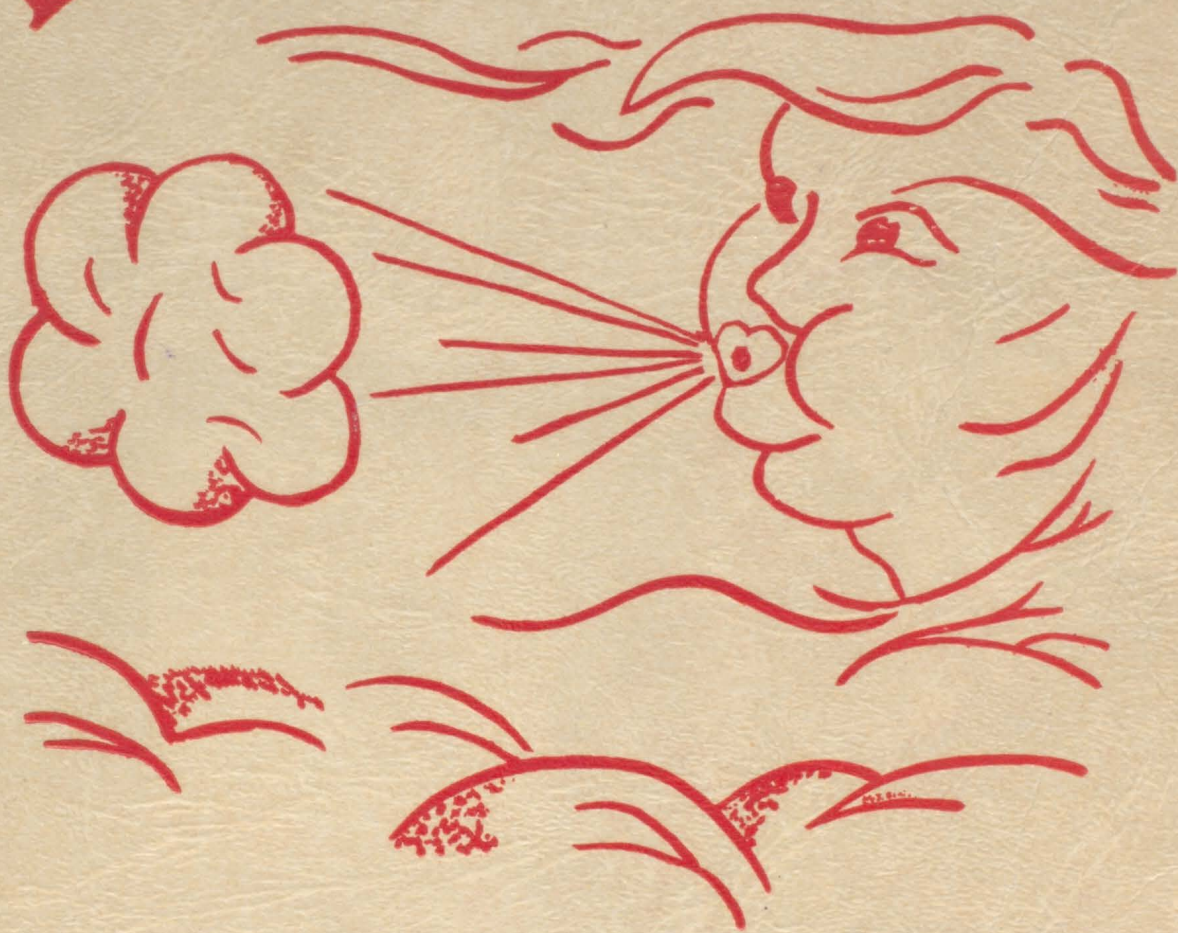
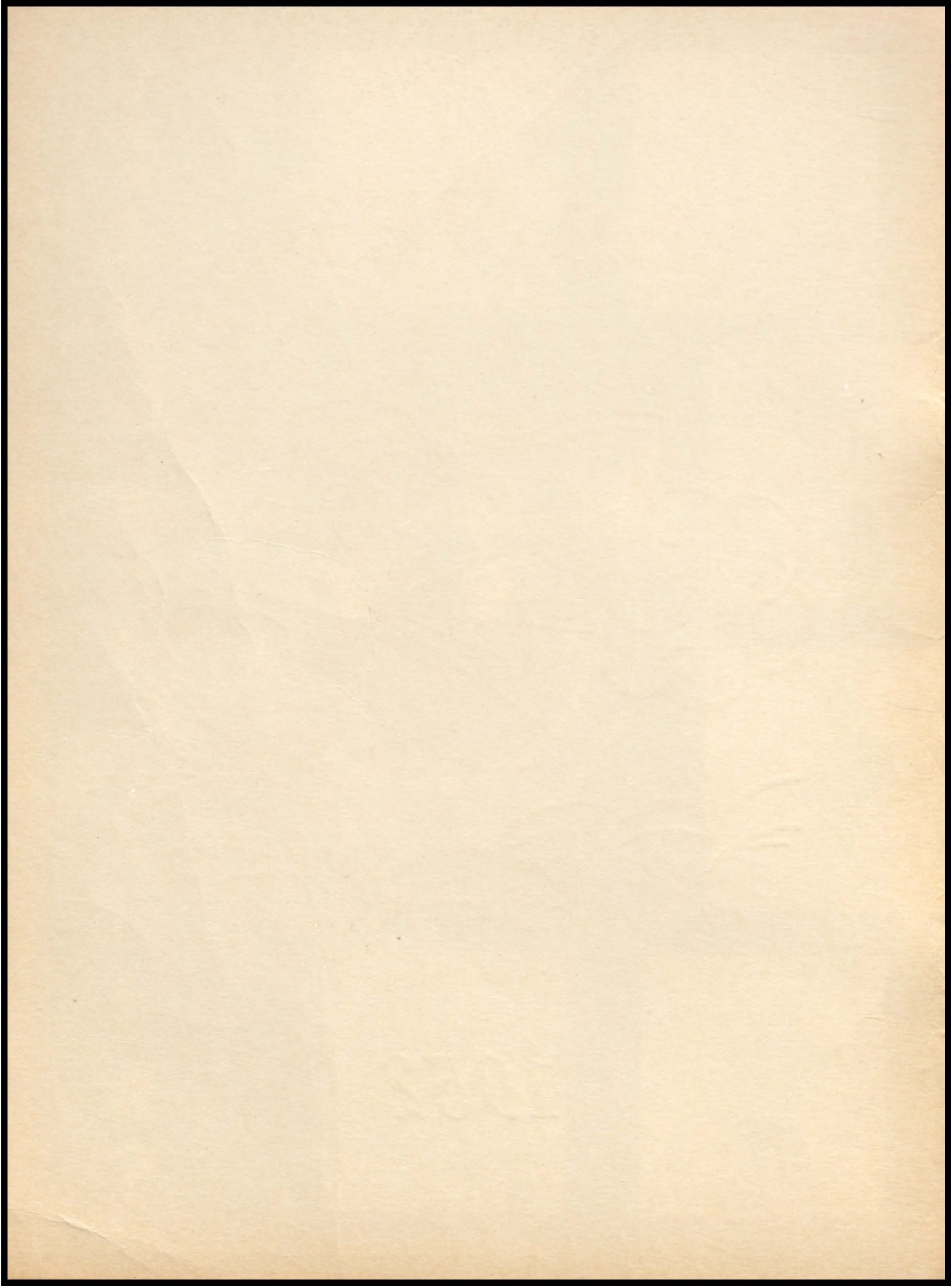


