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## *Dedication*

*We, the students of Besse High School,  
respectfully dedicate our Besse Breeze of 1951  
to the faculty.*

*Because of your efforts on our behalf  
and your interest in our welfare you have  
won our respect and admiration.*





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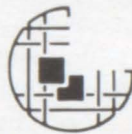
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## EDITORIALS



### SHOULD WE SEND TROOPS TO EUROPE

It has been said that the only way to prevent war is to prepare for it. If we do not prepare for a war with Europe by sending troops there, we are only inviting a surprise attack from Russia or one of her satellites.

Sending American troops to Europe would benefit us not only by discouraging an attack, but also by winning the friendly nations' respect and trust toward the United States for taking such a step.

If we did not send troops to Europe we would be left without a single ally in Europe. The European nations would think us cheap and afraid if we turned away at the first sign of danger.

If troops were not sent, then communist agents and spies might infiltrate into the government of the free European people.

Russia would greatly increase her industrial power if she should be allowed to make war and gain the Ruhr and the Saar Valleys, and the great steel centers of Belgium, Luxemburg, and France. These places would be the first places that Russia would try to get.

The communists are a bit careful about provoking war with the United States. This was shown in Korea. When American troops were occupying Korea everything seemed peaceful and quiet, but no sooner had American troops been withdrawn than North Korea attacked the Republic of South Korea.

The industries, homes, factories, farms, and governments that we helped to build in Europe by providing billions of dollars through the Marshal plan would be lost if we did not keep our friendship with the European Nations.

We are faced with a situation today similar to the situation that we faced in 1941, just a decade ago. Ten years ago we were faced by Japan in Asia, trying to take over a free nation which was China. Ten years ago we were also faced with Germany, trying to take over the free European nations. Today we are confronted with North Korea and Red China, trying to take over the Republic of South Korea; and in Europe we are confronted with the possibility of Russia, taking over the other free European nations.

One of America's greatest men, Abraham Lincoln, said "A house divided against itself cannot stand." According to this advice the United States should unite with the free European nations to fight communism, for if they stand alone then one by one the nations will fall.

George Gould '52

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### A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

Let us take a look into the future at things which could happen to this world. This is the record which may go down in the history which future generations may study.

April 23, 1952. The newspapers are spread this morning with shocking news. President Truman has been killed and Russia is planning a major



offensive against our forces in Europe who are fighting with other United Nations' forces under General Eisenhower. Everybody is in a panic for fear of Russian bombings which would wipe out all the major cities in the United States.

Let us get further details of the assassination of President Truman. He was killed by a man named "Little Red". Little Red is a communist now but let us take a look back into his past. Back in forty-five Little Red was just completing grade school. He was brought up in the slum district of New York. At seventeen he was left with no parents, for they were killed in an automobile accident. He hunted for work, but work being scarce he started stealing for a living. He was caught and served one year in a local prison. When he was released he was very bitter against the world. It was then that he was contacted by a Communist agent. He became a loyal member of the party and agreed to assassinate the President. The plans were drawn up and Little Red was to carry them out.

It was on a bright summer day, and Mr. Truman was giving a campaign speech. A small man edged his way through the crowd with little attention being paid him. His right hand was bandaged and inside was a concealed pistol. In the middle of a sentence denouncing Communism, and at the ring of a gun shot, President Truman dropped to the floor. He died at twelve minutes past three that same afternoon. Little Red had completed his task. Later, when cornered by the police, he committed suicide.

June 14, 1952. The much expected attack has been made on the forces in Eastern Europe, but they were driven back on a counter attack. Meanwhile Vice-President Barkley has taken Office and has obtained permission from Congress to order the Army to drop the atomic bomb on Russia. The major bombing is planned for tomorrow. Everyone is afraid Russia may yet be one step ahead of us and wipe out our nation.

June 16, 1952. The attack on Russia was made yesterday with English and French planes also helping. Our jet fighters also shot down three Russian bombers that had just taken off from an air base near Moscow. Others were ready to take off but the bombing wiped them out. We will now encounter a man to man battle with the Russians. Most of their air force and navy were wiped out in the bombing, and it is expected that they will soon surrender.

July 2, 1952. Russia surrendered today after a hard fought battle. The United Nations forces have been driving the Russians back for many days.

We have paid a great cost in lives, but Russia paid more. Eisenhower says we never would have won if most of the communist countries around Russia hadn't helped us, when they saw a chance to get out from under Moscow's control. Today there is no such city as Moscow, for it was completely wiped off the map by the bombing. Stalin was among those who surrendered.

The idea of having Little Red kill President Truman was to lower American morale. They didn't know that they did what many politicians wanted anyway.



## SHOULD WE SEND MORE TROOPS TO EUROPE ?

In such crucial times as these it is necessary for us as citizens to ponder every angle of the situation before taking a decisive step, such as sending troops to Europe.

George Washington, father of our country and first President, warned us many years ago against foreign entanglements. Nevertheless, in World War 1 we lost thousands of lives, millions of dollars and accomplished nothing.

Since that time we have become deeply involved in foreign entanglements which have cost us thousands of lives and billions of dollars, and the end is not yet in sight.

It should be crystal clear to the most casual observer that such a course as we have been following since World War 1 leads only to confusion in our homeland and does not in any great measure benefit the people abroad.

Because the ramifications of sending troops abroad are so vast and our probable force which we could send into the various troubled areas of the world is so small, it would be much better to keep our troops at home to defend against invasion.

The present so-called police action in Korea should open our eyes to the fact that even in this small area our force that we have been able to send there is wholly inadequate to cope with the situation.

If our force in Korea has cost us thousands of lives and millions of dollars without any material or spiritual advantage from these losses, it can readily be seen how hopeless and helpless would be the situation were we to send other troops to other troubled areas of the earth.

The country is hard pressed to find the necessary able-bodied men to re-enforce the small garrisons that we have in the far corners of the earth. Why then should we think of sending more troops to other parts of the earth?

Military authorities agree that if we are to send troops abroad we must immediately draft eighteen year old boys. This should be plain to almost anyone that we have reached our last line of defense as far as troops are concerned, and therefore should keep them at home for our own defense.

The poor economic situation that exists in our country today is due to the fact that we have already parted with too many good young men to other countries who would have been much better kept at home for the defense of our country and its development.

