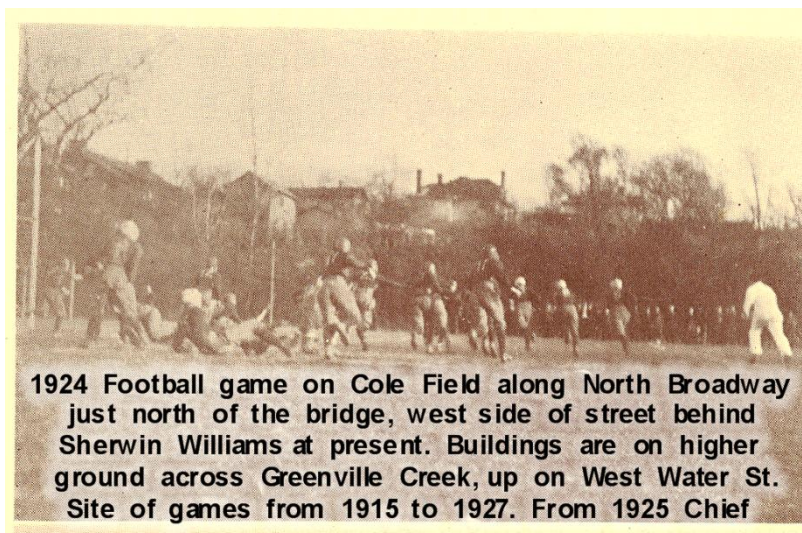
The first known legitimate football team at Greenville High School was in 1910. They had a perfect 3-0-0 record, having defeated the "Scrubs", 4-2, Versailles, 5-4, and Versailles again, 15-0. The first place they played home games was on the north bank of the Greenville Creek just west of North Broadway, and was called Cole Field. Along North Broadway is the string of buildings anchored in the past by Frank Girbert, Inc., Lowe's Paint store, and Sherwin Williams Paint store, opposite the Maid Rite. The field was just behind these buildings to the west and southwest back to the creek. This was used from 1910 to about 1927. **Clarence Wright** was the coach of this beginning team and is pictured with his team on the Carnegie Library steps in 1910. He is the man with the suit whose picture may have been inserted into the picture with the team.

### 1910 - 11 G.H.S. Football



FOOTBALL TEAM

Top Row - Smith (Mgr.), Braedon, York, McCaughey, Folkerth, Mote, Wright (Coach), Hart  
Bottom Row - Bowman, Yount, Reppert (Capt.), Farra, Vance



1924 Football game on Cole Field along North Broadway just north of the bridge, west side of street behind Sherwin Williams at present. Buildings are on higher ground across Greenville Creek, up on West Water St. Site of games from 1915 to 1927. From 1925 Chief



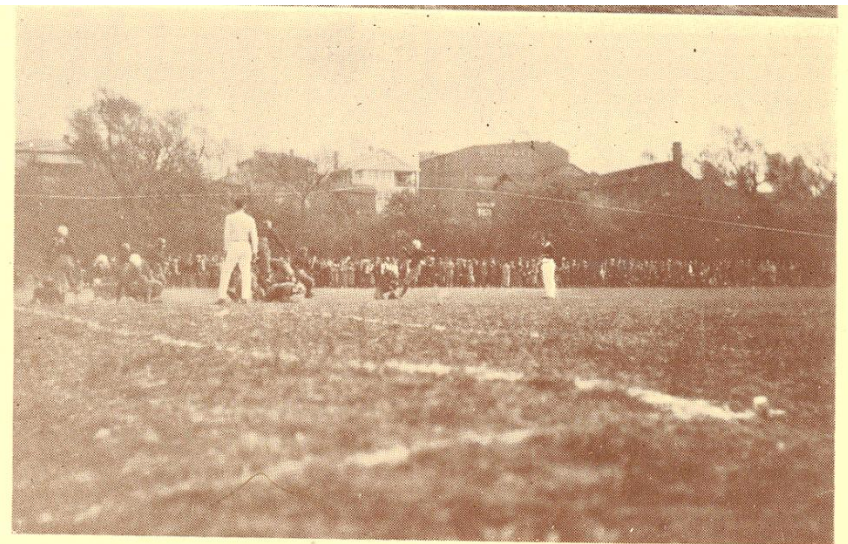
HOWARD JOHN TILLMAN  
How Thrilling!

Class of 1925

The 1924 season featured a GHS star football player **Howard Tillman** GHS 1925, who was the fullback later at Miami University along with future NFL stars quarterback **Paul Brown**, and lineman **Weeb Eubank**, both becoming NFL legends.

Tillman scored eight touchdowns in one game for the Green Wave, Nov. 15, 1924, still a record.

It was always rumored that fans standing along the sidelines at Cole Field would tackle a running back that was too close to the sidelines if he was making gains for the wrong team.





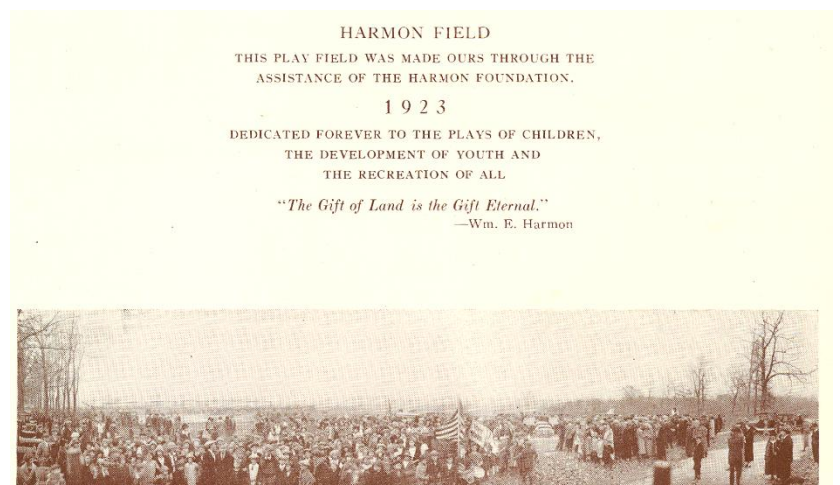
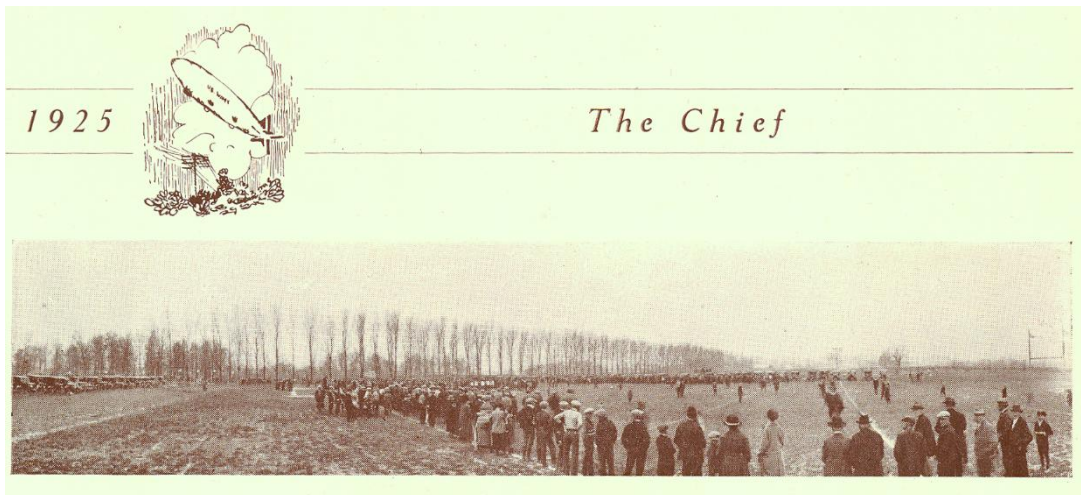
Thanks to a generous donation by **William E. Harmon** (1862-1928) of the **Harmon Foundation Playground Fund** in 1923, the land where our football field is now was dedicated to the youth of the area for recreational purposes. He was a wealthy real estate developer and philanthropist from Lebanon, Ohio, and later moved to New York.

Mr. Harmon stated, "Forward looking as the state of Ohio is, in many respects it is behind in the trend of the times in providing permanent play spaces for its children. This is especially true in the smaller communities. In order to stimulate interest in these communities in the important part play has in education, I offer to give \$20,000 outright in amounts not exceeding \$200,000 each toward the purchase of playgrounds or athletic fields in ten or more Ohio towns."