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Dedication



Mr. Dodd E. Roberts

We, the students of Besse High School, respectfully dedicate our "Besse Breeze" of 1952 to Mr. Dodd E. Roberts, former language instructor, who is now with the Armed Forces of America.

Because of your efforts on our behalf and your interest in our welfare, you have won our respect and admiration. You will always live in the hearts of students at Besse.



BESSE HIGH DIRECTORY



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Asa Gordon

SCHOOL BOARD

George Littlefield

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Wesley Norton



FACULTY

Left to Right, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Boothby, and Miss Mitchell



EDITORIAL BOARD



First Row, Left to Right, Virgil Coffin, George Gould, Althea Hendsbee, Kathryn Keay, Barbara Knight, Ralph Meader, and Stephen Fowler.

Second Row, Allen Higgins, Faith Hendsbee, Nancy Blanchard, Sherrill Spiller, Mrs. Wilson, Thelma Woodbury, Barbara Quimby, and Kenneth Gould.

Third Row, Charles Scribner, Carroll Harding Jr., Leon Fowler, Wesley Drake, and Ernest Woodbury.

The Editorial Board has had very little business, due to the fact that the editors and their assistants were elected by the Student Council. We did have to elect a new exchange editor due to the absence of our present one.

The only work the Editorial Board has done is to put out a small paper on the average of every six weeks.

The Editors and their assistants are as follows:

Editor-in-Chief
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Literary Editor
Assistant
Business Manager
Assistant
Art Editor

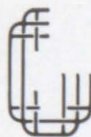
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Junior Class Reporter	Kenneth Gould
Sophomore Class Reporter	Thelma Woodbury
Freshman Class Reporter	Sherrill Spiller

EXCHANGE REPORT

We, the students of Besse High, wish to thank each school that we have been exchanging papers and year books with. We would like to correspond with you next year also.

"Monitor", Unity	"Banner", Walker
"Pow Wow", Freedom	"Riverside", Winterport
"Flash", Monroe	"Bulldog", Madison
"Hi-lite", Cullman, Alabama	Erskine Academy
"Broadcaster", Fairhope, Alabama	Wilton Academy
"Pow Wow", Southwest Harbor	





EDITORIALS



MR. PRESIDENT TRUMAN

"He isn't fit to be President. He is uneducated. He has put the country in debt. The Korean War is the Truman War." Yes, this is what people are saying about President Truman. But what are they basing their statements on? Yes, you have guessed it if you say they are basing their statements on nothing.

Their statements are nothing but ironic assumptions. They are not based upon truth, or fact, but are the idle talk of mis-informed people who have not analyzed the facts.

