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*DEDICATION*

We, the students of Besse High School, respectfully dedicate this issue of the Besse Breeze to our esteemed friend and teacher

Ralph E. Delano

whose friendship and good sportsmanship have won him so many friends during the short time he has been here.

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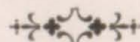
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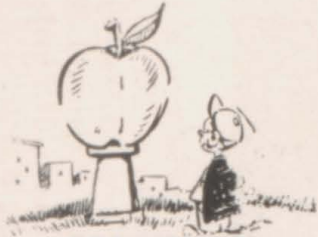
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# EDITORIAL

## SUCCESS



What is success? Is it money, business or fame? It is hard to say. However we hear people say that so and so is a great success; Mr. Smith's grocery store is a great success and so on. Success is one of the most coveted things in the world, yet it is hard to define. My idea of success is different from your idea. How then are we to judge who has been successful and who hasn't?

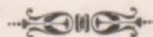
The person himself is the only one in the world who can tell whether he has been a success or a failure. He knows whether he has accomplished the things that he set out to do. He knows whether he has made the castles he built while day-dreaming into realities. He knows whether he has lived up to the ideals which he has set up for himself.

Therefore let us not judge the other fellow. We know not of his inward thoughts and desires. Maybe hardships and trials have kept him down in the lot. On the other hand perhaps he has already met the prosperous termination of the enterprise which he sought. Rather than think about the other fellow let's think about our own individual selves.

Have you met the prosperous termination of the enterprise which you most sought through life? In other words, have you met success? You think it over and say, "No, I don't think I have. There is a lot more I would like to accomplish." So it is with many. Seeking success is often times like trying to find the end of a rainbow. For years and years one may try for success, thinking it a little way off. It is this that keeps up his courage. Then perhaps things grow darker and his rainbow disappears beneath a cloud. He sits down in despair and is about to say, "I've failed," when the sunshine comes forth again giving him new hopes and courage.

Although success in life may seem as hopeless in attainment as the end of a rainbow at times, it is not. It crowns our efforts when we are least expecting it and many times in our darkest hours. Therefore one must be willing to go through the dark hours of life. Besides the chance of meeting with success here they serve to make our bright hours even brighter.

Remember when you are striving through life that success may be nearest to you when failure seems most imminent. Be willing to accept your harder tasks, for success will crown our efforts after we have gone "Through Trails To Triumph."



 **DRAMATICS** 



Seated: l. to r.: S.Cookson; E.Rhoda; E.Baker; A.Hamilton; E.Bradstreet.  
 Standing: P.McKiel; P.Day; F.Harding; Mrs.McKechnie, Coach; R.Lee; V.Higgins; H.Fuller.

**“AUNT SUSIE SHOOTS THE WORKS”**

The play “Aunt Susie Shoots The Works” was presented at the I.O.O.F. Hall on April 4, by the Senior Class of 1941. The cast were as follows:

Elinor Baker got many laughs in the part of Aunt Susie Stowe, an eccentric old maid. Ethelyn Bradstreet played her part well as Joy Herbert, a fascinating young lover. Earle Rhoda made all the girls’ hearts open to him with his role as Johnny Rogers, Joy’s fiance. Arnold Hamilton was up to his old tricks making love to all the girls and finally winning Aunt Susie. Floyd Harding and Phyllis McKiel did a splendid job as LaSalle and Scarlet, two negro servants. Ralph Lee playing the part of the villian, Slick Conway; Hilda Fuller as a lawyer, named Portia Lark. Violet Higgins as Cynthia and Phyllis Day as Laura Dawson all helped give an enjoyable evening. Shirley Cookson as Madam Zola, a partner of Slick’s played her part well, and added to the mystery of the play. All characters acted their parts well, due to the excellent coaching of Mrs.McKechnie.





## ANNUAL BAZAAR

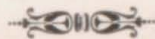
One of the major attractions of every school year at Besse is the Bazaar held this year on Nov. 27, 1940. Everyone looks forward to this event with much enthusiasm and this year, as in other years, it was very successful, clearing \$106.00

Everyone that attended this highlight of the season remembers the different booths . . . . .but just to refresh your memory they were: White Elephant; Grab Bag; Fancy Work; Side Shows; Fortune Telling; Penny Toss; Ring Toss; & that popular game . . . BINGO!

There were advanced tickets sold on a turkey and quilt, and also a rooster sold by Chinese auction. This year a new plan was adopted whereby a supper was served at 6:00 p.m.

In the evening two plays were presented. "The Pampered Darling," coached by Mr. Delano, and presented by the following Freshmen: Boyd Fuller; Helen Ireland; Roberta Noyes; Clifford Lee; Harold Marden; Leora Martin; Phyllis McKiel; Thelma Martin; Dora Cookson; Bernard Martin, and Harry Tuttle.

"Elmer," coached by Miss Plummer, was presented by the following Sophomores: Phyllis Day; Lloyd Ireland; Arlene Blaisdell; Virginia Rideout; Clyde Higgins; Avonne Rowe; Patricia Day; Mavor Clarke, and Arlene Elliott. Following the plays was a dance with music by Copeland's Orchestra.



### GRADUATION

By Elinor Baker '41

White dresses and blue suits,  
High honors and class parts,  
Pompous march and music clear,  
Goodbye tears and open road.  
White dresses, Pure and clean,  
Blue suits, All bright with sheen,  
High honors, Joyous and proud,  
Class parts, Honored and loud,  
Pompous march, With tread of feet,  
Music clear, So bright and sweet,  
Goodbye tears, So short and sad,  
Open road, To the lass and lad,  
Graduation!

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### SENIOR CLASS



#### Elinor Audrey Baker

Elinor's carefree manner has won her many friends at Besse. She is very industrious and is always willing to help the others out. She is rather quiet about her future life, but we have an idea that the new house going up on the Pond Road has something to do with it. We all wish you the best of luck, Elinor.

#### Activities:

Freshman Play (1) Glee Club (1,2,3) Class Treas. (2) Bazaar Comm. (2,3,4) Junior reading (3) Junior play (3) Student Council (3) Edit. board (3,4) Senior play (4) Operetta (4). Class History.

--Guy Patterson



#### Ethelyn Bradstreet

Ethelyn, we have been fortunate in having you with us our four years at Besse. You have been a friend to us all and have shown yourself capable in all that you have participated in. Bon Chance.

#### Activities:

Basketball (1,2,3,4) Capt. (4) Softball (1,2,3,4) Capt. (2,4) Mgr (3) Junior play (2,3) Sr. play (4) Jr. reading (3) 1st. prize, girls. Interscholastic speaking contest (3) 2nd. prize. U. of M. speaking contest (3) Chairman, Jr. reading (4) Student council (2,4) Secretary (4) Class Vice President (4) Bazaar committee (2,3,4) Editorial Board (3,4) Ping-Pong Champion for girls (4) Minstrel show chorus (4) Salutory

--Hilda Fuller



#### Herbert Warren Brown

Herbert, better known as "Red" is among the most popular Senior boys in this high school. His disposition is of the finest type, and during the four years that he has attended high school he has never been found out of sorts or cross at anyone. His most outstanding feature is his baseball, in which he is well known as a "south-paw" pitcher. Good luck to you "Red."

#### Activities:

Baseball (1,2,3,4) Basketball (3) Student Council (3) Bazaar Committee (3) Minstrel show chorus (4). Class Will

--Arnold Hamilton



#### Shirley Alberta Cookson

Shirley is the silent member of our class. Her motto is "Slow but Sure." She sometimes takes time from her work to flirt with the boys. We all wish her all the luck needed at Farmington Normal School.

