



Gene Blanton

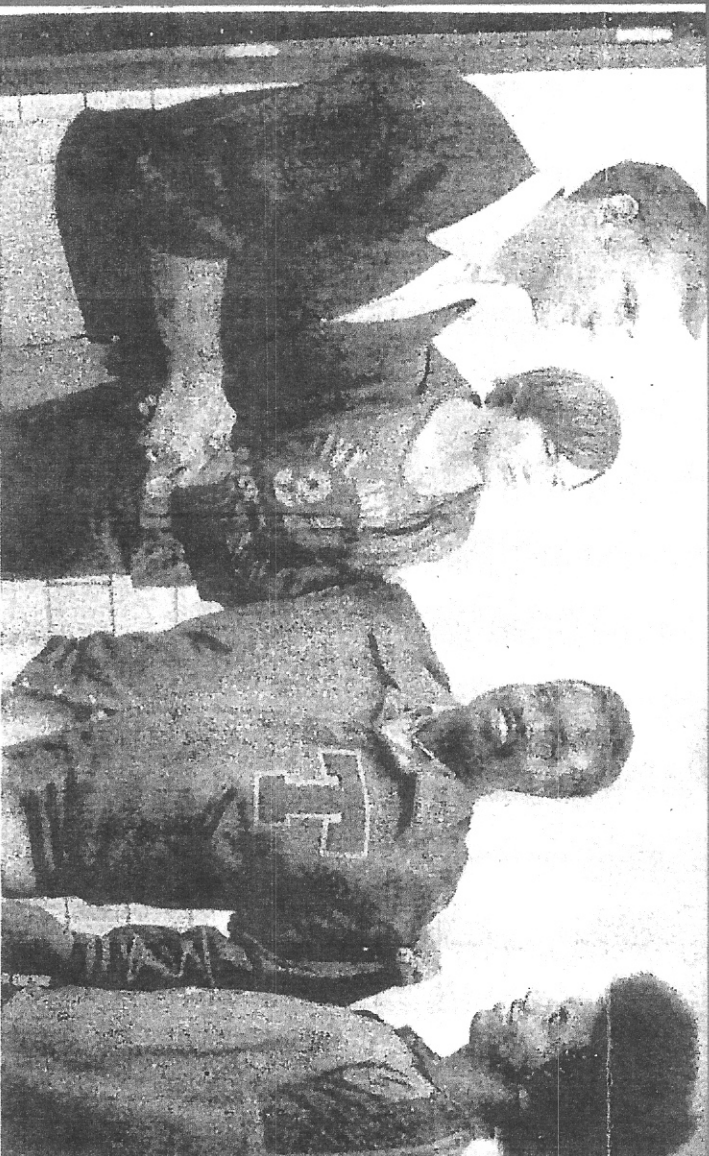
# Jon Chambers

- ❖ Gene Blanton was born on June 2, 1929 in Beaumont, Texas
- ❖ Gene and his family moved to Kerrville in 1960, and he served as Principal of Tivy High School for 17 years (the longest tenure at THS.)
- ❖ He also served as Assistant to the Superintendent, and in 1978 moved to the Central Office as the Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.
- ❖ He retired in 1990 serving his final year as Interim Superintendent.

Gene recalls with feeling that he was a part of the “Glory Days” at THS... The Basketball team coached by Jim Reid won two State Basketball Championships back to back, the Golf Team won the State Championship with John Mahafey, and the Track Team were Champions with Tony Bill. It has been estimated that Gene attended approximately 6,000 sporting events during his 30 years at KISD!



# Leonard "Lightning" Hardemon



**ANTLER FAN "LETTERS"**—Longtime Tivy Antler fan, Leonard "Lightning" Hardemon, was presented with a Tivy letterman's jacket by Tivy athletic director Bob Boyd (far left) as Antler athletes Sid Michel and Bill Jackson observe. Har-

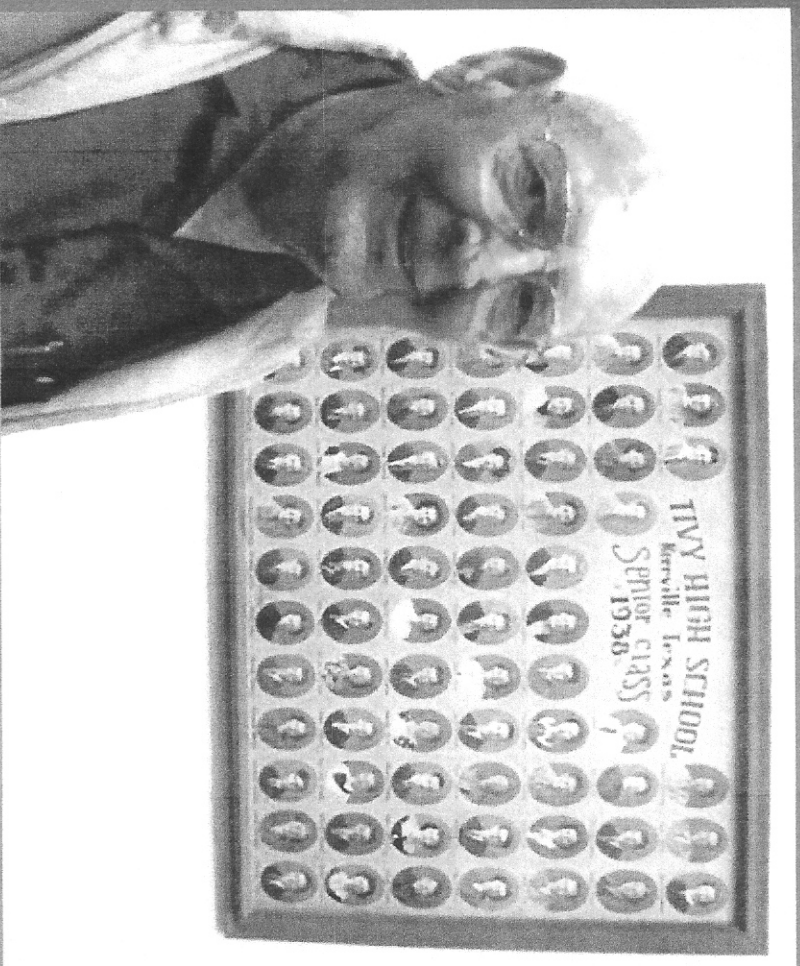
denon is a loyal supporter of football, basketball, baseball and all Tivy sports which makes him one of the Antlers' top fans. (Times Staff Photo by LaFayette Reed)