In total nearly 100 Harmon Fields were founded across the country. Some of the Ohio cities who received money for Harmon Fields were Greenville, Miamisburg, Bluffton, Wapakoneta, Bucyrus, Fostoria, Fremont, Paulding, Wauseon, and Bellevue. Even if a stadium is torn down, the fields must be used as a public park with playgrounds. The lands purchased had to be used for playing and athletic purposes for all time. The land will be named **Harmon Field** for all time.

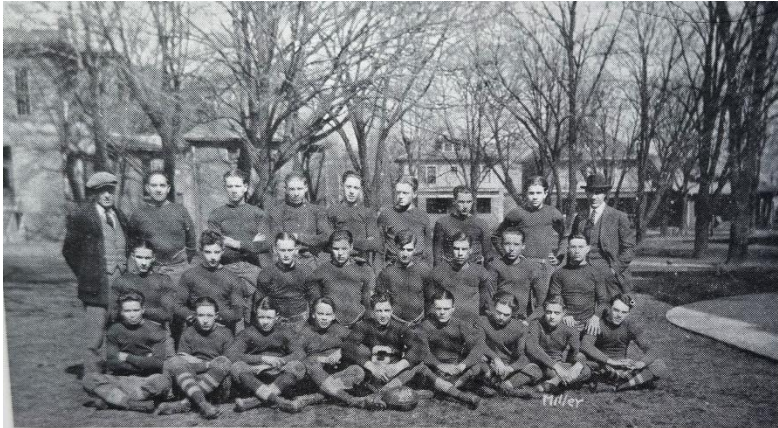
Pictures here show the dedication of the field in 1923 (below), and some sports activity in the undeveloped future City Park area (1925).

William Harmon (*below*)





The fall 1922 season was quite successful, with a 7-1-1 record, losing only to Xenia, 12-0, and tying Miamisburg, 6-6. The Head Coach and Athletic Director was **Roy F. Peden**, who captained football and track while at Otterbein College. The 1923 Chief yearbook is quoted, "He (Peden) has to his credit such records as the 'Big Six Pole Vault' and 'Third Place in Pole Vault' at the Paris Olympic Games 1918". Coach Peden (right) >>>>>>



Top Row:—Peden, Coach; Buchy, Mergler, O'Brien, Petry, Wilson, M. Hartle, W. Rush, Fry, Manager.  
Center Row:—B. Hartle, Eidson, Witters, Reck, Batten, Clark, Jones, Shields.  
Lower Row:—J. Rush, Johns, Tillman, Winters, McEowen, Captain; Minnich, Brooks, Brumbaugh, Dunham.

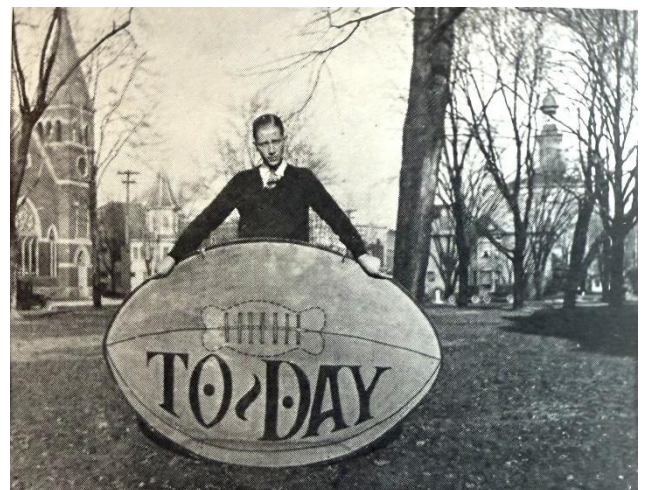


Mr. C.A. Martz was the Superintendent, 1921-25, and you didn't want to make him mad.(above)

The first ever game played at "City Field" was in the 1927 season, when Greenville tied Versailles, 0-0. In a description of the game from the 1928 Chief yearbook, "We had two weeks to practice before the game and had a bunch of 'green' players. The opposing team was made up of last year's material and their men were somewhat larger than ours. Our team felt victorious and fought hard. Things looked pretty good for a while, but the field having formerly been a cornfield, made it hard for our boys to fight and they finally came out of the battle tied 0-0." Called City Field by the townspeople, the name changed to Marling Field, before Harmon Field. *You may recognize the Court House and Methodist Church in the photo on the right:*

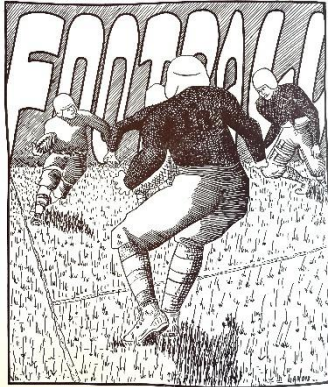


Football Squad For '27





A new turf was installed in 1928 for use by the football games. The **Miami Valley League** was formed that year with the original chartered teams: Troy, Piqua, Sidney, Greenville, Fairmont, Xenia, Miamisburg.



**Ed Stoltz,**  
Football Coach,  
Athletic Director,  
GHS Class of 1919

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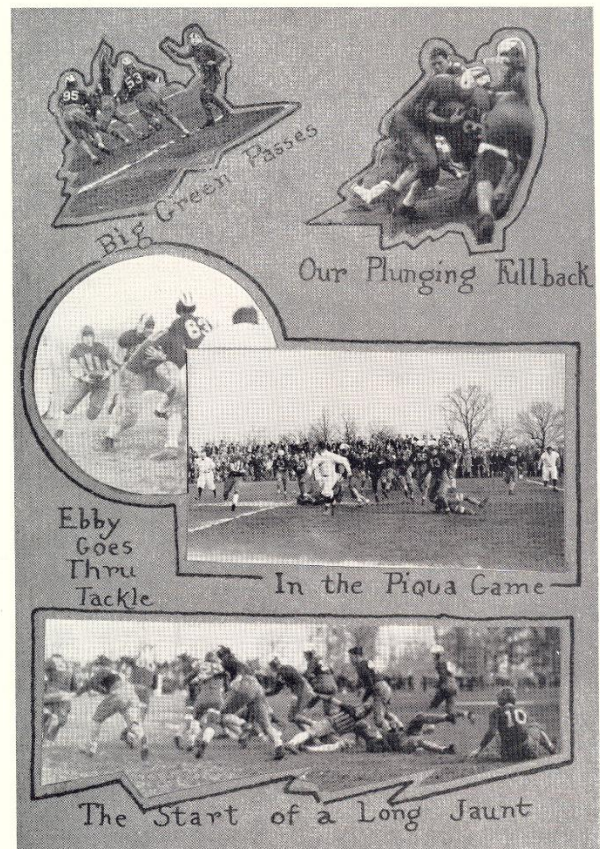


Lighting was installed at this location in 1932 and was in use before the two-sided stadium was built. The first game under the lights was held September 30, 1932, with the Wave defeating Bradford, 48-0. **Gaynor O'Brien** owned O'Brien Milling Company on Martin Street, and he donated the 12 metal poles, wiring and light fixtures with 1,000-watt light bulbs, to make this happen. O'Brien's cost was \$1,500 for the lighting complex. Greenville had one of the first lighted fields within a 100-mile radius of us.

1931  
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1932  
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1931 Football, 1932 Chief

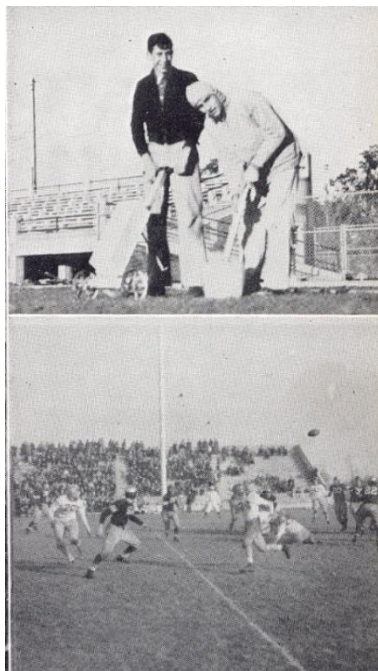


The U.S. Government **Works Progress Administration** (W.P.A.) provided the assistance and funding needed to build a permanent stadium for the football team and community to use. This was during the Great Depression of the 1930s, and approval was handed down in late 1932. The construction took two years and was completed for the 1937 football season, at the same location where the light poles were. The original price tag for the concrete stadium was \$83,000. It had reinforced poured concrete grandstands. Before the stadium was built, fans stood along the sidelines or just brought early versions of lawn chairs. One of the earliest scoreboards was located at the north end of the stadium and was manually operated by placing numbers into slots beside the team names, and was not electric. Two concession stands were located at the south ends of the two sides and the ticket booth was next to the concessions. GHS teachers sold game tickets for fifty cents. Grass was planted and push mowers were used by football players to cut grass on the playing field, with mowers brought from their homes. There were 1,600 seats on each side. Harmon Field was a “Field of Dreams” and many came just to see this masterpiece.