#### Activities:

Basketball (1,2,3,4) Softball (1,2,3,4) Jr. reading (3) 2nd. prize for girls. Jr. play (3) Sr. play (4) Student Council (4) Bazaar Committee (4) Minstrel show chorus (4) Operetta [4] Tonette Orchestra [4]. Class Prophecy

Ethelyn Bradstreet

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### **Charlene Hilda Fuller**

Hilda is of the quiet type and likes to study hard. Whatever she attempts to do will be done, and without a shirk. To Hilda we wish the best of luck.

--Ralph Lee

#### **Activities:**

Student Council(1) Edit.board (1,2,3,4) Freshman Play (1) Sophomore Play(2) Jr. reading(3)Senior play(4) Class Secretary and Treasurer(3,4) Bazaar Committee(3,4) School Reporter(3,4) D.A.R. Candidate. Operetta(4) Jr.play(3) Honor Essay



### **Arnold Clinton Hamilton**

Arnold has been with us four years here at Besse and we have all enjoyed being with him. His career has been somewhat of the feminine side. He is noted as Besse's No.1 heart-breaker. Besides a heart-breaker, he was a killer-diller in plays and other school activities. We want to wish you all the luck that personality can bring you Arnold.

--Earle Rhoda

#### **Activities:**

Class Vice President(1) President(2,3,4) Editorial Board(3,4) 1 act play(2) Jr. play(1,2,3) Sr. play(2,3,4) Student Council(4) Treas.(4) Bazaar Comm.(3,4) Jr. reading(3) 2nd.prize. Montgomery speaking contest(3) Baseball(1,2,3) Mgr.(4) Football mgr(4) Minstrel chorus(3,4) Operetta(4) Address to Undergraduates



### **Violet Pearle Higgins**

Violet has a smile and a bit of good cheer for everybody. She is always ready to lend a helping hand to whomever might need it. Here's to your success, Violet.

#### **Activities:**

Glee Club[1,2] Softball[1,2] Student Council[3] Junior reading [3] Junior play [3] Senior play [4] Operetta [4] Bazaar committee [3,4] Presentation of Gifts



### **Floyd Leon Harding**

Floyd is the highest ranking member of our class and during his four years at Besse, has taken part successfully in nearly all of our school activities. He has been an excellent booster for our class. Congratulations from all of us, Floyd, on your success so far attained and we hope your luck continues all thru life. --Elinor Baker

**Activities:** Edit.board(1,2,3,4) Editor(4) Student council(2,3,4) Treas.(2,3) Pres (4) Mgr. Basketball(2,3) Mgr. Baseball(2,3) Jr. reading(3) 1st.prize, boys. Interscholastic speaking contest(3,4) 1st.prize, boys(3) Class Vice Pres.(3) Sophomore play(2) Jr. play [3] Sr. play(3,4) Minstrel show(3,4) Bazaar Comm.(2,3,4)

Valedictory





**Ralph Amos Lee**

Ralph is a happy-go-lucky fellow, always ready with a smile---for a girl. He has gained fame at Besse for his ability in sports. Keep up the good work, Ralph, and good luck to you.

**Activities:**

--Violet Higgins

Baseball(1,2,3,4) Basketball(1,2,3,4) Football (2,3,4) Capt-  
tain(4) Junior play(3) Prize speaking(3) Senior play(4) Oper-  
etta(4) Class History



**Claude Harold Patterson**

Although you have been with us but two years, Pat, you certainly did your part in school activities. Your superb ability in sports has won you the admiration of many. With your good cheer and ability, you should go far in life. May life's best be yours.

Floyd Harding

**Activities:**

Baseball(3,4) Co-Captain(4) Basketball(3,4) Football(3,4)  
Jr.play (3) Minstrel show chorus (3,4) Bazaar Committee (4)  
Operetta(4) Class Poem



**Guy Raymond Patterson**

Guy is one of the most active members of our class. Although being with us only two years, he has achieved much in the line of sports, taking part in all. He is very good natured and well liked by all.

Herbert Brown

**Activities:**

Basketball(3,4) Baseball(3,4) Football(3,4) Bazaar Comm.  
(4) Checker Champion(4) Gifts to girls



**Earle Phillip Rhoda**

Earle has been very active in all school activities. In plays he has made the girls' hearts pant, while in sports he has brought cheers from all. Earle, we wish to extend to you our sincere wishes that you become a great success.

Shirley Cookson

**Activities:**

Track (1) Basketball (1,2,3,4) Capt. (4) Baseball (1,2,3,4)  
Co-Capt.(4) Football(2,3,4) Class Vice Pres.(2) Edit. board  
(1,2,3,4) Jr.play(3) Sr.play(3,4) Bazaar committee (1,2,3,4)  
MinstrelShow(3,4) Operetta(4). Class Prophecy



Standing: C.Walcott; B.Fuller; M.West; W.Basford; R.Marden; H.Higgins; L.Ireland; F.Libby; Coach Kelley. Seated: G.Patterson; R.Lee; E.Rhoda, Capt. C.Patterson; C.Higgins; H.Marden. Read: r. to l:

## CENTRAL MAINE CHAMPS

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

After four hard years of building and drilling, Coach Kelley produced a winning team that chalked up a record that this school hasn't seen in some time, if ever. The Owl Quintet won the Waldo County League Championship without a defeat, the first time such a feat has been accomplished in several years. With a record of seventeen straight wins, the owls were awarded an undisputed claim of the Central Maine Championship, and the right to play in the Eastern Maine Tourney at Brewer where they met their Waterloo at the hands of Medway High by a score of 17-11. For the whole season the Besse Boys scored a total of 793 to 372 for their opponents.

The starting outfit of Captain Rhoda, C.Patterson, Captain-elect C.Higgins, G.Patterson, and R.Lee, is a Senior group with the exception of Higgins, who is a Sophomore.

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### GIRLS' SOFTBALL



**Standing: l. to r.: A.Perkins, A.Rowe, A.Bessey, D.Cookson, L.Martin, Coach Delano. Seated: P. Day, S.Cookson, V.Rideout, M.Stanley, E.Bradstreet, Capt. M.Bessey, P.McKiel, Pat. Day, H.Ireland.**

As in basketball, the Besse girls were lacking experienced players for softball. To try to build up a team, softball was started in the fall with Mr. Delano as coach. Two games were played with Morse Memorial High School of Brooks and Besse was defeated in both. With this fall's training and more to come, Coach Delano and the girls are looking forward to a successful season this Spring.

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#### GIRLS' PLAYDAY

On May 25, 1940, the Besse High girls were hostesses to the girls from Unity High and Morse Memorial High of Brooks.

Despite the rainy weather all events were held outdoors.

The events held in the forenoon and their winners were:

50 yard dash-- 1st. Al.Mitchell(U), 2nd. Brown(M), 3rd. I.McCormick(U), 4th. E.Cookson(B), 5th. Olsen(B).

100 yard dash-- 1st. Al. Mitchell (U), 2nd. S.Raven (M), 3rd. Cookson (B), 4th. Perkins(B), 5th. Roberts(M).

Softball throw(overhand)-- 1st. M. Hamlin (M), 2nd. M. Berdeen (U), 3rd. Sullivan(M), 4th. Glidden(B), 5th. Clifford(U).

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The second team composed of Ireland, Libby, H.Marden, M.West and C.Lee are Sophomores and Freshmen. Their relief work helped the varsity outfit a great deal and with the experience gained this season a winning five can surely be formed.

For the hard work and fine record this season, Coach Kelley will present the boys with jackets.

In spite of loss by graduation of four starters, Coach Kelley expects to have an experienced group to work with next season.

The games played and scores follows:      <sup>x</sup> Indicates games played at home.