On every hand we see signs of man power shortage in our industries which would become more acute if we were to send more soldiers abroad.

We note that the other countries, namely Britain and France, have not raised any large armies as yet to help defend themselves. Neither did they send any force except a small token force to help in the foreign situation or police action in Korea.

Therefore America can only remain strong by keeping our soldiers at home and our wealth in our own country.

Althea Hendsbee '52





# HONOR ROLL



## HIGH HONORS (All A's)

Nelson Bezanson (1)  
 Ida Marks (1)  
 Charles McKiel (3)

## HONORS (3 A's & 1 B)

### SENIORS

Nelson Bezanson (2)  
 Rosamond Keef (1)  
 Ida Marks (3)  
 Virginia Mason (1)  
 Charles McKiel (1)

### JUNIORS

George Gould (2)  
 Althea Hendsbee (1)

George Gould (1)  
 Althea Hendsbee (2)

### SOPHOMORES

Kathryn Keay (4)

### FRESHMEN

Carroll Harding (2)  
 Faith Hendsbee (2)

Walter Gordon (2)  
 Faith Hendsbee (2)  
 Barbara Knight (3)  
 Charles Scribner (1)

## SENIOR CLASS

### The Future Is Ours

Nelson Bezanson  
 Oswald Cash, Jr.  
 Dexter Higgins  
 Guy Higgins  
 Rosamond Keef

Ida Marks  
 Virginia Mason  
 Charles McKiel  
 Keith Noyes  
 William Woodbury

### CLASS OFFICERS

President .....	Charles McKiel
Vice President .....	William Woodbury
Secretary .....	Oswald Cash, Jr.
Treasurer .....	Guy Higgins

Class Colors .....	Maroon and White
Class Flower .....	White Carnation
Class Marshal .....	Stephen Fowler

### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Baccalaureate .....	May 27
Last Chapel .....	May 29
Graduation .....	I.O.O.F. Hall, June 1, 8:00 P. M.
Graduation Ball .....	I.O.O.F. Hall, June 1, 9:30 P. M.



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NELSON BEZANSON

Albion, April 2, 1935

"Nellie"

Salutatorian

"Lord, I wonder what fool invented kissing."

Senior Play 4; Junior Play 3; Minstrel Show 4;  
Bazaar Committees 3, 4; Ass't Basketball Manager  
1,2; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4.

OSWALD CASH, JR.

Yarmouth, Mass., June 17, 1933

"Ozzie"

Prophecy

"One laugh is worth a hundred groans in any  
market."Basketball 2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Senior Play 4;  
Junior Play 3; Minstrel Show 4; Bazaar Com-  
mittees 3,4; Student Council 3,4; Class Secretary 3,  
4; Editorial Board, Business Manager 4; Graduat-  
ion Usher 3.

DEXTER HIGGINS

Albion, August 23, 1933

"Decker"

Class Will

"The more we study the more we discover our  
ignorance."Basketball 1,2,3; Basketball Manager 2; Base-  
ball 1,2,3,4; Freshman Play 1; Junior Play 3; Sen-  
ior Play 4; Bazaar Play 3; Class Treasurer 1,2;  
Class Vice President 3; Student Council 1,2,3;  
Treasurer of Student Council 3; Bazaar Committ-  
ees 1,2,3; Magazine Drive 1,2,3; Graduation Usher  
3.





GUY CHESTER HIGGINS

Albion, June 9, 1932

"Guyser"

Class Gifts

"I believe they talked of me, for they laughed consumedly."

Basketball 1,2; Magazine Drive 1,2,3; Senior Play 4; Bazaar Committees 4; Student Council 4; Class Treasurer 4.

ROSAMOND KEEF

Albion, November 12, 1933

"Rosie"

Class Gifts

"Must I go to school? What a waste of time."

Basketball 1,2,3; Softball 1,2,3; Bazaar Committees 3,4; Freshman Play 1; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Bazaar Play 3; Editorial Board, Ass't Girls Sports Editor 3; Honor Roll 1,2,3; Graduation 3.



IDA MARKS

Bangor, March 19, 1933

"I'd"

1st Honor Essay

"Be Wise; it's always helpful."

Basketball 1,2,3; Softball 1,2,3; Class Secretary 1,2; Student Council Secretary 2; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Bazaar Play 3; Bazaar Committees 3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; D.A.R. Candidate 4; Editorial Board 3,4; Ass't Business Manager 3; Girls Sports Editor 4; Class Reporter 4; Minstrel Show 4; Student Council 1,2; Graduation Usher 3.





## BESSE BREEZE



VIRGINIA MASON

Benton, October 5, 1933

"Ginny"

2nd Honor Essay

"The great art to learn is to undertake a little at a time."

Basketball 1,2,3; Softball 1,2,3; Honor Roll 1,2,3; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Bazaar Committees 4; Editorial Board, Exchange Editor 4; Graduation Usher 3.

CHARLES KcKIEL

Albion, May 30, 1933

"Charlie"

Valedictorian

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Captain 4; All-Star Center 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Freshman Play 1; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 2,4; Bazaar Play 1,2,3; Minstrel Show 4; Class President 1,2,4; Class Reporter 2; Student Council 1,3,4; President 3; Vice President 4; Bazaar Committees 1,2,3,4; Magazine Drive Manager 4; Class Marshall 3; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; French Award 2; English Award 3; Scholarship Award 3; Editorial Board 2,3,4; Editor-in-chief 4; Ass't Editor 3.



KEITH NOYES

Albion, August 22, 1933

"Noise"

Prophecy

"Better late than never."

Basketball 2,3,4; All Star Guard 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Bazaar Committees 2,3,4; Minstrel Show 4; Editorial Board 2,3,4; Ass't Printer 2; Printer 3,4.







WILLIAM WOODBURY

Brooks, Me., March 11, 1932 "Bill"

Class History

"If you can't be good, be as good as you can."

Basketball 1; Baseball 1,4; Bazaar Committees 4;  
Student Council 4; Class Vice President 4.