BUILDING THE FOOTBALL STADIUM 1937



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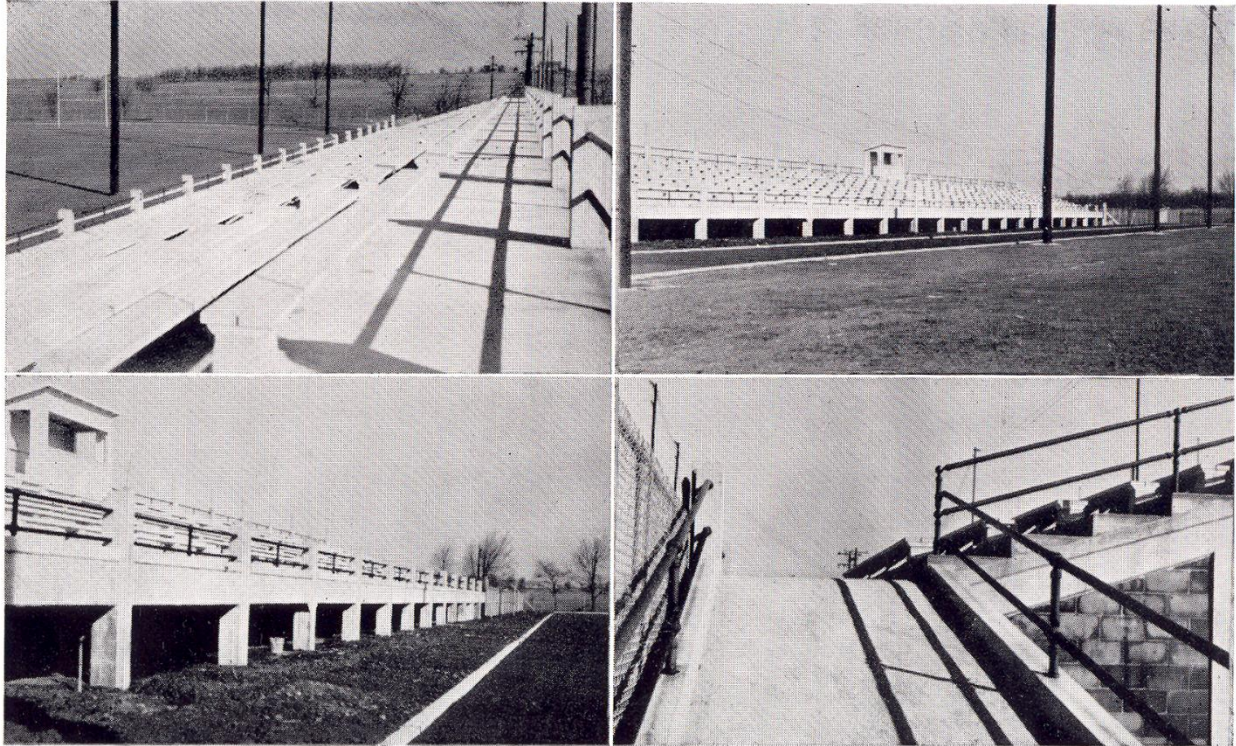


BUILDING THE FOOTBALL STADIUM 1937



## New Marling Field Stadium

Dedicated May, 1938



### later became Harmon Field (from 1938 Chief)

The WPA was originally formed to find work for able-bodied men and women during the Great Depression of the 1930s when jobs were hard to find and keep. At the time the stadium was being built, a state-of-the-art “City Park Pool” was constructed just east of the stadium and opened July 5, 1937. The first Pool Manager was **Dwight Salzman**, longtime Track coach and teacher at GHS. The first lifeguard hired was **Dan Kagey** GHS 1933.

At the time for the first football game, the east stands had been completed but the home (and later) west stands were partially finished. All 280 seats on the east side were sold for \$5.00 each for each of the five home games that year. See results of all games at the end of this article. The football locker rooms and showers for pool bathers were located under the east stands. The first game September 17 was against the Dayton powerhouse Chaminade High School, coached by **Fuzzy Faust**, and wearing their green and white uniforms. The Green Wave coach was history teacher and second-year

*Pool under construction, 1937(below)*





head coach **Ralph Raach**. The assistant coach was **Jack Raudabaugh**, who had just come from Cincinnati Walnut Hills High School, where he taught and coached. Coach Raudabaugh was from Celina and played basketball and baseball at Ohio State University.

The 1937 team was not deep on talent but had 15 returning seniors, led by GHS Hall of Fame quarterback **Stan Palmer** GHS 1938, and fullback **Harley Christian** GHS 1938. Other starters were **Nolan Zechar** GHS 1938 at center, **Robert "Pinky" Haworth** GHS 1938 at guard, **Jim Lehman** GHS 1939 at guard, **Barton Baumgardner** GHS 1938 at tackle, **Bill Bennett** GHS 1938 at tackle, team Captain **Jack Shrader** GHS 1938 at end, **Ralph Mong** GHS 1938 at end, **Ed Kagey** GHS 1940 at halfback, and **Gerald McClain** GHS 1939 at halfback. The Athletic Director (then called Athletic Business Manager) was former GHS Class President **Ed Stoltz** GHS 1919. Notable subs who ran in and out of the game were **Dick Birt** GHS 1940, **Bob Canan** GHS 1941, **Jay Wright** GHS 1939, and **Don "Potsie" Althaus** GHS 1938. Chaminade scored a TD on a four-yard run in the second quarter to win the game, 7-0. The extra point was a drop kick.

1937-38 Football team:

The first at our new stadium:



More Football History will be coming



After two ties and many losses, the first win in the new stadium came in 1940, against Bradford 48-0, when the Wave had 348 yards rushing and 220 yards more on kickoff returns. Seniors **Bob Canan** and brother **Don Canan** each had three TDs in that game. Following Ralph Raach and **Charlie Slagle**, **Edwin Stoltz** had taken over head coaching job in 1940,

World War II took many potentially good football players away from GHS in the early 1940s. Canton native **Raymond "Swopey" Swope** started a brighter future, becoming the head coach of the team beginning in 1942. His first two years were 0-7-2 followed by 3-5-1 in 1943. All teams were hurt by the absences of those young men students leaving school and entering World War II. The 1944 team became Greenville's first undefeated team over a full schedule of games, with a 9-0-0 record and outscoring the nine opponents, 259-46. This was the first team to be the undisputed football champions of the MVL. The closest game was against Celina, with the Wave winning 14-13. The outstanding game of the year was the last one against 7-1 Fairmont and the Green Wave won, 13-0. Two players earned All-State honors, halfback **John Pequignot** GHS 1945 and tackle **Tom Hunt** GHS 1945. *First undefeated team, Fall 1944, 9-0-0 record:*

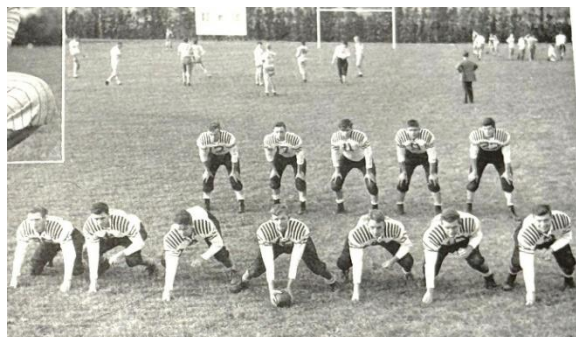


**Top row:** Harsh, Kennard, Spille, Williams, Oliver, Dimmig, Stebbins. **Second row:** Edwin Stoltz, Spitler, Stoner, Riesenbeck, Wright, Young, Baird, Raymond Swope. **Bottom row:** Lakin, Hole, Buchy, Holzapfel, Brumbaugh, Brooks, Lephart, Pequignot.