	BESSE	OPPONENTS		BESSE	OPPONENTS
Walker <sup>x</sup>	41	26	Alumni <sup>x</sup>	36	27
Unity	63	13	Islesboro <sup>x</sup>	24	8
Freedom	32	8	Coburn J. V. <sup>x</sup>	43	24
Searsport	32	28	Clinton	57	24
Winterport <sup>x</sup>	36	20	Morse	42	18
Walker	52	19	Morse <sup>x</sup>	36	28
Freedom <sup>x</sup>	71	13	Searsport <sup>x</sup>	46	34
Winterport	42	40	Unity <sup>x</sup>	69	11
Clinton <sup>x</sup>	63	14	Medway	11	17

Total Points: Besse 796

Opponents: 372



### GIRLS' PLAYDAY cont. from opposite page.

Softball throw (underhand)-- 1st. M.Hamlin (M), 2nd. Small (M), 3rd. B. Mitchell (U), 4th. Olsen (B), 5th. Berdeen (U).

Basketball throw-- 1st. Cookson (B), 2nd. Young (B), 3rd. Hamlin (M), 4th. Berdeen (U), 5th. Glidden (B).

Relay Race-- 1st. Morse High, 2nd. Unity High, 3rd. Besse High.

Standing broad jump-- 1st. Young (B), 2nd. Cookson (B), 3rd. M. Berdeen (U), 4th. Glidden (B), 5th. Raven (M).

At noon dinner was served by the Besse girls and parents, after which two softball games were played.

In the first game Morse met Unity and Unity came out victorious. Besse then came in possession of the cup by defeating Unity, which completed the days activities.

Certificates were awarded to the individual contestants in the field events and a cup was presented to the winner of softball.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Read: l. to r.: Standing: P.McKiel; H.Ireland; D.Cookson; S.Cookson; Coach Delano; M.Stanley; V.Rideout; M.Bessey; Pat. Day. Seated: P. Day, E. Bradstreet, Capt., A.Rowe.

This year has been very unsuccessful for the girls' basketball team. This was due to the lack of experienced players. By graduation last spring the team lost their first six team players and two subs.

With only one letterman, Captain E. Bradstreet, Coach Delano started to build a team. The squad consisted of two Seniors, two Juniors, three sophomores and five Freshmen. Those making up the first team were: Capt. Bradstreet, Capt.-elect Rowe, Phyllis Day, S. Cookson, D. Cookson, and Stanley. The remainder of the squad consisted of Mgr. M. Bessey, A. Bessey, Rideout, McKiel, Ireland and Pat. Day. Every member of the squad saw action enough to be a letter winner.

With a more experienced team, the loss of only two players, and Capt. Rowe to guide her team, Coach Delano is looking forward to a successful season next year.

The games played and the score follows:

	BESSE	OPPONENTS		BESSE	OPPONENTS
Liberty x	15	41	Unity	11	49
Islesboro x	23	14	Freedom	19	27
Searsport	11	39	Clinton	21	40
Winterport	15	29	Brooks	25	18
Liberty	11	29	Brooks x	13	23
Freedom x	17	43	Searsport x	17	34
Winterport	16	24	Unity x	15	39
Clinton x	23	18			

x indicates games played at home.

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## BOYS FOOTBALL



Standing: l. to r.: Mr. Delano, M. West, G. McKinney, L. Taylor, F. Clarke, R. Marden, H. Marden, H. Tuttle, C. Wolcott, Coach Kelley, A. Hamilton.  
Seated: R. Fuller, F. Libby, E. Rhoda, L. Ireland, G. Patterson, R. Lee, C. Patterson, C. Higgins, C. Lee, B. Fuller.

This year as in the past two years, Besse has been represented by a football team. Seventeen men reported to Coach Kelley for the first practice.

The starting outfit was composed of a Senior line with C. Patterson and G. Patterson as ends and Capt. Lee at center. The backfield listed L. Ireland at half, C. Higgins at quarter, and C. Lee at full. They will run for Besse for sometime longer, for two are Sophomores the other a Freshman. E. Rhoda, B. Fuller, F. Clarke and F. Libby were a fine troop to relieve the starters at any time.

The entire squad received letters which makes prospects very bright for the coming season. We lose four Seniors but have a large group of reserves ready to take over. Under Chief Mentor Kelley, who we wish to thank for all he did this season, we look forward to another banner season next year.

Next year Besse will play in a league composed of four other teams and possibly more.

The games played and the scores:

x indicates games at home.

Camden	12	Besse	8
Phillips	36	Besse	31
Rockland x	0	Besse	24
Rockland	6	Besse	13
Camden x	6	Besse	42
Phillips x	6	Besse	29

Total points: Opponents: 66

Besse: 147

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### J.V. BASKETBALL



The Jayvee team, started by Coach Kelley last year, proved so successful in giving the players experience that the team was continued this year. They played five games and came out with five wins.

The J. V. squad started the year out with ten boys. Mr. Kelley's fine coaching developed the boys into a great team. The team consisted of: Forest Libby Harold Marden, Clifford Lee, Carroll Walcott, Boyd Fuller, Ralph Marden, Fred Clark, Wesley Basford, Clifton Bagley and Harvey Higgins. Harold Marden was chosen captain for the past year.

The season's record:

	BESSE	OPPONENTS
Freedom J.V.	19	7
Walker J.V.	24	10
Morse J. V.	21	18
Freedom J.V.	42	13
Getchell St. Boys' Club	33	19

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## JUNIOR PRIZE SPEAKING



On March 7, the Juniors held their annual Junior Prize Speaking contest at the Grange Hall. Being a small class there were only six speakers. Those taking part were Richard Fuller, Mary Bessey, Alice Perkins, Wesley Basford, Donald Trask and Phyllis Day. The first prize was won by Phyllis Day, second prize by Alice Perkins and third by Richard Fuller. Mr. Delano coached the speakers.

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### BESSE'S FACULTY

By Virginia Rideout.

Mr. Kelley, our principal  
And friend, unto the end,  
Is ever trying to guide us,  
Our faculty ways to mend.

Mrs. McKechnie, another friend  
And teacher to us all,  
Has surely fulfilled her duties  
Since she entered here last fall.

Mr. Delano, our English teacher,  
And leader of all our songs,  
Has established a friendship among us,  
We hope it won't go wrong.

With these wonderful teachers  
And pupils that try to lead,  
Why shouldn't we be thankful?  
Why shouldn't we all succeed?

### CLASS ODE

--Tune: Auld Lang Syne--

By Elinor Baker, '41

Oh, Besse High, we'll ne'er forget  
The trials and triumphs too,  
The studies and the pleasures that  
We met our four years through.

And now we're on the open road  
We hope to travel through  
We'll ne'er forget dear Besse High  
Until our life is through.

# LITERATURE



## A MIDNIGHT EXPERIENCE

By Phyllis Day

It was the deathly hour. I was awakened by the screaming siren of the Fairfield Fire Department as it raced by to put out the fire of our neighbor's barn. In the dim red light caused by the flames I saw that my watch hands pointed out 12 o'clock. Thunder groaned nearby and the dead-white light of the sharp flashes of lightning mixed with the hazy red of the fire.

It was going to be a horrid storm. I could tell this by the way the rain beat down in the distance. "It certainly is no fit time for a prize mare to foal," I thought as I ran for my clothes. "Darn it," I muttered as I gazed at the empty bed in my brother's room. "Why didn't that fire wake me up a little sooner. I'm going to need help getting Junie up to the barn."

The air was thick with wood smoke as I went into the barn. By the now brightening flare I found a halter and a couple of ropes. Then I started for the horse pasture alone, deciding that the neighbors needed Jim more than I did.