SENIORS

Name	Nickname	Age Acted	Pastime
Keith Noyes	"Keith"	6	Plagueing somebody
William Woodbury	"Bill"	14	girls
Guy Higgins	"Guy"	22	Fairfield
Dexter Higgins	"Deckie"	16	going fishing!!!!
Virginia Mason	"Ginny"	12	writing letters
Rosamond Keef	"Rose"	12	getting letters
Oswald Cash	"Ozzie"	6 mo.	telling jokes
Ida Marks	"Ida"	19	studying
Charles McKiel	"Charlie"	20	Unity
Nelson Bezanson	"Banana"	10	whispering





## SENIOR CLASS



Through four years of work, fun, and play we have attained one of our goals. Soon we will receive our diplomas and be on our way to reach other objectives.

We have been increasing our treasury by selling candy at school and refreshments at games.

We have four boys from our class who have participated in sports; namely, Charles McKiel, Keith Noyes, Oswald Cash, and Dexter Higgins.





## JUNIOR CLASS



First Row, Left to Right: Lawrence Reynolds, George Gould, Althea Hendsbee, and Stephen Fowler.

Second Row, Beverly Cookson, Harold Crosby, Mr. Foss, Allen Higgins, Maurice Scribner Jr., and Barbara Quimby.

The Junior Class started this year with twelve members. Soon after, we were missing three of them.

### OFFICERS FOR THIS YEAR ARE:

President .....	George Gould
Vice President .....	Lawrence Reynolds
Secretary .....	Althea Hendsbee
Treasurer .....	Stephen Fowler
Class Reporter .....	Maurice Scribner, Jr.
Class Adviser .....	Mr. Foss

Our class put on a play called "The Mummy Bride" in which most of the class and some under classmen took part.

We are now planning to have movies once a week as soon as possible.

The class sold refreshments to the Brooks and Monroe games.

We, as seniors next year, hope we can do as much for the school as the seniors this year have done.





## SOPHOMORE CLASS



First Row, Left to Right: Kathryn Keay, Virgil Coffin, Wesley Drake, and Nancy Blanchard.

Second Row, Miss Elwell, Ronald St. Amand, Sherwood Brann, Kenneth Gould, Frederick Shores, Robert Sylvester, and Beverly Higgins. Mary Lyn Nelson was absent.

We students of the Sophomore Class, which consists of eleven members, elected the following class officers:

President .....	Virgil Coffin
Vice President .....	Wesley Drake
Secretary .....	Nancy Blanchard
Treasurer .....	Kathryn Keay
Class Reporter .....	Kenneth Gould
Class Advisor .....	Miss Elwell

We were sorry to lose three members, Agnes Russel, Audrey Orr, and Ernest Rood, soon after school started.

We started the year with a class meeting to decide what to do with the fellow freshman. When the freshman reception came, they showed good sportsmanship and ability.

We received our class rings with much pride.

Our vice president, Wesley Drake, was chosen to play in the all star game at Brooks.

Our secretary, Nancy Blanchard, was chosen for prize speaking and also for treasurer of the Student Council.

Our treasurer, Kathryn Keay, is the secretary of the Student Council.





## FRESHMAN CLASS



First Row, Left to Right: Arthur Blaisdell, Walter Gordon, Charles Scribner, Carroll Harding Jr., and Faith Hendsbee.

Second Row, Left to Right: Lloyd Pottle, Barbara Knight, Ralph Fuller, Miss Elwell, Ernest Woodbury, Thelma Woodbury, and Ralph Meader.

We, the Freshman Class of eleven students, started our first year of high school by electing the following pupils as our officers:

President .....	Carroll Harding
Vice President .....	Walter Gordon
Treasurer .....	Charles Scribner
Secretary .....	Arthur Blaisdell
Class Reporter .....	Barbara Knight
Class Advisor .....	Miss Elwell

A number of our class took part in many of the school activities. Ralph Meader and Charles Scribner were in the Bazaar Play. Barbara Knight, Charles Scribner, Lloyd Pottle, and Walter Gordon took part in Prize Speaking. Thelma Woodbury, Charles Scribner, and Barbara Knight were three of the cheerleaders. Barbara Knight was chosen as one of the girls to play in the All-Star game at Brooks.

We sold refreshments at the Unity and Freedom games, thereby getting a little money in our treasury.

We, the Freshman Class, hope to do our part in keeping up the school spirit of Besse High.





## EIGHTH GRADE



First Row, Left to Right: Harvey Quimby, Angie St. Amand, Joyce Dudley, Shirrell Spiller, and Floyd Blaisdell.

Second Row, Ora Bennett, Leon Fowler, Miss Mitchell, Karl Keay, and Rodney Reynolds.

Third Row, Kelvin Higgins, Norman Dow, Milton Higgins, Herbert Shores, and Arthur Rood.

The Eighth Grade of fifty-one  
 Never gives up 'till they're done.  
 They start in the morning, to do their best  
 But 'ere night falls, they need a rest.  
 Here's just a brief of everyone.  
 So read it, please, to have some fun.  
 First comes Rodney, who's tall and  
 straight  
 With all he ranks first rate.  
 Then comes Karl the one who's smart,  
 And always has been from the start.  
 Now comes Milton, shy and new,  
 Dreads his lessons and's always blue.  
 You'll now meet Floyd, smallest of all.  
 Always hoping he'll soon grow tall.  
 Next comes Herbert, whose face turns red,  
 When something to him the girls have said.  
 Now meet Leon with brown curly hair,

Though to a Beauty Parlor, he's not been  
 there.  
 Then comes Arthur, a fine young man  
 Making the best of all that he can.  
 Along comes Ora with hair auburn red,  
 Wouldn't trade it for a million, 'tis said.  
 Following now is Kelvin so great and  
 specific,  
 His one ambitions to swim the Pacific.  
 Please note Harvey who is new this year.  
 With all the girls he's quite a dear.  
 We now have Joyce, who from Benton Falls  
 came,  
 She'll team with us to win some fame.  
 Then comes Angie, who came in forty-five,  
 With all her pep and vim, we are more alive.  
 Last is Sherrill who to us is well known  
 As her ability in this poem has shown.





## LITERATURE



### THE STRADIVARI VIOLIN

One day when his father got home from work this little boy asked his father who Stradivari was. Then his father sat down and started to relate this story to his son.