*Coach Ray Swope*



*1944 Football lineup*



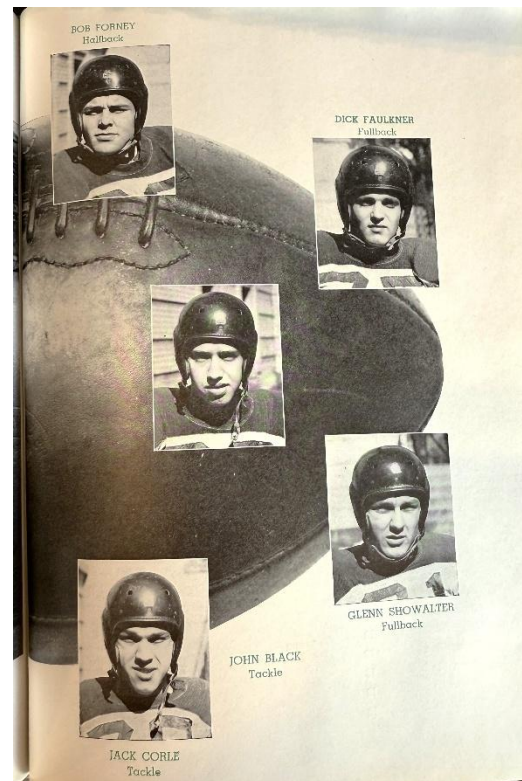
*1945 Chief*



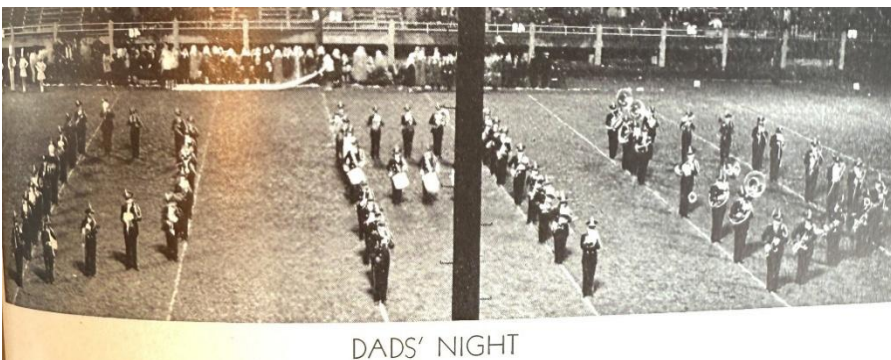


Coach Swope stayed at the helm of the football program for four more years, but graduation reduced his talent from the 1944 team, and the teams posted records of 5-4, 4-4-1, 5-4 and 3-5-1. The '45 season's team finished fourth place in the MVL, but they did win the Little Brown Jug for the second consecutive year over Celina. The offensive lineup was very large and averaged 165 pounds per lineman. The team mostly used the single wing offense. The '46 team featured player was **Bob "Apey" Wright** GHS 1947, who suffered a broken collar bone during the season but was a leading player of that era. The best game of the year was a 12-6 loss to powerhouse Troy, who shutout six or their nine opponents. Coach Swope's able assistant coach was **Jack Raudabaugh**. The '47 team's season's high point was the final game of the year against Fairmont, when the Wave overcame a 7-0 halftime deficit to win 13-7 in the final seconds of the game.

1947 Team:  
(1948 Chief)



The 1948 season photo here from the Band's "Dad's Night" formation on the field during football game. The light poles were in front of the stands and one is visible in the yearbook photo. Dad's night was featured each year, honoring the fathers of the current football players.



DADS' NIGHT





**Paul Dellerba** became the 1949 season's head coach after his illustrious career playing football at Miami University (Oxford). His Redskins won the 1947 Sun Bowl and he graduated from Miami in 1948. He used the T-formation primarily on offense. After three seasons, Dellerba departed with a 10-16-1 record. The fall football season each year began with a MVL League Preview, which was held in Troy at the beginning of the 1950 season. Fall 1949 team:

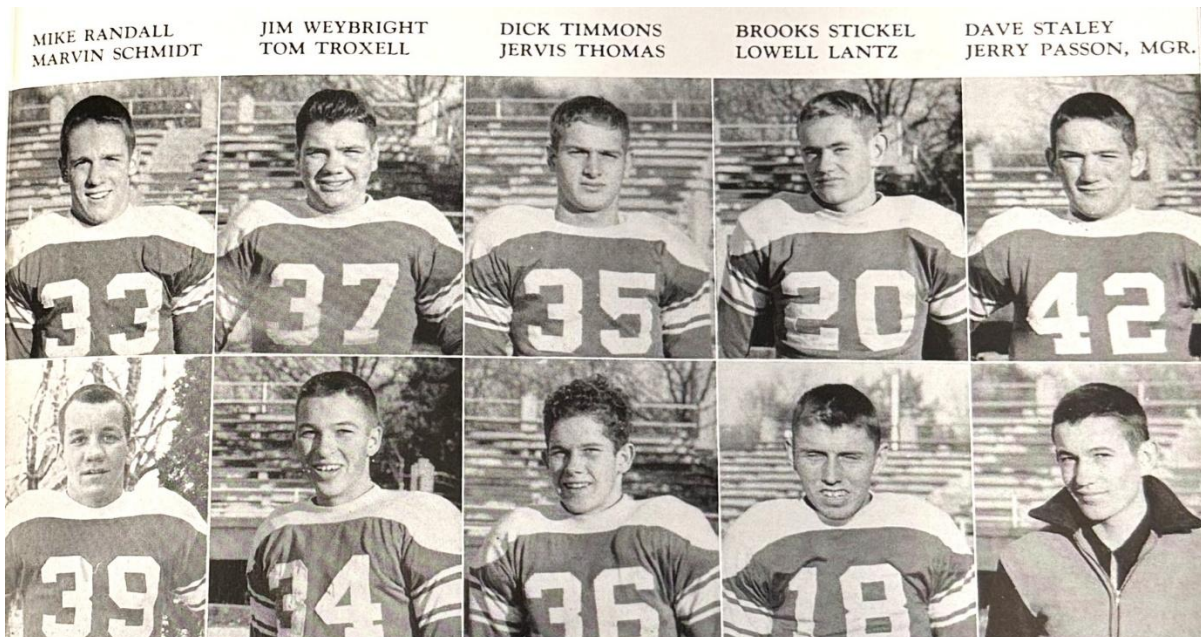


Row 1: Don Whittaker, Lynn Blocher, Mike Randall, Don Ditmer, Tom Troxell, Ronnie Eikenberry, Jervis Thomas. Row 2: Jim Passon, John Mannix, Jim Ungericht, Bob Dwyer, Francis Myers, Jerry Orrison, John Deardourff, Bob Pequinot. Row 3: Dave Burris, Jerry Schmalenberger, Joe Vannoy, Bill Bradley, Ted Mong, Jim Weybright, Harry Yingst. Row 4: Jack Weybright, Marvin Schmidt, Pete Menke, Joe Blumenstock, Tom Bidwell, Joe Jefferis, Marvin McCabe, Sonny Gatchell, Richard Timmons.



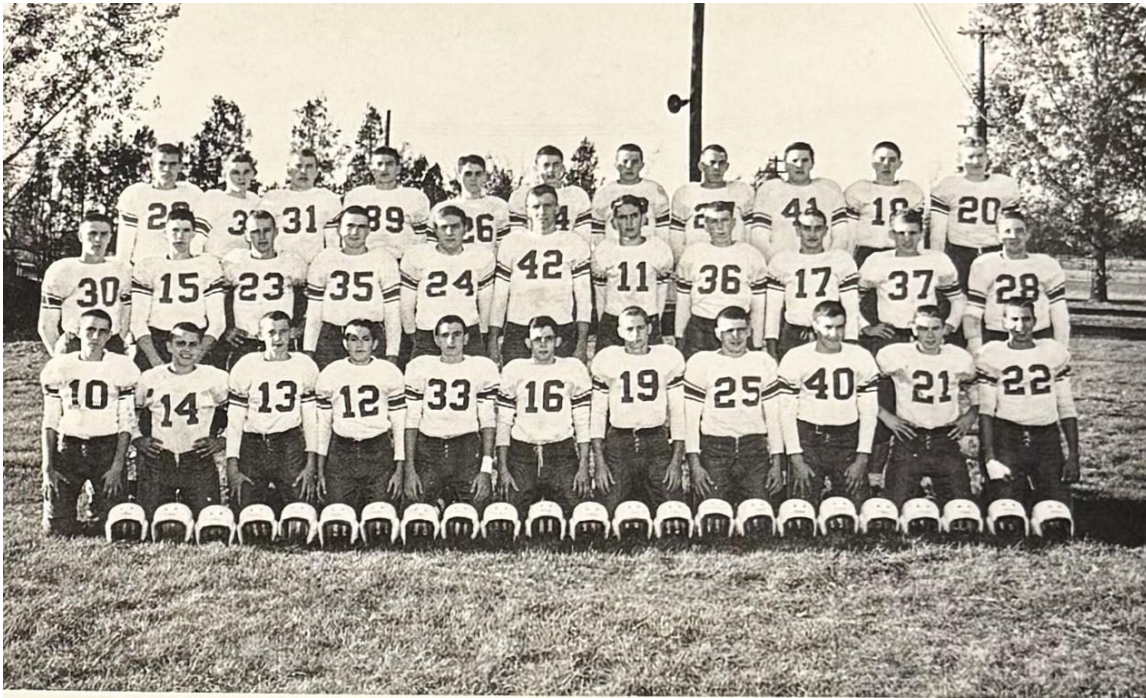
Head football coach  
Paul Dellerba

Dellerba's final season, the fall of '51 was plagued with injuries, and the team statistical leader **Tom Troxell** GHS 1952, scored nine TDs and led the scoring with 54 points. Fall '51 team seniors:



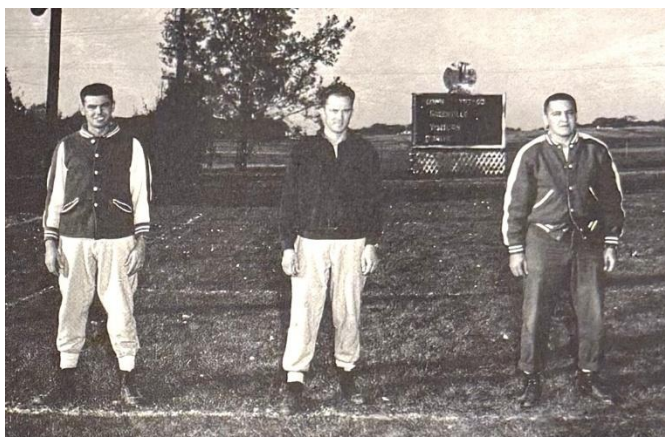


The Fall '52 team fought their way to the first winning record since 1948, with a 5-4 record. **Jim Eby** was hired to coach this team and he brought magic in his years at Greenville. He graduated from Otterbein College in 1943 and then became a Navy pilot. After being discharged, Eby became head football coach at Trotwood Madison. One assistant coach was **Ben Cole**, a Miami Univ. graduate and varsity basketball player there, and was also head basketball coach at GHS. Cole was a former Marine and coached at Milton Union before GHS. The other assistant coach was **Tony DiRocco**, a 1952 graduate of Wittenberg Univ. and was voted MVP on their football team. The '52 team featured two first team All-MVL Team members, tackle **Harry Yingst** GHS 1953, and halfback **Ron Eikenberry** GHS 1953. The Fall '52 team roster:



Row 1: Left to right—John Lantz, David Girbert, Dick Hole, John Spidel, Dan Passon, Jim Thomas, Bill Browne, Jim Jessup, Larry Carnahan, Billy Joe Thompson, Jim Howell.  
Row 2: Left to right—Jim Browne, Phil Browne, Bill Stolle, Gary Gruber, Bob Oda, Harry Yingst, Tom Staley, Dennis Neff, Bill Warner, Larry Beasecker, Bill Covault.  
Row 3: Left to right—Bill Hufnagle, Larry Dill, Ronald Eikenberry, Larry Eyler, Bob Marchal, Leonard Crawford, Ted Mann, Ed Hauck, Paul McGlinch, Tom Farmer, Gary Lloyd.

### Coaches **Ben Cole**, **Jim Eby**, and **Tony DiRocco**



### 1952 Scoreboard:

Clock on top:  
Arms went around  
like a clock >>>  
Down\_\_\_\_  
Yds to go\_\_\_\_  
Score:  
Greenville\_\_\_\_  
Visitors\_\_\_\_  
Quarter\_\_\_\_







Standing: Left to right—Jim Whittaker, Bob Oda, Paul McGlinch, Jerry Goodrich, Dave Culbertson, Coach Cole, Coach Eby. Kneeling: Gail Beisner, Larry Dill, Bill Hufnagle, Bob Marchal, Dennis Neff, Larry Beasecker. Sitting: Jim Troxell.

12 Seniors are addressed by Head Coach Eby.  
Fall 1953 season.

The Fall 1954 Team was one of the most talented and, later, most accomplished teams in GHS history. Coach Eby did a masterful job of getting his players to buy into the team ethic unit and they outscored their opponents, 270-78. The players dominated the All-MVL all-league teams, and the key players were halfback **Dave Girbert** GHS 1956, fullback **Bill Bertram** GHS 1956, halfback **John Lantz** GHS 1955, quarterback **John Spidel** GHS 1955, guard **Jim Howell** GHS 1955, end **B.J. Thompson** GHS 1955, QB and defensive back **Dan Passon** GHS 1955, **Dick Hole** GHS 1955, linebacker **Joe Hufnagle** GHS 1957, end **Tom Farmer** GHS 1955, defensive end **Gary Gruber** GHS 1955, guard **Fred Brumbaugh** GHS 1955, tackle **Ed Nelson** GHS 1955, end **Gary Lloyd** GHS 1955, linebacker **Bob Leas** GHS 1955, tackle **Louis Christ** GHS 1956. Jim Eby became a legend in GHS sports annals, and many locals consider this the greatest Green Wave team of all time. The Victory Bell was first used to commemorate the 1954 successful football team. The Fall, 1954, undefeated 9-0-0 team:

### *The MVL Champs*



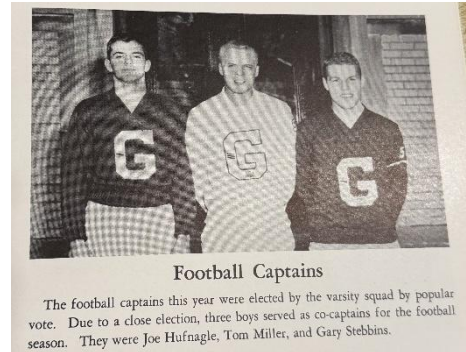
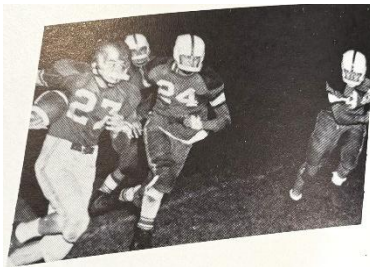
First row: Wesley Birt, Bill Taylor, Fred Brumbaugh, John Lantz, Dan Passon, Jim Howell, Norman Bright, Bob Leas, Dave Lantz, Gary Stebbins, John Raudabaugh, Dan Taylor. Second row: Manager Joe Pequignot, Don Moyer, Dave Girbert, Bill Bertram, Ken Shoup, Gary Batten, Dick Hole, Jim Linke, Bill Locke, Joe Hufnagle, John Garbig, Marvin Shuttleworth. Third row: Coach Tony DiRocco, Coach Benny Cole, Delbert Hanson, Travis Nixon, Bill Oda, Ed Nelson, Gary Gruber, Gary Lloyd, Dan Schlagetter, Louis Christ, Tom Farmer, Phil Stickel, B. J. Thompson, John Spidel, Head Coach Jim Eby.



**Jim Eby** stayed one more year before advancing to take the head football coaching job at Dayton's Colonel White H.S. By 1960, Coach Eby had produced another undefeated team at Colonel White with a 9-0 record. This was the time before playoffs lengthened the seasons. This feat may never have been accomplished by another Ohio coach: two different undefeated teams within that short a time period and both schools not accustomed to having undefeated or powerhouse teams.

**Jacques Laughlin** was head coach for two unproductive seasons, compiling only one win. He was a Univ. of Cincinnati graduate, Army veteran, and coached at Mt. Healthy and Wapakoneta before coming to Greenville.

Coach Jacques Laughlin >>



One of the memorable points of the fall of '56 was home game loss to Troy, 46-0, when one of the best players in the country made his mark **Bob Ferguson** Troy HS 1957 was a punishing full back who gained 400 yards rushing, and later was a standout player at Ohio State, was Heisman trophy runner-up, and NFL professional.

Fall '57 football scrum action and fans in the stands:

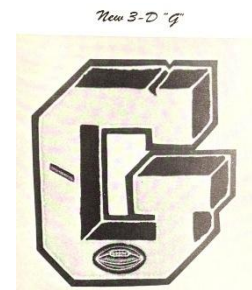


"Two bits, four bits, six bits, a dollar; all for Greenville, stand up and holler!"

Fall '58:



New Letter G in 3-D >>>>





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Fall '58 Homecoming Bonfire >>>>  
pep rally on the night before the  
game behind the stadium in the  
parking lot, and a dummy Piqua  
player was burned in effigy. This was  
a Homecoming tradition for many years.



1959 GHS Band at Harmon Field:



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Greenville's sports teams had been called the **"Big Green"** by many fans for years before 1933. The *Daily Advocate* office led by **Dave Deardourff** GHS 1923 and **Walter "Bud" Browne** GHS 1930, challenged Greenville's reading customers to suggest a nickname for our football team. Tallying the votes, **"Green Wave"** was the winning choice of 126 entries, followed by Raiders (second choice), Pioneers, Wildcats, Generals, Braves, Pirates, Tigers, Lions, Indians, and Panthers. That day was November 16, 1933, when **Green Wave** was officially named the school's nickname.