As soon as I struck the cedar grove I started out on a short run. I knew I could find the horses on the other side of the stream that skirted the cedar grove. I was right. As I came across the stream I saw the horses grouped together. They seemed strange and frightened as I went towards them. I spotted Junie but didn't dare to get close enough to the pack to catch her. She was scared, I could tell by the way she pawed the ground. The cries of the neighbor's, the siren, and the flames had turned a bunch of tame horses into a pack of nervous wildcats. I whistled to Ronnie, leader of the herd and my pet. He started to come--"success" I thought, but just as he was almost up to me the roar of "Get away, the wall is collapsing" from the firemen, chased away all his faith in me. He turned and fled and the rest followed as best they could. "I'm getting nowhere fast," I said to myself as I went down a narrow path to head them off. Suddenly I had a bright idea--I knew where the horses were going and what route they had to take to reach their destination. Quickly I ran to the road they had taken. I had gotten there ahead of them, and could hear their pitiful cries of help as they pounded down the path. Fashioning a quick lasso I climbed up a convenient tree out onto its convenient limb, and waited. I didn't have to wait long, for down the path came Ronnie leading the rest.

It's a good thing the horses had slowed down. Otherwise I don't think I could have lassoed Ronnie as easily as I did. He stopped short when he felt the rope tighten about his neck. The other horses stopped also. Slowly I tied the rope about the limb and slipped down the tree. With great dexterity I put the halter on Ronnie, cut the rope, and started to lead him to the barn.

The rain had started to come. It was cold and sharp. The wind had come up too. In fifteen minutes I was leading Ronnie up the runway, closely followed by the rest of the troupe. In three minutes flat they were all in box-stalls.

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That night, or rather that morning, Junie had a little colt. And can you guess what Jim named it?---- why it was PHYLLIS!

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### STUFFED SHIRTS

By Alice Perkins

“What in heck do you think I want to go to an old ladies’ party for, anyway!” came a masculine exclamation from the bathroom. The tone of this sentence was positively exasperated and was the more emphasized by vicious splashing coming from the bath tub.

“Nevertheless, my dear husband you happen to be going and for goodness sakes stop harping about it, will you pul-ease! And another thing, if you get that bath room floor all wet you’ll be the one to mop it up again-----that is, if you don’t break your blamed neck on it first!” This feminine voice came from the adjoining bed room where the lady herself was making her face presentable for a successful evening.

It has always been said that although God’s nature such as the birds, flowers and insects is very interesting, human nature has been found to be much more so. By merely watching this woman, one would readily agree with the above statement. It was very interesting to watch the different expressions which flashed on and off the young woman’s face as she gazed into the mirror. It reminded one of these neon signs that are first bright, then dark, changing so quickly, it surprises you. Several altogether different smiles were reflected back from the mirror only to be displaced by an occasional scowl, when his continuous sputters and splashes broke in on her thoughts.

Why had she married such a hideous person anyway? “It seems to me he’d at least know on what side his bread is buttered,” she said to herself. “It’s his boss’s party and they’re very intelligent people,----well, high class anyway, and---and he might even get a raise out of it if he only knows enough to use the ladies half decent and listen to their chatter.”

Settled as comfortably as George’s tuxedo and his wife’s best dress would allow them to set in the car, a few hours later they drove into the drive of a large ole fashioned house, which was lighted from top to bottom.

“Oh, George, do be careful about your manners, won’t you! Please watch where you step. The last time we attended a formal party you not only stepped on a lady’s train and nearly tripped her but you kept making faces behind peoples back.”

“Okay, Hon, just as you say. I’ll see if I can’t be like all those stuffed shirts----for your sake.”

“My, there certainly is a big crowd here, isn’t there? I’ll bet there’s over two hundred, don’t you George? George, stop gawking at that lady! That’s the latest style dress she’s got on, if you want to know.”

“Oh sure, her dress is fine----what there is of it. I was just wondering why a woman that chatters so much doesn’t lose a few of those chins.”

“George, I ought--hey! look dignified, here comes the host and hostess.”

A swirl of a black velvet skirt and a pair of stiff black legs came forward. The owner of those stiff black legs proved to be the boss himself and he might just as well have not been there at all, for he had no chance to say a word. The hostess proved herself capable of pouring out more words then

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are in the dictionary, in less time than it took George to decide he'd heard enough, and that's going some!

Passing into the main room, George's spouse saw a woman friend and left him to his misery.

Here he was at another one of those high class parties which were so dull and boring. Well, he'd try to mix with the people, if only for his wife's sake. He noticed his wife seemed to be hitting it off pretty good, but then she always did.

There were several groups of persons around the room and probably they were all talking of different subjects.

"Well, here goes," he said as he headed for the group of men around the punch bowl.

Driving home that night George's wife was all aglow with happiness. "Really, George, I was surprised. You made a hit with everyone, Why, I even heard some of the best ladies remark what an excellent young man you were. I was so pleased,---and George, dear, where'd you learn that foreign word that you said to the hostess when you left? She was so flattered. It must have been a nice compliment wasn't it George?"

"Oh, no," mused George, "that was merely the name of a Bolivian pie. Now, don't gasp. She didn't know what it was. Let her *think* it was a compliment. And those women! Do you know I had the grandest talk on children with them. Why once I told them I had six children, the oldest being a boy of three, and then bye and bye mentioned we didn't have any boys, all eight were girls. They were so busy watching the different styles of dresses, they didn't bother puzzling out what I said."

George's wife was dumfounded. No sooner had they reached home than the phone rang. As his wife was still wondering, George answered it.

"Oh! Boy!" he whooped after he hung up. "Iv'e got a promotion!!! The boss said I'd made such an impression that he'd need me to run his business as an assistant. Man-o-War! I'll go to any of those parties now if I have to walk."

"Still it was quite a lot of fun. I nearly died when that old man with the long whiskers set in the punch bowl when it was sitting on the small stand."

George's wife, however, said nothing. She was still wondering.

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### CLARK GABLE

To be with him is--- supposedly--- to be the envy of every woman in America and then some. However, seeing him and his pictures a person has to use his imagination more than his common sense, as his looks are certainly nothing to rave about. He has only enough height to appear respectable when walking with a lady, but unfortunately enough brawn to make up for it.

One look at his face and immediately there comes to ones mind the picture of a large alley cat, whose outstanding features are his ears and whiskers. Eyebrows to match, always draw sighs from the ladies, whether they are elevated up or down. These decorated eyes which, though no better than anyone else's, since they belong to him, are considered irresistible.

From his large flappy ears to his penguin feet he can deck himself out in the most hideous styles and still remain the "ladies' idol."

LETTERS ACROSS THE OCEAN

By Patricia Day, 44

Ever since she was nine and he eleven, Beth and Franz had written to each other. Beth Martin's letter had traveled many miles across the ocean to England and so had his letter to her.

Beth was now fifteen and as she sat on the sofa with a letter in her hand she thought of the first letter she had received from him. It was brief and well written. Beth had memorized it and said to herself, "My Dear Beth Martin," it began politely. "In school the other day our teacher suggested that we write to some children over in America. She had the names and addresses of several American boys and girls. I chose your name because I liked it. I would like very much to correspond with you. If you like the idea will you write to me? I hope you do like the idea because I think it would be very jolly. Faithfully yours, Franz York."

Beth sighed, than read again the plain writing. All the six years that they had written to each other his writing had not changed. Still the same well formed letters, except... the last letter from him.

It was a pitiful and tragic letter, written on a dirty scrap of paper. It made Beth want to cry as she read it. It told about England, (Poor war-torn England). How Franz's mother had been killed before his very eyes as they started for an air-raid shelter. She slipped in the street and he did not notice her absence until he looked back and saw her lying in the street. Then-- he saw a building topple over her. The letter told of how Franz had wandered around, getting what he could to eat and not knowing whether he wanted to live or die. Then, he thought of Beth and wrote to her.