"Long, long ago, there was a boy named Tony, his birth name was Antonio Stradivari. This little boy day after day would practice his violin lessons, so he called them. His hands would be empty but if anyone asked him what he was doing he would say he was practicing his violin. One day his mother said, "But Tony, there is no such thing as a violin." "I know mother," said Tony, "I have not invented it yet." His mother said, "Why do you practice on something you haven't got?" "Well," Tony replied, "I want to be able to play it when I do make it."

"The years roll on and when ever Tony went out walking everyone would point and say, "there goes that nutty Stradivari kid."

"One day Tony's father asked Tony what he was going to make this violin from and Tony told him, "From some wood, a horse's tail, and a cat." Well, one day when everything was quiet, Tony started making his violin. He cut the wood for the violin out of the door panels and glued it together. Then he was gone a little while. When he came back he had a horse's tail and some cat-gut. He put some of the hair from the horse's tail on for bow hair, then just as he was using the cat gut to make strings, he heard his mother call, "Kitty, kitty." Then Tony raised his voice and said, "No use calling her, mother, she won't be around any more."

"Well, Tony finished his violin and made beautiful music with it. Everyone praised him for his violin."

"Well, Sonny," said the little boy's father, "you had better go out and play now." After the boy had been out of doors a few minutes, the cat (which was outside) gave a howl. The little boy's father went out and asked his son what had happened and the little boy said, as he stood at the chopping block, axe in hand, and crying as he watched the cat jump over the fence, "I wanted to play violin-maker but kitty wouldn't let me."

Maurice Scribner '52

### THE MERCHANT AND THE BOOK-AGENT

Once upon a time, a book-agent came to the town of Waterville, Maine, to sell a book called "Wuthering Heights." He stopped at a house on Water Street and knocked upon the door. A rich merchant, Mr. James Watson, answered. The book-agent told Watson about the book and importuned him until he bought. Mr. Watson didn't want the book, but he bought it anyway -perhaps to get rid of the book-agent. Then taking it under his arm, he started back into the living-room to look at "the blooming thing." Soon in came Mrs. Watson. She had been visiting a neighbor. The book-agent had



seen her before she came home and had persuaded her to buy, also. When she saw that her husband had bought a book just like hers, she felt indignant. As they were staring at each other, and thinking about the mistake that they had made, she started toward him exclaiming, "Why, husband, we can-----."

"No, we can't either!" interrupted Mr. Watson, "The man is off on the train before this. Confound it! I could kill the fellow, I would like to see him again."

"Why, there he goes to the depot now," exclaimed Mrs. Watson, pointing out of the window at the figure of the book-agent making for the train.

"But it's too late to catch him, and my feet are not dressed, so I can't go after him," exclaimed Mr. Watson.

Just then, Mr. Stevens, a neighbor, drove by. So Mr. Watson pounded on the windowpane in a frantic manner almost frightening the horse of Mr. Stevens. "Here, Stevens!" he shouted, "You're hitched up! Won't you run your horse down to the train and hold that book-agent 'till I come down? Run! Catch him now!"

"All right," said Mr. Stevens, whipping up his horse and tearing down the road. He finally reached the train just as the conductor shouted, "All Aboard!"

"BOOK-AGENT!" he yelled, as the book-agent stepped onto the train. "Book-Agent! hold on! Mr. Watson wants to see you."

"Watson? Watson wants to see me?" repeated the puzzled book-agent. "Oh, I know what he wants: he wants to buy one of my books: but I can't miss the train to sell it to him."

"If that's all he wants," replied Mr. Stevens, "I can pay for it and take it back to him. How much is it?"

Two dollars, for the "Wuthering Heights," said the agent as he reached for the money and passed the book out the train window.

Just as the train was pulling out of the station, Mr. Watson arrived, puffing and blowing.

"Well, I got it for you," said Stevens, "Just got it and that's all."

"Got what?" yelled Watson.

"Why, I got the book, "Wuthering Heights," and paid for it for you."

"By-the-great-guns!" moaned Watson, as he placed his hands to his brow and fainted right in the middle of the street.

Stephen Fowler '52

### MYSTERIOUS CARGO

I had been waiting on the dock since four A. M. for the small fishing boat to appear out of the fog.

The place I am talking about is a small island off the coast of New Orleans, about three miles out and with an area of about one hundred and twenty-five acres. It is not a very large place, but it is quite an industrious little spot



with one store, a barber shop, and ninety inhabitants.

As the small boat pulled up to the side of the pier and was roped to the posts, a man with a small package in his hand jumped off quickly. He went hurriedly up the street, which was almost deserted, and turned the corner by the barber shop.

I, with bag and baggage, crawled over the side onto the boat. I had to wander around a few minutes to find the Captain who told me where to put my bag.

Within a half hour or so, we pulled away from the pier and out into the blue space called the Gulf. The day was going to be one of those warm sunny days typical of the Louisiana Coast.

We hadn't gone far when I lost sight of San Olego Island, which was my home. Soon we would catch sight of the mainland, but then we would still have to go inland a little to get to New Orleans.

It was about eleven o'clock and we were still on ship when I spied the same man that I had seen running up the street back home.

By one o'clock we reached the public landing in New Orleans. We all piled off including "the man."

We were met on the pier by a Customs officer. He looked both me and my baggage over closely. Although the "other man" had no baggage, he was searched just the same.

I noticed that the officer called him "Shifty." Being told to take off his shoes, the man did so.

The officer took them, and tapped the soles with his little hammer. To my surprise the heel came off, and inside were several small capsules.

The officer immediately handcuffed the man---another dope smuggler had been caught.

Ralph Meader '54

## PROVIDENCE

Since Marie's father had left, which was shortly after "Davy," her younger brother, had been born, her family had gone through very hard times and now had to live in the city slums.

Marie was the oldest one of the five children, so it fell on her to help her mother, Mrs. Jones, support the family. She finished grammar school when she was fourteen years old, but could not go to high school. As quickly as possible she got a job helping a rich old maid, Miss Pierson, do her housework. She got a dollar and a half every day, and had Saturday afternoons and Sundays off.

Her mother did washings and ironings for the neighbors but could not earn more than three dollars a day. To eke out a living for the family Marie turned over five dollars a week and kept three dollars in a jar she had in her bedroom.

Marie's mother did not know about this jar of money Marie was saving to



surprise her mother by buying a nice little farm in the country. After a year's work Marie had been able to save about one hundred and fifty dollars.