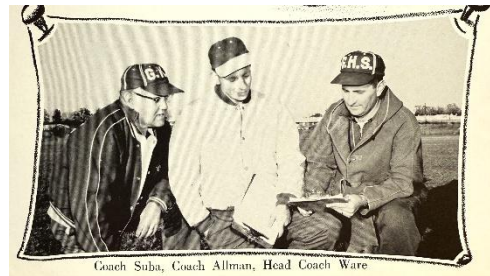


### *The Brains and the Brawn*

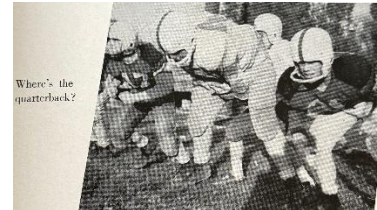


Tony Ware  
Head Football Coach

In his first year as head football coach at Greenville High, Coach Ware and his team compiled the best won-lost record G.H.S. has seen in the last three years. The Wave got off to a fast start, winning two non-league games. As a result of the victory over Celina, the Little Brown Jug was returned to the school trophy case. In Miami Valley League competition, Greenville finished higher than in the two previous seasons. Two assistant coaches, Howard Allman and John Suba, were also new to G.H.S. this year and contributed a great deal to the success of the team.



Coach Suba, Coach Allman, Head Coach Ware



The team of the Fall 1959 season was outstanding with a 7-2 record. Only two other Wave football teams had better records in the previous thirty years (1944 and 1954 teams were both 9-0). **Tony Ware** brought in two assistants, **John Suba** and **Howard Allman**, who greatly added to the success of this team.

Fall '59 MVL 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team:  
7-2- record

MVL honors went to:

**Ted Williams** GHS 1960  
was the quarterback.

**Larry Campbell** GHS 1960  
was All-MVL halfback

**Larry Crider** GHS 1960  
was HM All-MVL tackle  
**Coach Ware** was an assistant  
coach in the OSHS All-Star  
football game

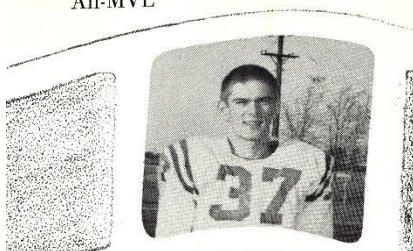


ROW 1—Joel Williams, Larry Myers, Jon Hufnagle, Danny Henderson, Steve Rhoades, Mike Klein, John Cole, Ray Doss. ROW 2—Coach Allman, Bob Nelson, Ned Overcash, Larry Campbell, Wayne Baker, Tom Wion, Mike Garbig, Gary Zechar, Coach Suba. ROW 3—John Larkin, Barry Hensel, Tom Snider, Alan McElwain, Dick Buchy, John Allen, Ted Williams, Jeff Wilson. ROW 4—Coach Ware, Tom Harris, Larry Crider, Larry Swab, Gerry Greendyke, Tom Birt, Dick Good, Nils Eikenberry, Coach DiRocco.

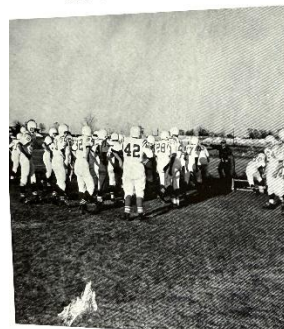
Fall '60:

**John Cole** GHS 1962  
was the only All-MVL selection  
for the Fall 1960 season.

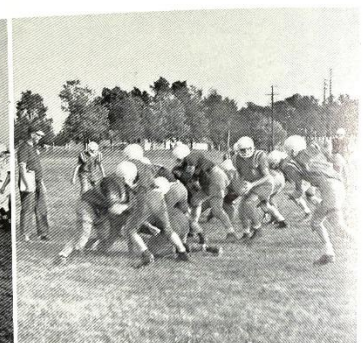
John Cole, Lineman  
All-MVL



You tell 'em, Coach!



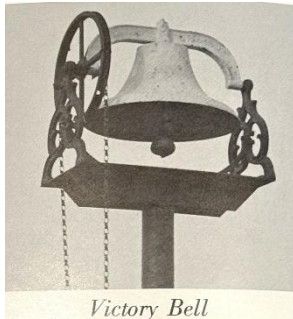
Practice makes perfect!



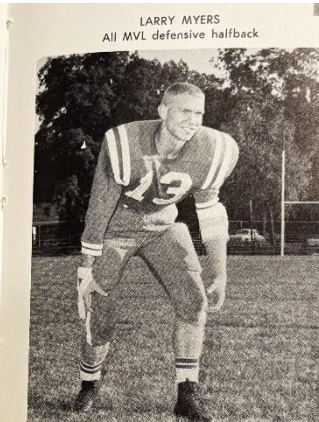
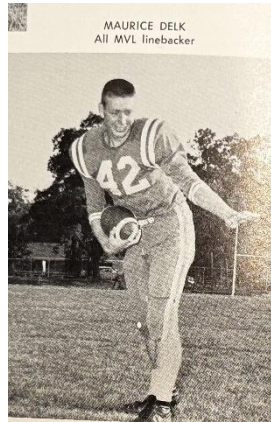


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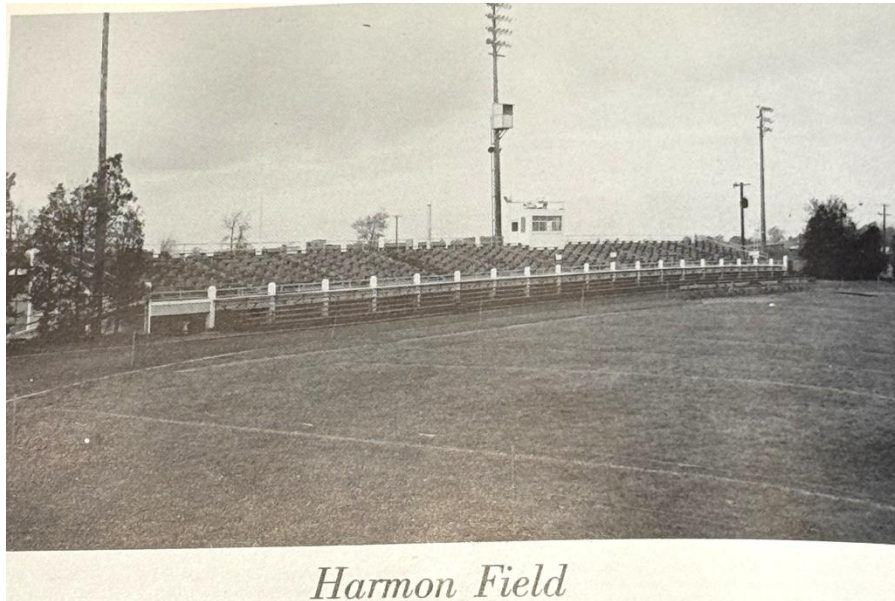
The Fall '61 team was the first year for Head Coach **Blair Irvin**. Assistant coaches were **John Suba, Clarence Gueth, Robert Smith, and Bill Bruce**. **Maurice Delk** and **Larry Myers** were both named to the All-MVL Team:



*Victory Bell*

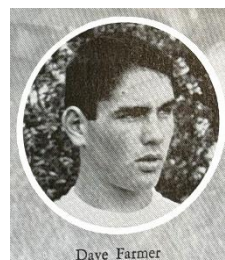


Harmon Field home side 1961-62:

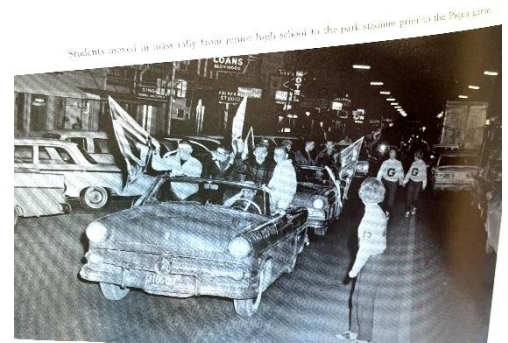


*Harmon Field*

The '62 fall season had a 5-5 record under Coach Irvin. For the first time since the '54 team, the Wave scored 48 points in a game. First team standout **David Farmer** GHS 1963, scored a TD on a 98-yard pass reception and run. He was later a defensive star at Virginia Tech University. The Wave beat the league champions, Xenia, 16-8. Homecoming parade on Broadway (below).