Beth choked and kept on reading the last letter to her. "Next Saturday," she read, "there is a boat leaving for America carrying children. I will try to be on it. Wednesday it will stop in New York Harbor and since you live in New York we may meet."

Today was Tuesday. Beth knew she couldn't sleep that night. Tomorrow she was going to see Franz. Beth's mother and father said Franz could live with them for awhile.

The next morning Beth was up at five-thirty. She was ready to leave for the boat long before her parents.

The boat carrying the children was due at nine. Nine o'clock came, then ten. Beth's parents were getting impatient. At eleven the father was ready to say that they had better go home when they saw a ship coming. It was not the ship carrying the English children. It tied up in the harbor and a man hurried down the gang-plank and told the people waiting something. You probably read in the paper about the British ship that was bombed and sank loaded with British children. Over a hundred children lost their lives. That was what the man told the people. It had just happened.

Beth cried herself to sleep that night. She couldn't help it although she tried not to think of Franz and how near she came to seeing him. But now he was dead.



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Nearly two weeks later Beth came running breathlessly into the house. She had a letter in her hand.

"Mother, Mother, it's from England. It looks like Franz' writing," she cried as she tore it open. Then she read, "Dear Beth: I am so sorry I missed the boat, but I' . . . . Mother! He's sorry he missed the boat. He doesn't know what happened to it." She read on silently. "He's going to try to get over again sometime.

Mrs. Martin spoke to her daughter. "I'm glad he's still alive, Beth. Now set the table, please."

"Oh yes," Beth smiled. "Dad will be home any time."

That night Mr. Martin was smiling as he walked into the home. In back of him, grinning too, was a dark good natured looking boy, about seventeen.

Beth did not notice the boy at first. "Dad," she cried running to her father. "I got a letter today from Franz. He wasn't. . . . Oh, hello," she ended in surprise as she saw the boy.

"Beth," Mr. Martin smiled. "When I was coming home tonight I saw a ship coming into the harbor. I don't know why, but I stopped. There were English children on that ship and. . . . Oh let's skip it all. This is Franz."

After six years of impatient waiting Beth and Franz had met.

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### A GOOD DEED DONE

By Ethelyn Bradstreet. '41

It was the day before the State Championship Basketball game was to be played between the University of Virginia and Richmond College. The University of Virginia had always depended on one forward, Bud Martin, to do the scoring. Without this man the University wouldn't be playing in the State Championship game.

The coach for the University of Virginia was a very strict one and the boys never got away with a thing. That afternoon the coach stated that he wanted all the players to rest and be in bed by eight-thirty or they would not be allowed to play in the game.

All went well that afternoon and the basketball boys were resting in their dorms. Bud had turned in by eight o'clock and was just dozing off when his roommate, Ted, entered the room with a worried look on his face.

"Bud, I have just received a telegram from Mother. She is in financial difficulty and says I must return home. I guess my college days are over. Mom's been a dear to send me as far as she has. So I guess I have to leave in a hurry. I knew this would come sometime." All the time Ted was talking he was packing.

"Come on, and get in bed and leave in the morning. You won't be able to get a train until three-thirty anyway."

"No, I can't, Mother needs me and I've got to get home, somehow," answered Ted.

"But the last train left a half hour ago, you can't go until early morning," Bud said trying to convince Ted to remain.

"I guess you're right," Ted replied despairingly.

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Bud went off to sleep, that is, Ted thought he was asleep, and Ted soon followed him. Bud had known Ted and his Mother for three years, ever since he had been in college. He was just like one of the family and knew what trouble Ted's mother was in. When he was sure Ted was asleep, Bud sneaked out of the Dorm to his bank, and had a thousand dollars wired to Ted's mother. He sent a telegram asking her to wire Ted to remain there, (without letting him know the real circumstances). After this Bud returned to his room. Ted was still sound asleep.

Just as Ted was rising early in the morning to catch the three-thirty train there was a knock at the door. Ted was stunned. Why was anybody calling at this time. The only thing that he could think of was that it was more bad news from his mother. He opened the door and a telegram was handed him.

"Bud, Bud, look, I've got a telegram from mother, I can stay!" screamed Ted trying to awaken Bud.

"What! You can stay? What did she say, how did she get help?" asked Bud acting as innocently as he could.

"I don't know. She didn't say, but I know everything is all right. Oh, boy, I can stay!"

Ted jumped back into bed and every thing went well until about nine-thirty when Bud was asked to call at the coach's office.

As soon as Bud arrived the coach began angrily; "The night watchman tells me you entered the dorm late last night. All I want to tell you is that you don't need to report for play tonight."

Bud walked out of the room not a bit discouraged and went to his classes as usual.

It was time for the game. The players were on the floor, but Ted could not understand . . . . . Bud wasn't there!

Ted hastened to their room and found Bud in bed asleep.

"What's the matter? Why aren't you playing tonight?" Ted burst out after he had awakened Bud.

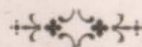
"I flunked my exams I took yesterday and I also sauced the coach and he kicked me off.

"Well, I know it's hopeless to try to play after you've been kicked off by that firecracker, so I guess it's no use to argue," Ted replied very upset. "I'm turning in too, I wouldn't go to any game now that that old wildcat had anything to do with."

University of Virginia was defeated. Everyone was asking where Bud was

Bud went to the coach and made it clear to him why he had returned late that night. He said, "I think that a good deed is better than winning a basketball game. If I hadn't been out late, Ted wouldn't have been here now."

"You've done what was right, Bud, and I'm not at all disappointed in losing that game now."



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### LIEBESTRAUM

By Richard Fuller, '42

On that morning in early summer as the nurse picked up the new-born baby boy and carried him to the nursery, the faint strains of "Liebestraum" fell upon the ears of the baby's mother and the nurse. Where the sweet music came from, no one knew. It might have come from a nearby radio shop or from an organ grinder's instrument. But it was a lovely sound and although the baby didn't know what it was, he smiled for it sounded pleasing to his little ears.

The baby grew very well and became the pride and joy of his parents. He had an interest in the finer things that life offered and would spend his time listening to the birds outside his window. As this was the first and last child the couple might have, they lived from day to day to increase the child's opportunities. He was a good boy which made them realize that they were amply repaid for all their sacrifices.

The morning that he left for his first day of school a neighbor had her radio on and the window opened. As his mother kissed her son good-bye, the lilting strains of "Liebestraum" wafted their way across the lot to the ears of the happy family circle.

The years flew swiftly on, and in a seemingly short while he was ready to graduate from high school. He had been offered the privilege of giving an honor essay at the graduation. Three people spoke; then a musical interlude was announced. The director raised his baton and the orchestra drifted into the melody "Liebestraum."

The following night at the graduation Ball, he was seated on a balcony with a girl with whom he was deeply in love. The setting was perfect. They were alone, the stars winked above, and the swing band was offering their smooth version of "Liebestraum." He proposed that night. She accepted.

They had been married only a short while when he had to go away. He was called by his country in the first draft. He went willingly, anxious to be of service. As he kissed his dear wife good-bye at the station, a porter passed them humming "Liebestraum."

He was gone two long years. Then one morning it came. A German plane dropped a bomb on his quarters. The next day the Armistice was signed. His wife received a polite notice of his death. Everyone in the small town mourned the death of their beloved neighbor. But the honor he received is undimmed by those tears. For that date late in 1918 after the dedication speeches, the U.S. Band played the selection "Liebestraum." They then swung into the invigorating strains of the "Star Spangled Banner," as the men stood, heads bared, around the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier!