Miss Pierson liked Marie, for her work was done thoroughly and satisfactorily. Marie had told Miss Pierson of her plan to buy a farm. One day near Marie's birthday Miss Pierson handed her an envelope on which it said "Happy Birthday." Marie tore it open and there lay a check for four hundred and fifty dollars.

Gratefully, Marie thanked her. Then she hurried out and made a down payment of five hundred dollars for a two acre country farm with a five room house.

Upon arriving home she told her mother of her exploits that day.

The next day the family moved their little bit of furniture to the new home.

Down deep in her heart Mrs. Jones was thanking God for sending such a helpful daughter and for providing shelter.

Faith Hendsbee '54

### REFUGEES

By the roadside in Korea lay the frozen body of a barefooted little boy, face down. Past this stiff frozen figure moved a torrent of refugees, carrying what ever possessions they could, balanced on their heads or strapped to their tired backs. Few glanced at the dead child. The sight was too common. These exhausted refugees fled southward, silently leaving their babies and their aged to die by the roadside. Along the winding road men, women, and children stop to bury their deceased. Truck loads of orphans pass the fleeing refugees, to be flown to Cheju Island where they will be fed and taught. As these trucks pass, men and women try to hang onto them but with out success. Finally, empty trucks come along to pick up the half starved and transport them to what they hope is a better place-at least out of the zone of battle.

We here at home do not fully realize the pain and suffering which is endured in Korea.

These innocent people are in the midst of confusion. Day after day some are killed and their homes burned, only because of this perhaps unnecessary war. We must understand that they are innocent victims of a war waged by those who are fighting for their form of government as we are for ours. We are fortunate that we are not the people who have to flee from the war stricken territory, and that it isn't our homes that are being burned. A considerable amount of pity should be shown toward the innocent people trapped in the Korean territory.

The United States has always come through with victory. This time will be no exception. Soon all over the world there will be peace once more.

Nancy Blanchard '53



## MY MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

It happened on a cold, January night when I stayed at my friend's house. We had just come home from a basketball game, and he had directed me to the room that was to be mine.

"Just go down the hall and take the second room on the right", he said. As I opened the door, I pressed the button to turn on the light. Immediately there was a bright, blue flash; and I knew the light bulb had blown out. I shut the door behind me and decided not to bother my friend for a light bulb. I could see that there were two beds in the room and I took the one nearest to me, because I thought that it looked as if there were something piled on the other bed.

I lay down to go to sleep when I heard a sound. It was not a loud or gruff sound, but a low wheezy sound, almost like hard breathing. Then I heard the noise of toenails outside my door, and I decided that it was probably their dog. I thought about it no more, and as I was tired I dropped off to sleep quickly.

After some time I was awakened again by something, and once more I heard the noise. But thinking of the dog again, I went back to sleep.

As morning came, I awoke with the sunshine pouring into my room. I gazed out the window for sometime, and upon hearing a gentle, rustling sound from the other side of the room, I turned over just in time to see a pretty girl in the other bed open her eyes and look at me.

"Well!" she said. I gave her no time to finish, but ran out of the room. Then adding much to my embarrassment rushed back into the room for I had forgotten my clothes. She was still gulping an exasperated "Well", as I grabbed my clothes and made out with them.

I ran into my friend's room, who had been awakened by the noise. I told him of the incident and what the girl looked like. He began to laugh and said, "That sounds like my sister's girl friend you are describing."

I said, "But why didn't you give me a different room from that one?" Then I discovered my mistake; I had taken the second room on the left instead of the second on the right. Will I ever learn that I'm really left handed.

George Gould '52

## Old Custom

Mother has a beaver coat;  
and Junior has a fishing boat.  
Sister has a brand new sleigh;  
and father has a year to pay.

Nancy Blanchard '53



## BESSE BREEZE

## IS IT ANYBODY'S BUSINESS ?

Is it anybody's business  
     If a boy should choose  
 To call upon a girl,  
     If she doesn't refuse?  
 And to talk out very plain,  
     So the meaning, she will know,  
 Is it anybody's business  
     If a girl has a beau?  
 Is it anybody's business  
     When the boy makes a call,  
 Or when he leaves the girl,  
     Or if he leaves her at all?  
 Or is it necessary  
     To keep the lights on dim  
 To save from further trouble-  
     The outsiders looking in?  
 Or is it necessary  
     To have the curtains drawn  
 To save from further trouble-  
     The outsiders looking on?  
 The point I want all to see  
     Simply would be this:  
 Is it anybody's business  
     What another's business is?  
 Whether it is or it isn't  
     I would really like to know;  
 For I am certain, if it isn't,  
     There are some who make it so.  
Stephen Fowler '52

## NANCY

There I sat, full of bliss,  
     looking for a pretty miss.  
 I looked all night, I looked all day.  
     Then Nancy came my way,  
 She winked her eye, and then I fell.  
     With her for-ever would I dwell.

Wesley Drake '53



## JUNIOR CLASS

The members of the Junior Class  
We all add up to the sum of nine.  
We like our class, yes, everyone,  
In fact, we think we're fine.

George, our class president,  
So quiet and sedate;  
He's liked by everyone,  
With us he ranks first-rate.

Harold is a jolly boy.  
He's always full of fun.  
He thinks a lot of all the girls,  
But's a friend to everyone.

Another Junior boy is Allen,  
So very strong and tall,  
And Skip's the athletic type,  
So good in basketball.

The three lassies of our class  
Are Beverly, Barbara, and Althea.  
They brighten up our very lives  
And make us full of cheer.

Our Stevie's the boy with the looks,  
He could rate with any gal,  
But he keeps his head  
And to all he is a pal.

The last, not least, is our Maurice,  
The genius of the class.  
His favorite pastime  
Is dating a certain lass.

And so we'll conclude our story  
Of us Juniors, one and all.  
And if we all have good luck  
We'll be Seniors by next fall.

Barbara Quimby '52

Beverly Cookson '52



## BESSE BREEZE

## THAT LAST BASKET

This game was a rough one!  
 Oh, how thin was the ice,  
 But surely it was broken  
 When the coach gave his advice!

The game sure was a close one,  
 With the hall packed all around.  
 When our boys sank a basket  
 Our fans jumped up and down!

The game was a fast one!  
 No player missed a trick.  
 They kept their eyes wide open  
 Because each was out to lick!