# Leonard Lightning Hardemon

“Lightning” the Super Fan was born to Sherman and Agnes Hardemon October 24, 1936. In the community where he lived many of his friends and loved ones called him “Lightning” and he always responded with a smile. He was always a kind and loving person in a special kind of way. He attended Doyle School and was loved by his teachers and classmates. Leonard didn’t play sports but he was an avid fan of the teams, and could be seen at each game offering assistance with the towels, water and equipment. Leonard was awarded a Tivy Antler Sports Jacket and wore it with pride. He had a servant’s heart. Leonard’s attitude was so much like a poem by an unknown author:

*If a task is once begun  
Never leave it ‘till it’s done  
Be the labor great or small  
Do it well or not at all*





Francis “Fuzzy” Howland Swayze  
(THS Graduate of 1936)

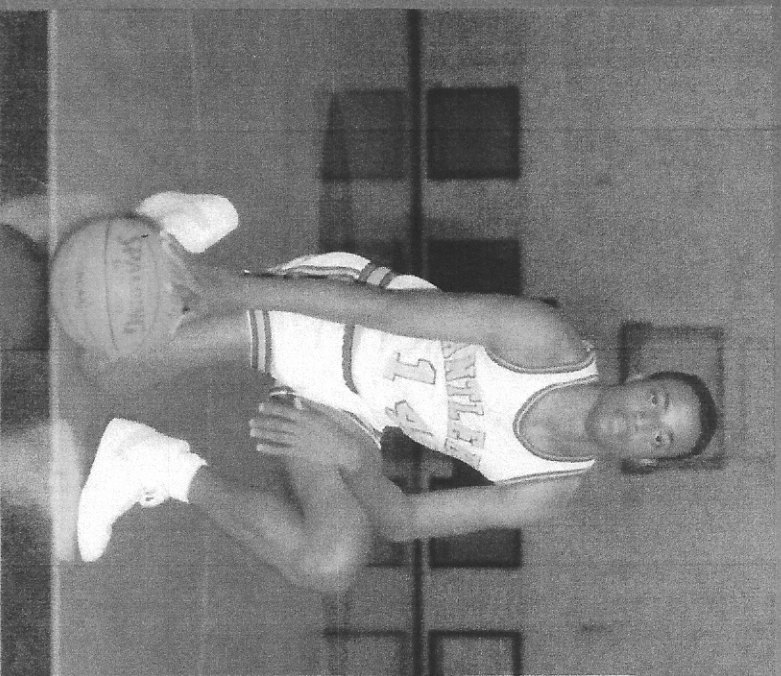
# Francis “Fuzzy” Howland Swayze

Francis “Fuzzy” Howland Swayze was the Yearbook Staff Manager and “Ragknot” for the 1936 State Football Team. When he graduated from Tivy High School in 1936 there were only 11 graduates in his class.

He went on to serve in the U.S. Army during WWII. In June of 1946, he married his sweetheart, Nell, and after the War, he opened Swayze Studio.

He and Nell bought Tivy Football season tickets when they were first offered in 1954, and had the same seats until 2016!





**Thirman Dimery**  
(THS Graduate of 1988)

# Thirman Dimery

Thirman was born in Kerrville and graduated from Tivy in 1988. He was a four year letterman in football, basketball and track. During those four years at THS, his football letter included 1<sup>st</sup> team All District Punter, and 2<sup>nd</sup> team All District Wide Receiver. He was a two time All State First Team, and was selected for the 1987-88 All Star Game.

He was also a Tivy Basketball Hall of Famer inducted into the Class of 2017 in the Boys State Semi-Finalist Team of 1986-87.

After high school, he played and held many records at Schreiner University, graduating in 1993.

A former coach Jim Jost, said of Thirman...

*"he was a great rebounder and passer; he was a defensive dominate and excelled in every aspect of the game; he was just a great kid."*

He is currently living in Kerrville and married to another Kerrville native, Michelle Bill-Dimery. He has two children, Layton and McKenzie, and is employed by KISD as a PE teacher at Tally Elementary School.