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### A VILLAGE STREET

By Floyd Harding '41

As you come up over a sharp hill, you notice that what is ahead might be a village. As you proceed onward the first thing that slaps you in the face is the quietness of the whole place. In early morning a stranger might get the impression that the populace had moved out the night before and left the town bare, if it weren't for a few puffs of smoke coming from a large square chimney in the middle of the town.



The square upright buildings at once tell you that the people take pride in their homes. There is an air of neatness around the place. No stray paper, leaves, or rubbish can be seen, but you can smell some burning as the odor of the smoke from the large chimney comes to your nostrils. It is evident then that the people are very conservative and always plan to squeeze each nickel twice. Upon coming down over the pinnacle one sees some doves picking up a little grain which had been spilled by some no good farmer. Upon keeping your eyes upon the right and upon the doves you take notice of the long, high clapboarded grayish green structure built into the hill. Its black trimmed window sashes decorated with cobwebs on the inside indicate morose and loneliness. It appears as if this old structure had lost its best friend.

After passing the doves, a tiny barber shop and a driveway, one comes upon a large white structure which the sign indicates that it is a store. Ah, how exact and precise it looks. As you continue to look upward you will see a pointed gable that seems to shoot up in the air quickly. It seemed that it uttered a friendly grouch, but one's ears are deceptive. There are movements within. A face appears at the large plate glass window which take a quick glance at who is passing, then moves away.

The people in the town are a little bit curious perhaps, one would judge by this. There seems to be no evidences in sight of the pranks of the young men so it seems evident that discipline is the most liberal thing measured out by the old people of the town. As one continues on through the village past a few houses, the church, a hall, some garages and a postoffice he is bound to notice the numerous elms. If elms take the moisture from the ground which I have been told they do, it would seem that this would be a very, very dry town.

Upon proceeding on the way the houses grow more scarce until they give way to a school building, with a rock porch and an aggressive looking gable coming from the four sided roof. There is a white single rail fence around the lawn, with a cement walk leading to the three doors-- one in the center and one on each end. A kindly looking gray-haired gentleman emerges from the end door and slowly walks toward the road.

"Say," I asked. "Could you tell me what town this is?"

"Sure, it is Albion," he replied. "Elijah P. Lovejoy was born here."

"Thanks, I might have passed through this famous town without knowing it."

I than walked on.

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## CLOUDS

Those ragged vagabonds, the clouds  
 Sail all the day and all the night too,  
 Do you suppose they ever rest?  
 Or do they travel right straight through?  
 They look so soft and fleecy white  
 I don't see how they last at all.  
 I'd like to climb and feel of them  
 But don't you think they're much too tall?

Elinor Baker, '41



# J-O-K-E-S

Mac: "Mickey, if you don't leave my girl friend alone I'll play Santa Clause with you."

Mickey: "How's that?"

Mac: "Well, I'll make believe your nose is the mantel piece and I'll hang a sock on it."

Mr. Delano: (In English class) "Pearle, what part in the band did the horse play?"

Pearle: "The drum."

(Horses were used to carry the band players.)

Big Game Hunter: (In Africa) "Good heavens, Cannibals!"

His Wife: "Now, now, dear, don't get yourself in a stew!"

Big Sister: "Johnny, run up in my room and get my watch."

Johnny: "Gee whiz, Sis, why bother, leave it alone and it'll run down."

Big Sister: "No, it won't, we have a winding staircase."

Hilda: "My picture was in the paper last week."

Floyd: "How much reward do they offer?"

Proud Oceanic Traveler: "I'm an author; I contribute to the Atlantic Monthly."

Seasick Friend: "Phooey! I contribute to the Atlantic daily!"

Forest: "Did you hear the joke about the bed?"

Ralph M: "No."

Forest: "I made it up!"

Two parsons were having lunch at a farm. The farmer's wife cooked a couple of chickens, saying that the family could dine on the remains after the visitors had gone, but the hungry parsons ate them all. Later the farmer was conducting his visitors about the place, when a rooster began a lusty crowing. "Seems mighty proud of himself," said one of the parsons.

"No wonder," growled the farmer, "he has two sons in the ministry!"

Mr. Kelley: (To tardy student) "Why are you late?"

Earle Rhoda: "Well, a sign over by---."

Mr. Kelley: "Well, what has a sign got to do with it?"

Earle: "The sign said: 'school ahead, go slow'."

During a history class Mr. Delano asked one of the pupils when Grant died. One of the pupils spoke up and said, "I didn't even know he was sick."

First Salesman: "How is it you always sell more every day than I do?"

Second Salesman: "Knowledge of the feminine mind, my friend. For instance, the young lady who just left me told me she would like to see something nice for a young man and I told her she should look in the mirror. Then I sold her at least four things she didn't want."

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Mr. Kelley: (To student who arrived late)

“What’s your excuse this morning?”

Claude P.: “The wind was blowing in the wrong direction. It held me back.”

Cordell Hull is an extremely cautious speaker, striving always for scientific accuracy. One day, on a train, a friend pointed to a fine flock of sheep grazing in a field. “Look. Those sheep have just been sheared,” he said.

Hull studied the flock. “Sheared on this side, anyway,” he admitted.



Mr. Kelley: “Who knows why ducks and geese fly North in the springtime?”

Harry T.: “Because it’s too far to walk.”

Clyde: “Yes, sir, when that bear chased me I jumped for a limb twice as high as my head and I missed it.”

Earle: “That was tough luck. Did he hurt you much?”

Clyde: “No, I missed the limb going up but I grabbed it coming down.”

Carroll: “What did your father say when you smashed the car?”

Lloyd: Shall I leave out the swear words?”

Carroll: “Certainly.”

Lloyd: “Then he didn’t say anything.”

Patsy: (after seeing her sister fall down the schoolhouse steps) Did you miss a step, Phil?”

Phyllis: (Angrily) “Well, I missed the first one, but I hit all the rest.”

“What’s wrong, Kelley?” asked Mrs. Kelley.

“My razor!” boomed a voice within the bathroom. “It doesn’t cut at all!”

“Don’t be silly, your beard can’t be tougher than the linoleum.”

### Familiar Things At Besse

Mavor Clark’s red hair . . . Bud Place’s gold cross . . . Boyd Fuller’s fat . . . .  
Phyllis McKiel’s laugh . . . Helen Ireland’s flirtations . . . Guy Patterson’s last  
waltz . . . Arlene Elliott’s absence . . . Shirley Cookson’s forgetfulness . . . .  
Marion Stanley’s rolling eyes . . . Harold Marden’s ability . . . Violet Higgin’s  
demureness . . . Floy Harding’s gift of gab . . . Mrs. McKechnie’s play re-  
hearsals . . . Leora Martin’s rubber boots . . . Ethelyn Bradstreet’s teasing  
ability . . . Lloyd’s and Clyde’s friendship . . . Ralph Lee’s geometry book . . .  
Virginia Rideout and the piano . . . Harry Tuttle’s curly hair . . . . Harry  
Hamilton’s shortness . . . Roberta Noyes and her peanuts . . . Mary Bessey’s  
blonde hair . . . . . Elinor Baker talking about her “one and only” . . . . .