Someone missed a foul shot,  
 And you could hear a groan.  
 Then someone missed a long one  
 And one side made a moan!

Then another second passed  
 And the game was in a tie!  
 But good old Besse won it-  
 And mighty was our sigh!

Maurice Scribner Jr. '52

## SPRING AGAIN

You and me,  
 Just we  
 Walking hand in hand.

Sunny day,  
 Bright and gay,  
 Everything is grand.

He likes me  
 I—he  
 Cozy little dream.

We walks  
 He talks  
 His self is the theme.

I tired  
 Love expired  
 Bosh! Spring fever

Thelma Woodbury '54





# STUDENT COUNCIL



First Row, Left to Right: Charles Scribner, Nancy Blanchard, Charles McKiel, George Gould, Kathryn Keay, Althea Hendsbee, and Carroll Harding Jr.

Second Row, Mr. Foss, Oswald Cash, William Woodbury, Virgil Coffin, Guy Higgins, and Walter Gordon.

Third Row, Stephen Fowler, Lawrence Reynolds, Wesley Drake, and Arthur Blaisdell.

The Student Council chose the following officers this year.

President .....	George Gould
Vice President .....	Charles McKiel
Secretary .....	Kathryn Keay
Treasurer .....	Nancy Blanchard

This year's Editorial Board was elected by the Student Council.

The Student Council has bought baseball and basketball equipment, four rolls of tickets for basketball games, and a subscription to the Waterville Morning Sentinel for the school.





# BAZAAR PLAY



First Row, Left to Right: Harold Crosby, George Gould, Stephen Fowler, Lawrence Reynolds, and Keith Noyes.

Second Row, Miss Elwell, Charles McKiel, Nancy Blanchard, Kathryn Keay, Beverly Higgins, Thelma Woodbury, and Charles Scribner.

Back Row, Kenneth Gould, Arthur Blaisdell, Oswald Cash, Ralph Meader, Maurice Scribner Jr., and Virgil Coffin.

The Highlight of Besse's Bazaar this year was a Minstrel Show, in which the following took leading parts:

Interlocuter	.....	Stephen Fowler
End men	.....	Harold Crosby George Gould Lawrence Reynolds Keith Noyes
Soloist	.....	Charles Scribner
Duets	.....	Beverly Higgins Audrey Orr
Trio	.....	Nelson Bezanson Virgil Coffin Maurice Scribner, Jr.
Dance	.....	Nancy Blanchard Thelma Woodbury
Mousetrap Comedy Band	.....	Charles McKiel Oswald Cash Arthur Blaisdell Ralph Meader





## BAZAAR COMMITTEE



First Row, Left to Right: Rosamond Keef, Althea Hendsbee, George Gould, Kathryn Keay, and Nancy Blanchard.

Second Row, Oswald Cash, Barbara Quimby, Guy Higgins, Ida Marks, Maurice Scribner Jr., Virginia Mason, and Keith Noyes. In back Charles McKiel.

The student body was well represented in the chorus, singing both the old and the new.

A play, The Black Diamond Mystery, made up the second part of the show.

The following Bazaar committee chairman helped to make the bazaar a success this year.

General Chairman	George Gould
Aprons	Rosamond Keef
Fish Pond	Althea Hendsbee
Refreshments	Kathryn Keay
Blanket	Nancy Blanchard
Penny in Pan	Oswald Cash, Jr.
Food sale	Barbara Quimby
Food Basket	Guy Higgins
Fancy Work	Ida Marks
Turkey	Maurice Scribner, Jr.



## BESSE BREEZE

Guessing .....	Virginia Mason
Penny Toss .....	Keith Noyes
Bag of grain .....	Charles McKiel
Dart Game .....	Nelson Bezanson

The seniors served a chicken pie supper, thus increasing the school treasury for about sixty dollars. In all we made about one hundred and ninety dollars.

We students of Besse are sincerely grateful to all those who gave so generously to help make our Bazaar a success.

## Junior Play Cast



First Row, Left to Right: Miss Elwell, Beverly Cookson, Ralph Meader, Althea Hendsbee, and Stephen Fowler.

Second Row: Barbara Knight, George Gould, Maurice Scribner Jr., Lawrence Reynolds, Ronald St. Amand, and Barbara Quimby.





## CHEERLEADERS



Left to Right, Kathryn Keay, Barbara Knight, Charles Scribner, Thelma Woodbury, and Nancy Blanchard.

The 1950-51 cheerleaders were led through a successful season with the expert leadership of Nancy Blanchard, our head cheerleader. Three freshmen, Barbara Knight, Charles Scribner, and Thelma Woodbury joined forces with the two veterans of last year, Nancy Blanchard and Kathryn Keay to make our group complete.

We thank the Student Council for buying our blouses; also, Miss Elwell, our coach, for her helpful ideas.

The hall just rang when we led the crowd in this cheer:

Take it down! Take it down!  
Take it down the floor.  
Bring it up! Bring it up!  
Bring it up some more.  
Shoot it in the basket,  
Dribble down the floor.  
Come on, boys, Score! Score! Score!





# SENIOR PLAY



First Row, Left to Right: Dexter Higgins, Virginia Mason, Ida Marks, Nancy Blanchard and Charles McKiel.

Second Row, Oswald Cash, Rosamond Keef, Miss Elwell, Barbara Quimby, Althea Hendsbee, and Guy Higgins.

On March 16, the seniors, with the help of underclassmen, presented the three act comedy, "Don't Be Bashful".