Dave Farmer





The '63 Football team was a very good team. They won their first four games and was ranked number 32 in the state in the larger of the two OHSAA divisions (AA) when only two classes existed, A A for larger schools and A for smaller schools. They finished with a 6-4 record.



ROW 1: Joel Stevens, Ted Ethell, Greg Shields, Barry Wilson, Kim Garrison, Glen Hollinger, Wayne Marker, Rick Klein, Ron Neiswonger, Tim Cronin. ROW 2: Jim Steinle, Den Martin, Roger Snider, Terry McGlinch, Ed Reed, Mike S. Lehman, Mike Spencer, Scott Welbaum, Jim Hunt, Sam Brock, Fred Foutz, Bruce Ullery. ROW 3: Phil Franklin, Pete Meckes, Andre Brand, Ron Fansler, Bill Steck, Gene Smith, Bob Brandon, Jerry Stump, Chris Miller, Jim Holland, Steve Garrison.

Assistant line coach **Tony DiRocco** and Head coach **Blair Irvin**  
Coach Irvin served seven years as head coach. >>>>>

The Fall '64 team had the best record in ten years,  
8-2, with the two losses were each by two points to Piqua  
and Dayton Fairview.



The Wave posted the best record since Jim Eby's team won the M.V.L. championship ten years ago. Statistics show that the Wave led their opponents in the following categories:

SCORING BY QUARTERS:	1	2	3	4	Total
Greenville	52	116	100	76	344
Opponents	16	16	22	36	90

RUSHING:	Rushes	Yards Gained	Yards Lost	Net Yardage	Average per carry
Greenville	550	2699	123	2576	4.6
Opponents	337	1290	242	1048	3.1

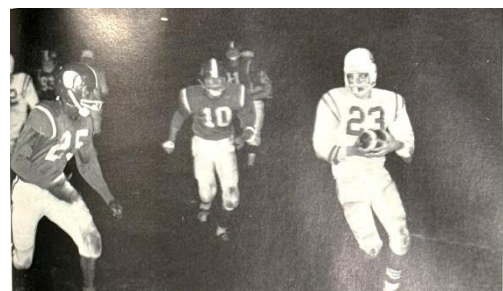
  

PASSING:	Throws	Completions	Had Intercepted	TD Pass	Yards Gained
Greenville	59	31	2	11	707
Opponents	110	27	17*	3	365

\*4 Interceptions returned for TD's, 2 by Lehman, 1 by McGlinch, 1 by Ethell

The Wave ran 609 offensive plays for a net yardage of 3,283 yards, an average of about 5.3 yards per play, and 328.3 yards per game. The Wave's opponents ran only 447 plays for a net yardage of 1,413 yards, an average of 3.2 yards per play, and a mere 141.3 yards per game. Greenville had a total of 162 first downs to their opponents' 78.

**Terry McGlinch GHS 1965 (below)**





The **Athletic Board of Control** existed every year to oversee the different sports programs and was made up of coaches and administrators. >>>

The great Fall '64 team lost only to Piqua, 24-22, and to Dayton Fairview, 16-14. (below)



Row 1: Tony DiRocco, James Mannix, Coney Cornett, Beryl Hensel, Blair Irvin. Row 2: Tom Franz, David Reinke, John Burkett, Robert Velloney, Clarence Gueth, John Subs.

## *Greenwave Football Squad*



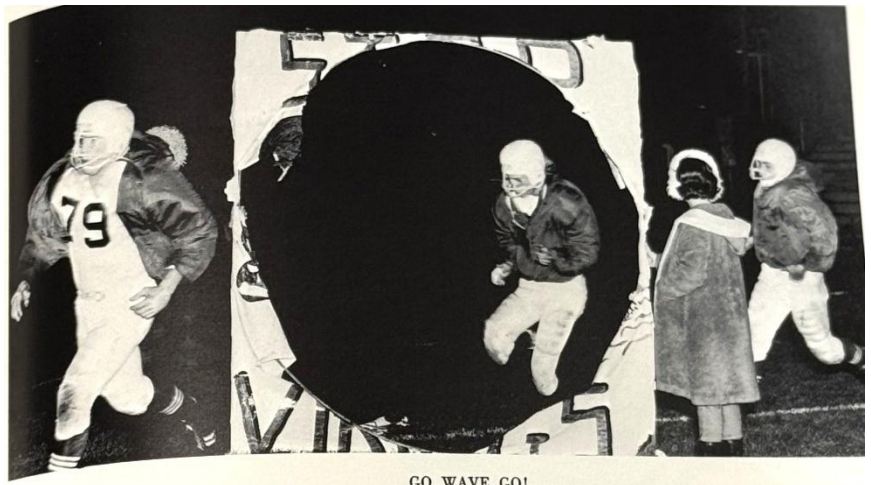
Left to right: Row 1: Bob Prothater, Mike Coffman, Jim Hunt, Rick Karns, Bob Brandon, Jim Holland, Jerry Brunswick, Tom McGriff, Scott Welbaum, David Steinmetz, John Buell. Row 2: Pat MacKenzie, Doug Littman, Steve Stebbins, Pete Meckes, Mike S. Lehman, Rick Klein, Terry McGlinch, Ron Neiswonger, Glen Hollinger, Ed Read, Dave Hawley, Tom Moll, Dave Meckes, Bruce Shepherd, Ted Finnarn. Row 3: John Harless, Terry Tryon, Greg King, Larry Wagner, Steve Garrison, John Greendyke, Ken Willis, Ron Fansler, Ted Ethell, Andre Brand, Gene Smith, Bill Raudabaugh, Dave Raudabaugh, Jerry Bish, Bill Steck, Jim Straker, Mike Smith, Mike Fourman.

G.S.H.S. is proud of the Wave's record this year. The mighty Greenwave romped over eight of their opponents while only Piqua and Dayton Fairview were able to narrow the Wave by a scant two points.



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The Fall '65 season was a rebuilding one, and finished 0-9-1. 1966 Yearbook.



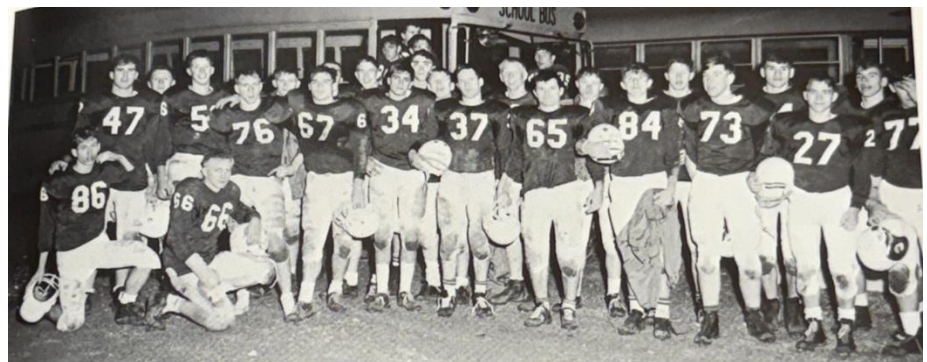
GO, WAVE, GO!

## *The Head Athletic Coaches*



*Left to right—seated:* Clarence Gueth, John Suba, Blair Irvin; *Standing:* Tom Franz, John Burkett, David Reinke, William Shepard.

Fall '66 team after a game >>>>





## Football

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Fall '66 team,  
4-4-2 record >

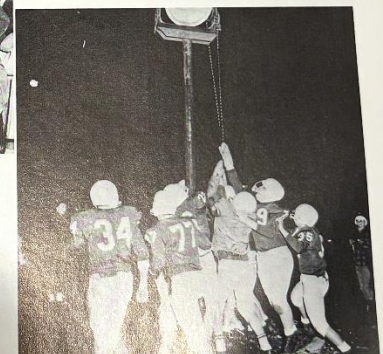
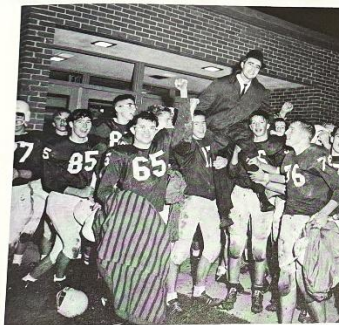
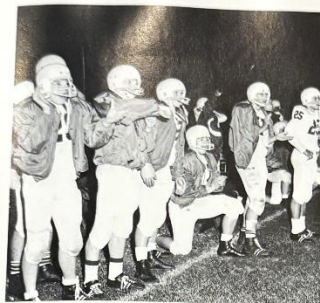


FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Rick Gibson, Steve Lantz, Robert Best, Ted Dohse, Greg Weider, Joel Schinke, Jeff Schmidt. SECOND ROW: Tom McGriff, Bob Prophater, Jerry Detrick, Steve Everhart, Kyle Kagey, Jerry Bish, Fred Dohse, Ted Ross, Doug Wetzel, John Buell, Scott Clum, Steve Straub, Mike Rhoades, Mike Coffman. THIRD ROW: Terry Tryon, Bill Raudabaugh, Phillip Kirkpatrick, Dan Sullenbarger, Ben Honeyman, Mike Fourman, Tom Gueth, Ron McLearn, Mike Anderson, Dave Shoemaker, Brad Malcolm, Greg King, Dave Meckes, Steve Caris.