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Claude Patterson's big mouth . . . Red Brown's girl friend . . . George Bezan-  
son's Ford . . . Besse Boys' cooking . . . Mr. Thomas' singing class . . . Mr.  
Delano's birthday greetings . . . Kelley's Irish blood . . . **Everything for the  
boys but nothing for the girls!**

### MOVIES AND WHO THEY REPRESENT

Love Thy Neighbor . . . . .	Lloyd Ireland
Out of The Night . . . . .	Bernard Place
Foreign Correspondent . . . . .	Harvey Higgins
Strike Up The Band . . . . .	Professor Thomas
Knut Rockne- All American . . . . .	Ralph Lee
Little Nelly Kelly . . . . .	Mrs. McKechnie
The Great Dictator . . . . .	Mr. Kelley
Land of Liberty . . . . .	Richard Fuller
Road of Destiny . . . . .	Bernard Martin
Virginia . . . . .	Virginia Rideout
Life with Elmer . . . . .	Phyllis Day
The Sea Wolf . . . . .	Durwood Dow
Second Chorus . . . . .	Mr. Delano
On the Road to Love . . . . .	Arlene Blaisdell
Oh Ma He's Making Eyes At Me . . . . .	Marion Stanley
Brother Orchid . . . . .	Guy Patterson
Brother Rat . . . . .	Claude Patterson
It Was Only a Dream . . . . .	Violet Higgins
If I Had My Way . . . . .	Clyde Higgins
Mr. Nobody . . . . .	Floyd Harding
Northwest Mounted Police . . . . .	Arnold Hamilton
Gone With The Wind . . . . .	Roberta Noyes
Boom Town . . . . .	Albion
Pinochio . . . . .	Harry Hamilton
Popeye . . . . .	Harry Tuttle
Seventeen . . . . .	Ethelyn Bradstreet

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"Don't be afraid of those little pigs Willie . . . they wont hurt you." "Oh yes they will Dad. Just a moment ago I saw them knock that big one down and start chewing her vest buttons off."

Anyone who tells us what is wrong and helps us make it right . . . is a friend.



# Personal

# BESSE'S OWN QUIZ

Circle the correct answer.

1. The distance from the high school to home is:
  - a. 1000 miles
  - b. three axe-handles
  - c. too darn far
2. Place's girl friend's name is:
  - a. Hedy Lamarr
  - b. Nazelia Corey
  - c. Mrs McKechnie
3. Robertas favorite subject of conversation is:
  - a. Mr. Delano
  - b. Tyrone Powers
  - c. "Johnny"
4. "Red" Brown has . . . . girl friends:
  - a. too many to count
  - b. ten pretty ones
  - c. just enough
5. Pearl's boy friend works in:
  - a. Maine
  - b. New Hampshire
  - c. Massachusetts
6. Elinor's future home is in:
  - a. Paris
  - b. West Albion
  - c. Waterville
7. Mr. Kelley is interested in:
  - a. Chevies
  - b. boats
  - c. eating
8. Arlene Bessey's current interest's in:
  - a. Army
  - b. Navy
  - c. Marines
9. Besse students lack in this:
  - a. sleep
  - b. romance
  - c. ranks
10. Mr. Delano needs most:
  - a. a new girl friend
  - b. a car
  - c. a good memory
11. Our Freshman girls are noted for:
  - a. being serious
  - b. flirting
  - c. giggling
12. Violet's favorite color is:
  - a. red
  - b. blue
  - c. white
13. Clyde always looks for:
  - a. Dawn
  - b. Day
  - c. Night
14. G. Patterson enjoys best at dances:
  - a. a contra-dance
  - b. a fox-trot
  - c. a last waltz
15. Richard Fuller is interested in the profession:
  - a. teaching
  - b. nursing
  - c. bookkeeping





SENIOR ADJECTIVES

Senior	Thoughts of school as a					Thoughts of teachers as a				
	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior		
E. Baker	Mysterious	Pleasing	Interesting	O. K.	Heartless	Not much	Useful,	Necessary		
E. Bradstreet	Soft	Jolly	All right	Fun	Artificial	Amusing	Worthy	Ideal		
H. Brown	Terrible	Less	Growing	Swell	Annoying	Too many	Retired	We wonder		
S. Cookson	Pleasant	Noticeable	Happy	Ideal	Helpful	Interesting	Mysterious	Little		
H. Fuller	Interesting	Rigid	Hard	Serious	Intelligent	All right	Pleasing	Cool		
A. Hamilton	Naughtv	Soft	Jolly	Worthv	Peculiar	Pleasing	Necessarv	Useful		
F. Harding	So-so	Perfect	Not bad	Wonderful	Noticeable	Dignified	Intelligent	Sensible		
V. Higgins	Nice	Ideal	Peachv	Keen	Beneficial	Refined	Amusing	Gay		
R. Lee	Amusing	Lousy	Useful	Not bad	Careful	Helpless	Not too bad	Happy		
C. Patterson	Fun	Peculiar	Everything	Snappy	Terrible	Desireable	Rigid	Indifferent		
G. Patterson	Gav	Jovial	Naughtv	Interesting	Jolly	Sophisticated	Hard	Stubborn		
E. Rhoda	Curious	Annoying	Artificial	Nice	Just so	Uncertain	Suspicious	Rigid		

Thoughts of the opposite Sex as a

Name	Freshman	Sorhomore	Junior	Senior	Name	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
E. Baker	Noticing	Interesting	Desirable	Elihuue	F. Harding	Naughtv	Graceful	You guess	Romantic
E. Bradstreet	Dont ask us	Lively	Attractive	Lovable	V. Higgins	All right	O. K.	Gum	Excellent
H. Brown	Not much	Pleasant	Pretty nice	Everything	R. Lee	Happy	Attractive	Oh boy	Snappy
S. Cookson	Little	Glamorous	Perfect	Bright	C. Patterson	Gay	Vivacious	Girls	Divine
H. Fuller	Cool	Artificial	Indifferent	Not much	G. Patterson	Curious	Undecided	Fair	Just one
A. Hamilton	Fun	Amusing	Careless	Delicious	E. Rhoda	Fair	Pretty good	Not bad	Ideal

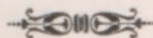


SPRING FEVER

by Cecile Nelson '44

In the spring a young man's fancy	Nesting birds and fleecy clouds
Turns to love, so poets say	And little rippling rills
And spring turns poets thoughts to words	And all the other fol-de-rol
That rhyme with spring and May.	That helps to pay their bills.

I like the spring skies and their birds  
 And the flowers that strew my path  
 I like spring best 'cause vacation's near  
 When I'll say farewell to Math.



AUTOGRAPHS

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There were some fighters from Leet	Who declared they couldn't be beat.
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But their luck had it's end	When their wives entered in,

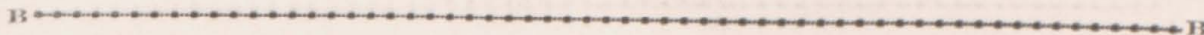
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For the poor men were forced to retreat.	--Arlene Elliott

There came a young man over the ocean,	Towards a girl he showed great devotion
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When they were to be wed	She hung her head

.....	.....
She had forgotten to use Jergens Lotion.	--Clyde Higgins

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# ALUMNI



## 1931

Geraldine Crommett Phillips, Bookkeeper, New Brunswick.  
 Mildred Denaco Dickey, Housewife, Clinton.  
 Meta Rowe Fowler, Housewife, Albion.  
 Alice Haskell Knight, Teaching, Albion.  
 George Littlefield, Farmer, Albion.  
 Madeline Nelson, Teaching, Palermo.  
 Kelsey Robinson, Farmer, Benton.  
 Harvey Schöbner, Teaching, Fairfield Center Grammar School.  
 Walter Worthing, Central Maine Power Co. Augusta.