The cast was as follows:

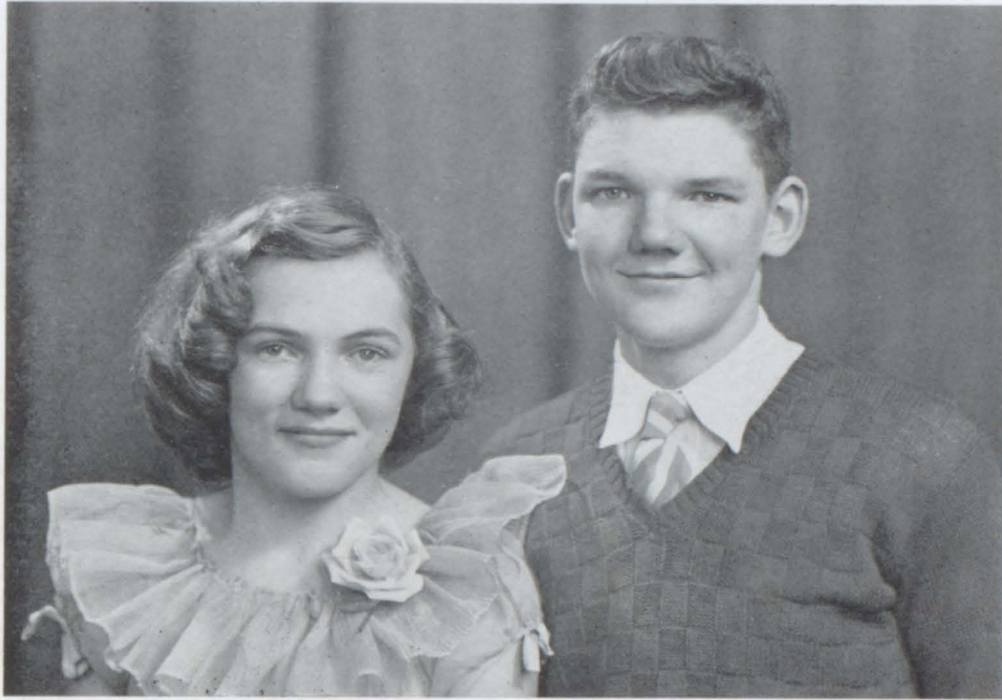
Nancy Adams, the cause of it all	Ida Marks
Walter Adams her father	Charles McKiel
Grace Adams, Nancy's mother	Nancy Blanchard
Ken Hunt, a college student	Nelson Bezanson
Sam Hunt, his father	Dexter Higgins
Judy Hunt, Ken's young sister	Virginia Mason
Phyllis Buck, in search of a story	Rosamond Keef
Frances Terry, an attractive secretary	Barbara Quimby
Caroline Green, an advocate of law and order	Althea Hendsbee
Officer Pluck, Pine Lake's police force	Guy Higgins

The play was coached by Miss Elwell.





## PRIZE SPEAKING



In 1950 the two who represented Besse High School in the Waldo County Contest were Harold Crosby, speaking "Scratch-the Newsboy's Dog", and Mary Lyn Nelson, speaking "The Debutante". Many thanks go to both these students for their courage and determination to keep Besse in the League, and especially to Harold for winning second place, thus keeping his school in good standing in this important activity. They both say that speaking is a very worthwhile experience.







# BOYS BASKETBALL



First Row Left to Right: Dexter Higgins, Oswald Cash, Charles McKiel, Wesley Drake, Lawrence Reynolds, and Keith Noyes.

Second Row, Mr. Foss, George Gould, Virgil Coffin, Ralph Meader, Arthur Blaisdell, and Carroll Harding Jr.

Third Row, Robert Sylvester, Stephen Fowler, Kenneth Gould, and Walter Gordon.

The Besse Owls didn't have a very successful season this year by just winning seven games and losing twelve. We have a total of 792 points to our opponents 708. One big "feather in our hats", was our beating Unity on their floor 52 to 44. Many of our losses this year were by only one or two points-very thrilling.

Our schedule for this year was as follows:

	Besse	Opp's
Clinton	34	44
Freedom*	18	38
Brooks	21	22
Searsport	34	35
Winterport*	33	38
Walker	50	33
Monroe	90	37
Unity*	37	41
Brooks*	33	37
Searsport*	66	36
Winterport	63	66



Walker*	61	41
Monroe*	37	17
Unity	52	44
Freedom	20	24
Clinton*	45	51

\*———Indicates home games

In the Waldo County Tournament played at Brooks, we were defeated in our first game with Freedom 27-41.

In the Kennebec Valley Conference that took place in Winslow, we played Anson Academy and defeated them 46-25. Then, the following day, we played Unity High and were defeated 27-38.

Charles McKiel and Wesley Drake represented Besse in the All-Star Game played at Brooks.

Charles McKiel was high scorer this year as he snapped the net for 338 points. His highest total for one night was in the Monroe game when he netted 39 points. Next in order were K. Noyes with 123 points and W. Drake with 121 points.

Many thanks to the townspeople who backed us up and to our coach, Mr. Foss. Also, we wish to thank the town and Odd Fellows for the use of lending us the hall. Good luck to the team next year.

Stephen Fowler '52







## BASEBALL



In Front, Ernest Woodbury, and Ralph Fuller.

First Row, Left to Right: Dexter Higgins, Oswald Cash, Keith Noyes, Lawrence Reynolds, and Charles McKiel.

Second Row, Mr. Foss, Stephen Fowler, Robert Sylvester, Virgil Coffin, Wesley Drake, Arthur Blaisdell, and Carroll Harding Jr.

Last Fall the Besse High School boys had good luck. We played three games, two with Erskine Academy and one with Brooks. We won over Erskine, 7 to 5, and 6 to 4. We also beat Brooks, 9 to 6, to end the fall season for baseball.

The prospects for Spring Baseball look good with thirteen boys out for practice. We plan to play in the Waldo County League.



## GRAMMAR SCHOOL BASKETBALL



First Row, Left to Right: Arthur Rood, Leon Fowler, Karl Keay, Charles Spearin, and Floyd Blaisdell.

Second Row, Mr. Harold Marden, Milton Higgins, Ronald Littlefield, Robert Littlefield, Raymond Marks.

Third Row, Audrey Drake, Carolyn Fowler, and Maxine Harding.

### OUR TEAM

First there's Leon, who's forward on the right,  
Boy! you should see him, He's some sight.  
Then there's "Hezzie", who's slick as pie,  
He's so small he gets through and goes right by.  
Next comes "John", our center, great and tall,  
He plows right in and makes the enemy feel small.  
Then comes "Arty", our faithful left guard,  
When he gets done the opposing team is jarred.  
Last of all comes "Charlie", our guard on the right,  
He guards those fellows with all his might.

Now we have the "Besse Hornets",  
A team to win their game,  
Always trying to live up to  
"Good Old Besse's" Basketball fame.