Homecoming was a 20-0 win over Cincinnati Courter Tech and season ending win over Hamilton.

Fall 1966 Football action, Coach Irvin,  
Ringing the Victory bell >>>>

Fans in the stands and Color Guard  
(below)

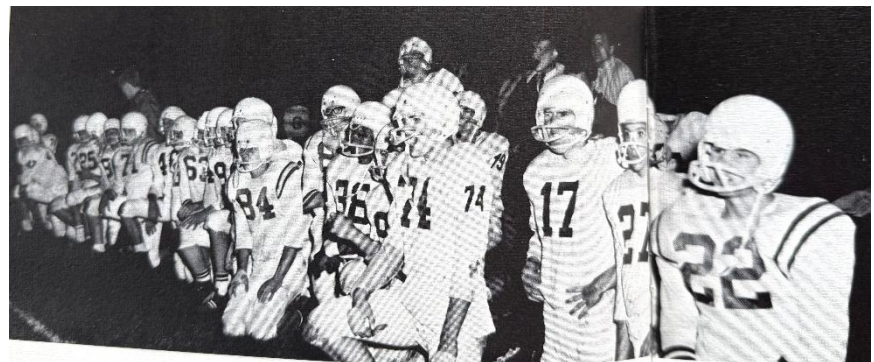
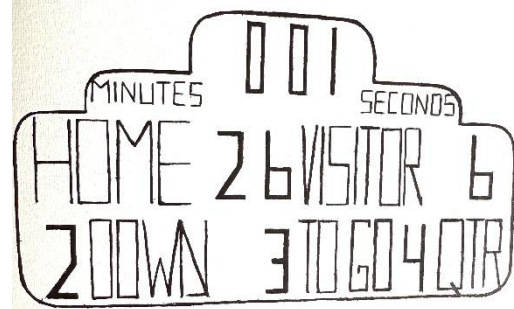
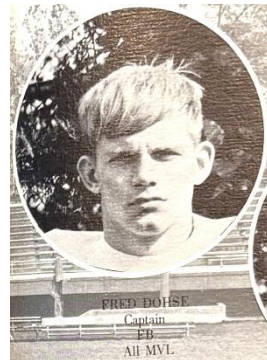
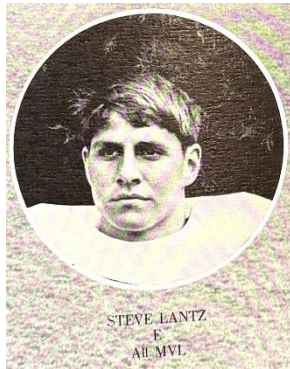




Fall 1967 football team won three of the first four games but injuries sent the team into a tailspin. The first team All-MVL selections were end/receiver **Steve Lantz** GHS 1968 and fullback and captain **Fred Dohse** GHS 1968. The team finished with 4-6 record.

Steve Lantz (below)

Fred Dohse (below)



Fall 1967 team:



*Front Row:* Steve Lantz, Steve Straub, Dan Gueth, Kent Zechar, Nick Palmer, Joel Schinke, Bob Best, Greg Tantom, Fred McMaken, Tim Sharp. *Second Row:* Manager Allan Cole, Ron Light, Ron Ord, Sonny Clapp, Mike Brandon, Greg Weider, Dan Judy, Scott Clum, Mike Johnson, Mike Rhoades, Jim Broderick, Tom Buell, Tom Riffle. *Third Row:* Mike Kidd, Jim Carr, Line Coach DiRocco, Phil McGriff, Steve Maitlen, Bob McLear, Jeff Smith, Mike Tryon, Jimmy Johnson, Marion Arnold, Ted Sink, Phil Kirkpatrick, Dave Grooms, Doug Wetzel, Fred Dohse. *Fourth Row:* End Coach Morris, Head Coach Steele, Ron McLear, Mike Hahn, Dave Shoemaker, Brad Malcolm, Dan Sullenbarger, Mike Anderson, Tom Gueth, Steve Everhart, Kyle Kagey, Mike Badger, Tom Coffman, Jeff Schmidt.





## Ralph Thomas Clutter

1945-2024

**Ralph Thomas Clutter** passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 18, 2024, at the Iowa State University Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, following a series of ischemic strokes. He was 79.

Ralph was born on May 30, 1945, in New Eagle, Pennsylvania to Ralph Jay Clutter, department store manager, and Ruth Lillian (nee) Peters, housewife and secretary. He is survived by his brother, Ted (Clarkston, WA), and sister, Virginia (nee) Gibson (Dayton, Ohio).

He attended St. Mary's Catholic grade school, and graduated with honors in math and science from Greenville Senior High School in Greenville, Ohio in 1963.

Ralph enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving in a Top Secret capacity in Hawaii until his

Honorable Discharge in 1965. Following his military service, he worked for various businesses in the Greenville area – from manufacturing and product delivery, to construction and sales.

He started his journey into transcendental meditation in the late-1960s under the teachings of **Maharishi Mahesh Yogi**. He moved to Fairfield, Iowa in the early 1980s to foster techniques for spiritual fulfillment and enlightenment at Maharishi International University.

Ralph enjoyed MIU's educational programs and diversity of cultures and backgrounds. He was well known and loved among the town's community of meditators, and he faithfully participated in the university's many group efforts for world peace and other causes over the years.

He worked for several years as a university locksmith. Ralph was forever inquisitive, with interests during his life that included chemistry, astronomy, electronics -- but above all, mathematics. He enjoyed tinkering with radios and gadgets, so had many close friends in Fairfield's second-hand shops.

Ralph was also a dynamic student of the world. His greatest joy was international travel with the love of his life, **Inci Eravci** – from the broad expanse of the United States to the capitals of Europe and many nations of Africa – to the entire subcontinent of India and Thailand. He especially loved the beautiful seaside city of Izmir Turkey, where he lived and visited often.

Ralph's ashes have found their rest in the beautiful Clearwater River in north Idaho, at a place where his many adventures began in the late-1960s.



Ralph's brother, **Ted Clutter** GHS 1969, sent us this update on his family, which was very well known in the 1950s and 1960s. "**Ralph Clutter** GHS 1963, was one of the best math and science (physics and chemistry) students ever at GHS in the early 1960s, and always scored well on the annual Miami Scholarship tests for any GHS student." Any student could take preliminary standardized tests and the highest scorers would go to Piqua to compete with the state's best high school students. Ralph's areas of expertise put him near the top in these math and science tests, and in the Top 20 students in his 1963 class.

"Our second brother, **Bill Clutter** GHS 1965, passed away from cancer in January of 2021. He was the victim of a bad automobile accident during the summer after he graduated in 1965, from which he suffered from for the rest of his life. He earned a bachelor's degree in Zoology from Ohio State University and became a successful businessman in Dayton. He built the second largest chemical application lawncare business in the state of Ohio and sold it to ChemLawn on his retirement in the early 2000s. His daughter is an accountant with two adult children and they all live in Florida. Bill was an avid traveler of the world and was an excellent fly fisherman. As a young college graduate and newly married with his baby daughter, Bill gallantly took on the responsibility of raising our little sister, **Virginia Clutter**, after our mother **Ruth Clutter** died of cancer in 1971. Our father **Ralph Jay Clutter** was an assistant manager of G.C. Murphys department store on Broadway, and he died in 1956. Virginia finished high school in Dayton and is a happily married housewife in Dayton now, with two adult children."

**Ted** left Ohio right after graduation from GHS, where he worked in the woods for the U.S. Forest Service as a surveyor and firefighter/lookout for several years. "Eventually, I received a Bachelors and Masters degrees from the College of Mines and Earth Resources at the University of Idaho. I then worked a career in industrial public affairs as Communications Director for the Pennsylvania Coal Association, followed by ED for the Geothermal Resources Council (California international association for the development of geo power plants). Then I did contract Public Relations work for the Geothermal Exchange Organization (Illinois heat pump manufacturers association) until I retired in eastern Washington state in 2018. I've traveled the country and the world extensively. My photography and writing on nature and industry have been published in magazines and online around the world."

*Ralph, 1963 Senior*



*Bill, 1965 Senior*



*Ted, 1969 Senior*