## 1932

*Roy Harding*  
 Frederick Bradstreet, At home, Albion.  
 Helen Champlin, Working, Albion.  
 Sherwin Crosby, Farmer, Albion.  
 Katherine Mason Denaco, Housewife, Vassalboro.  
 Ervin Dow, Working, Albion.  
 Carroll Meader, Working, Winslow.  
 Delmont Meader, Working, Waterville.  
 Warren Russell, Working, Clinton Tannery.  
*Leona Marks Mason, Housewife, Albion*

## 1933

Wilma Ames, At home, Matinicus.  
 Isabelle Brown Chamberlain, Housewife, Boston.  
 Oline Gramm, Unknown.  
 Carroll Harding, Trucking, Albion. *Carroll Harding*  
 Edward Knight, Working, Union. *Elwood Knight*  
 Fred Perkins, U.S. Army, Fort Bragg, N.C. *Archie Lozman*  
 Christine Plummer, At home, Albion.  
 Lois Plummer, Office Work, Summerville, Mass.  
 Mearl Stearns, Mill Work, Waterville.

## 1934

*Hazel Coombs*  
 Arthur Belden, At home, Palermo.  
 Priscilla Rowe Drake, Housewife, Albion.  
 Maxine Ross Jones, Housewife, Albion.  
 Velma Crommett Littlefield, Housewife, Albion.  
 Edna Bailey Meader, Housewife, China.  
 Berdina Reynolds, Soc. Sec. Office, Augusta.  
 Eric Wiggins, Farmer, Albion.  
 Freeland Willoughby, Trucking, Albion.

## 1935

Leon Brann, Working, Waterville.  
 Sylvia Brann Banks, Housewife, China.  
 Mary Champlin, At home, Albion.  
 Forrest Coffin, Working, Albion.

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Mary Cooper Reid, Working, Dept. Store, Newark, N.J.  
Freeland Drake, Farmer, Albion.  
Julia Dyer Weymouth, Housewife, Farmington.  
Pauline Fuller Wiggin, Housewife, Albion.  
Norma Reed, Working, Portsmouth, N.H.  
Mervyn Reynolds, U.S. Army, Fort McKinley, Portland.  
Thelma Taylor Sylvester, Housewife, Eustis.  
Catherine Thurston Bovine, Housewife, China.

### 1936

Randall Baker, At home, Albion.  
Clair Bradstreet, At home, Albion.  
Winnie Hall Young, Housewife, Albion.  
Earle Hammond, U.S. Army, Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala.  
Francis Jones, Garage Prop. Albion.  
Frank Lee, Farmer, Albion.  
Leona Libby, R.N. Conn.  
Vincent Mason, Farmer, Albion.  
Doris Mitchell, Teaching, Thorndike.  
Bernice Dow Pratt, Housewife, Clinton.

### 1937

Althea Baker Baker, Housewife, Dorchester, Mass.  
Margarete Bessey, At home, Albion.  
Alberta Bradstreet, Office Work, Albion, Creamery.  
Harland Brown, At home, Bath.  
Donald Bradstreet, U.S. Army, Fort Ethan Allen, Vt.  
Eva Crosby, Working, Albion.  
Phyllis Faulkner, Teaching, Freedom.  
Kenneth Foster, At home, Albion.  
Lawrence Glidden, Working, Palermo.  
Elizabeth Hammond, Teaching, Newport.  
Mandel Harding, Working, Albion.  
Lillian Hunt, R.N. New Haven, Conn.  
Louise Libby, Nurse, M.G.H. Portland.  
Harold Littlefield, Farmer, Albion.  
Donald Marks, Milk Tester, Knox-Lincoln D.H.I.A.  
Betty Knowlton Mason, Housewife, Albion.  
Marjorie Stearns, Working, Medford, Mass.  
Luona Cookson Willette, Housewife, Albion.  
Imogene Young, Office Work, Farmington.

### 1938

Doris Belden Reed, Housewife, Palermo.  
Richard Bickmore, Working, Albion.  
John Cookson, At home, Albion.  
Henry Marden, Employee of Air Ways Inc.  
Carlton Parkhurst, U.S. Army, Virginia.  
Ruth Perkins Murch, Housewife, Unity.  
Virginia Rowe, Training, Sisters' Hospital, Waterville.  
Archie Sennett, Fort Wheeler, Georgia.

### 1939

Edward Bagley, Attending University of Maine.  
Opal Baker Baker, Housewife, East Benton.

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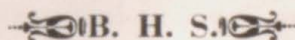
Christine Bessey, At home, Freedom.  
Cecil Bradstreet, Attending University of Maine.  
Harold Crosby, U.S. Army, Fort McKinley, Portland.  
Elva Monroe, Training, E.M.G. Hospital, Bangor.  
Katherine Noyes, Working, Albion.  
Bertha Russell, Working, Clinton.  
Romaine Sennett Colford, Housewife, Waterville.  
Myra Skillin, At home, Albion.

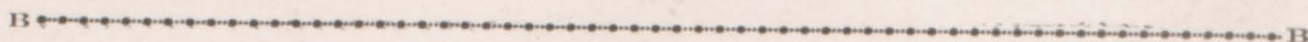
### 1940

Winton Bagley, At home, Albion.  
George Belden, At home, Palermo.  
Burdell Bessey, At home, Albion.  
Lucille Bradstreet, Working, Albion.  
Thelma Brann, Attending Colby College.  
Elsie Cookson, Working, Matinicus.  
Hazel Crommett, Attending Farmington State Normal School.  
Eloise Glidden, Training, Waldo County Hospital, Belfast.  
Catherine Hill, At home, Albion.  
Donald Libby, Attending Bay Path Institute, Springfield, Mass.  
Wallace Milliken, At home, Albion.  
Norma Olsen, Attending Gilmans Commercial School, Bangor.  
Norbert Kelley, At home, Albion.  
Russell Perry, Working, Albion.  
Buelah Willoughby, Working, Augusta.  
Phyllis Young, At home, Albion.

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10:30 - 11:00 ..... Topics for the Ladies, Elinor Baker.  
11:00 - 11:30 ..... Virginia Rideout at the Piano.  
11:30 - 12:45 ..... Luncheon Music.  
12:45 - 1:00 ..... Confidentially yours, Mr. Kelley.  
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2:30 - 3:15 ..... "This is the Life," Besse Students.  
3:15 - 3:30 ..... Correct Time and Sign Off, Mr. Kelley.





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Once more this is your exchange reporter of B.H.S., broadcasting the annual roundup of exchange papers. Very fine books were received from the exchange schools and I wish them all the success and luck in the world. Now I shall comment on the 1940 year-books received:

The Pinnacle--- Erskine Academy, South China, Maine.

Your Pinnacle is the best ever. The headings for each separate department is a great idea.

The Walker High Banner--- Walker High School, Liberty, Maine.

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The Pilot--- Mechanic Falls, Maine.

Your Editorial Board certainly deserves high credit for the wonderful work done on the "Pilot." Outstanding in your book is the interesting Exchange list, "A Child's Question" and the School Calendar.

The Academy Echo--- Freedom, Maine.

Your original idea of taking quotations of merit from the student's work for literature is an excellent one. A little more humor would improve your paper to some extent.

The Monitor--- Unity High School, Unity, Maine.

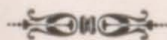
The changes you have made in your year-book have certainly made it outstanding. Your wide scope of pictures is a great improvement.

The Morsonian--- Morse Memorial High School, Brooks, Maine.

For a small school paper yours is very good. Your pictures are very clear.

The Messalonskee Ripple--- Williams High School, Oakland, Maine.

Your book shows carefully planning. We always find your material of the best quality.



Now I shall end my broadcast for 1941, but I should like to add that we shall be very glad to exchange with any schools that wish to. Thank you schools for exchanging and we shall hope to hear from you next year. This is your exchange editor saying---

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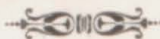
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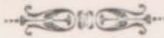
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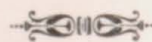
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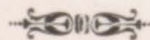
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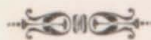
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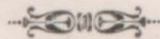
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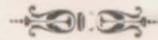
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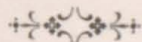
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