## SCHOOL CALENDAR



Sept.	5	School began
Sept.	29	Freshman Reception
Oct.	4	County Teachers Convention
Oct.	12	Columbus Day
Oct.	26	Teachers State Convention
Oct.	27	” ” ”
Nov.	10	Bazaar
Nov.	11	Armistice Day
Nov.	18	Round Robin at Brooks
Nov.	27	Sophomores order their class rings
Nov.	28	Besse at Clinton (they won)
Dec.	12	Winterport at Besse
Dec.	22	Christmas vacation started
Dec.	22	Junior Class
Jan.	2	Back to school
Jan.	5	Sophomore rings arrive
Jan.	23	First Ad. trip to Waterville
Jan.	26	Besse at Unity (we won)
Feb.	2	Clinton at Besse
Feb.	16	Vacation again, but first, announcement of Senior honor parts
Feb.	27	School pictures taken for year book
Mar.	16	Senior Play
Apr.	6	Prize Speaking
Apr.	13	Another vacation
May	27	Baccalaureate
May	29	Last Chapel
May	30	Memorial Day
June	1	Graduation and Graduation Ball Another school year completed.





## HUMOR



“Guess I’ve lost another pupil,” said Mr. Foss as his glass eye rolled down the sink.

Harold Crosby: “Did you hear that the “Miss America” contest is going to be abandoned?”

George Gould: “No, why is that?”

Harold C.: “Because it took the judges five days to find a place to pin the medals.”

Game Warden: “Hey, young man, what’s the idea of hunting with last year’s license?”

Dexter Higgins: “Oh, I’m only shooting at the bird I missed last year.”

Miss Mitchell: (in America History Class) “Now, Keith, name America’s greatest general.”

Keith Noyes: (Pausing for a minute) “General Motors.”

The world is full of willing people, some are willing to work, others are willing to let them.

Allen Higgins: “Virgil, I’ve never seen a picture of an angel with a beard or mustache. What, don’t men go to heaven?”

Virgil Coffin: “Oh, yes, but it’s always by a close shave.”

Sign in restaurant; “Try our home food-you’ll never live to regret it.”

Mr. Foss: (in Plane Geometry Class) “Now there’s nothing in the world too difficult to over come.”

Harold Crosby: “Have you ever tried squeezing shaving cream back into a tube?”





## BESSE'S MOST PERFECT STUDENT

	Girl	Boy
Hair .....	Nancy Blanchard .....	Harold Crosby
Eyes .....	Thelma Woodbury .....	Besse Owl
Nose .....	Barbara Quimby .....	Ernest Woodbury
Complexion .....	Barbara Knight .....	Charles McKiel
Dimples .....	Faith Hendsbee .....	Harold Crosby
Figure .....	Nancy Blanchard .....	Ozzie Cash
Hands .....	Virginia Mason .....	George Gould
Legs .....	Barbara Quimby .....	Ralph Meader
Personality .....	Kathryn Keay .....	Stephen Fowler
Clothes .....	Ida Marks .....	Charles McKiel
Patience .....	Rosamond Keef .....	Wesley Drake
I. Q. ....	Althea Hendsbee .....	Skippy Reynolds
Mouth .....	Kathryn Keay .....	Virgil Coffin

## POPULARITY PHASES AT B. H. S.

Fat lady .....	Kathryn Keay
Hell driver .....	Bill Woodbury
Acrobats .....	Thelma Woodbury & Harold Crosby
Thin lady .....	Barbara Knight
Monkey trainer .....	Mr. Foss
Monkeys .....	Students
Fire Eater .....	Rosamond Keef
Mind Readers .....	Miss Mitchell & Miss Elwell
Shyest .....	Carroll Harding
Biggest joker .....	Stephen Fowler
Best personality .....	George Gould
Most Dependable .....	Charles McKiel
Shortest .....	Ernest Woodbury





## ALUMNI



1947

Roberta Bezanson Copeland, Housewife,  
Georgia  
Henry Folger, Working, Mass.  
Shirley Fuller Grudda, attending M. T. I.,  
Nyack, New York  
Anne McKiel, attending University of  
Maine, Orono  
Norman Rideout, working in creamery,  
Albion.  
Dorothy Robbins Lee, Housewife, Albion  
Pearl Rood Fuller, working in Waterville  
Sentinel Office, Waterville  
Maxine Studley Rideout, Housewife, Albion  
George Waugh, Jr., Army, Maryland

1948

Florence Flye Alexander Housewife, Benton  
Joan Bagley, attending University of Maine  
Orono  
June Bagley Flye, Housewife, Clinton  
Ferne Keef Boivine, Housewife, China  
Brenda Braley, attending F.S.T.C., Farm-  
ington  
Geraldine Brown, training at Sisters' Hospi-  
tal, Waterville  
Rosella Rex Fletcher, Housewife, China  
Mary Fuller, working, Waterville  
Harriet McKiel, Attending University of  
Maine, Orono  
Faye Cookson Pottle, Housewife, Benton  
Donald Quimby, Farming with father,  
Albion  
Marilyn Shibles, Working, Waterville

1949

Danny Blake, Jr., Working, Albion  
Ethel Carver, At home, Coopers Mills, Me.  
Carleton Fuller, Farming, Albion  
Harold Hetham, Army Air Corps, Lubock,  
Texas  
Catherine Knight, At home, Albion  
Elma Lee Davis, Housewife, Thorndike  
Dana Libby, Waitress, Waterville  
Elaine Rideout, Laboratory Technician,  
Webber Hospital, Biddeford  
Hattie Rood, Office work, Keyes' Fibre,  
Waterville  
Carlene Waugh, attending Providence Bible  
Institute, Rhode Island  
James Yeaton, Working, Albion

1950

Bernice Bezanson, Attending Houghton  
College, Houghton, New York  
Seth Bradstreet, Jr., Attending University  
of Maine, Orono  
Betty Blake, Telephone operator, Albion  
Leslie Clark, Working, Albion  
Robert Cookson, Working, Albion  
Joyce Fuller, Attending M.T.I., Nyack,  
New York  
Carolyn Keef, Working, Waterville  
Caril Knight, Attending Thomas Business  
College, Waterville  
Danny Lawrence, Navy Air Corps, Norfolk  
Virginia  
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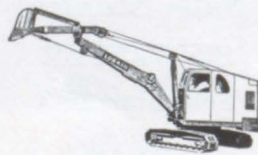
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