People say that President Truman was foolish to put troops in Korea, but they fail to realize that United States Troops are fighting side by side with many other nations; that he is striving to stop the spread of communism; that Korea was the logical place to stand up to the Communists.

It isn't the judgment of one nation, one man, or one army, but the judgment of many men, of many armies, and many nations. President Truman has sincerely said many times and in many places that his one goal was world peace.

Before people start raking President Truman over the coals, so to speak, they should consider the fact that he came into office suddenly, in the midst of a great war. Not many people realize the problems that confronted him, or the pressure he was under when he came into office.

Not many people stop to think back, and ponder over the grave situation that our country was in when Mr. Truman entered office. Not many people realize how well he has handled the situation.

As for his being uneducated, that is a very stupid accusation. He attended the public schools and was graduated from high school. True, he did not go to college, but he was a very intelligent man. Many men acquire the equivalent of a college education through their own efforts and President Truman is an example of this fact. At the age of twelve, he had read the Bible through twice, besides reading all of the extra reading matter in the back of it. He has always studied history.

President Truman's ambition, integrity, and patriotism should not be questioned. When he finished high school, he had to work because of his father's financial position. He obtained a job of keeping time for a railroad company at thirty-five dollars a month. He joined the National Guard in 1905. He was a member in this organization for twelve years, and in 1918 he was picked for the Overseas School Detail. On July 11, 1918, he was made Captain and given charge of Battery D, 129th, which he kept to the end of the war.

We have an example of his honesty in his experience in the business world. Mr. Truman and Eddie Jacobson opened a Men's Furnishing Store, and in a year and a half sold over \$70,000 worth of merchandise. Things were going well until the depression came along. One week their

inventory was worth \$40,000 and the next week, \$5000. They went broke. Eddie went through bankruptcy, but Mr. Truman paid his debts after fifteen years.

After this experience, President Truman had the opportunity to run for judge in Eastern Jackson County. He advanced through various county, state, and federal offices until he took over the presidency at the time of President Roosevelt's death.

When he was in the Senate, he attended every meeting of every committee to which he was appointed. His experience as a member of Congress served him well when he was called to become President of the United States.

Today, the people are too wrought up to appraise President Truman sanely; but in the annals of history we think he will, at least, be given credit for being sincere in striving to save our country from destruction.

George Gould '52

WHAT THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CAN DO ABOUT ELECTION OF STATE AND NATIONAL OFFICIALS

The high school student of today should always keep posted on the candidates for State and National Offices because tomorrow he will be electing them. The things most important to keep posted on are the past experiences of the candidates, their policies, and plans if elected.

Their past experiences should include, first of all, education. How much education they have and how well they use what they do have. Secondly, we should consider their experience in politics, the number of years and their ability to work with the public. Thirdly, their policies and plans if they are elected should be for the benefit of the public.

We should discuss with our parents, teachers, and friends all current issues so we may know and understand all that is happening around us. Other sources of information may be obtained from the radio, magazine, and newspaper. Not only should we discuss with people the current issues but urge all acquaintances who are voters to vote.

One of the more serious problems today, when it comes to elections, is that the people don't all vote. Not only is that true in state and national elections but also in town elections. A very good example of this is town meeting. I know of a case where the citizens of a town voted nearly one hundred per cent on one article in the warrant, whereas only forty-seven percent voted on the other articles. You may say why should I vote, my better half will vote just the opposite, but did you ever think that when you vote you might be influencing eight or ten other people?

We should always have our ears open so that we may learn all possible information about the present and past policies and laws in the state and

national government so when we reach voting age we can vote more intelligently.

Kathryn Keay '53

CITIZENSHIP

Good citizenship depends not on what you say, but what you think; not on what you preach, but what you practice; not what you appear to be on the surface, but what you really are in the innermost recesses of your being.

A person's attitude toward others is often a very plain indication of the kind of citizen he is. One who cultivates the acquaintance or friendship of those about him merely for his own personal gain is not practicing the essential rudiments of good citizenship. It has been said, "Be very considerate of those you may pass on your way up the ladder of success, because it is very probable that you may meet the same ones on your way down".

Personal riches are not essential to good citizenship, although they are no bar or ban to the same. Neither is poverty any bar or ban to good citizenship. Even one in extremely reduced circumstances may be rich in love and faith and may by the warmth of friendliness and brotherly love be able to enrich and comfort others.

A good citizen should be sober at all times, not given to drunkenness or other forms of riotous living.

Education is necessary to good citizenship, because an uneducated person is a detriment or hindrance to society. Such persons, therefore, are easily led from the right way and into mischievous or even criminal paths, which can only lead to the harm of others.

Everyone has been a citizen of some country ever since he was born. Each person has responsibilities toward family, community, nation, and world.

First of all a citizen's responsibilities are centered around the home. The youngster is taught, at home, the right from wrong. The ideals that a citizen has when he is young can usually be observed when he is older. If a child is taught to play fairly with those around him, he will probably be an honest person when he grows up.

Next the responsibilities of a citizen pertain to his community. He will strive to make his community a more wholesome place in which to live. This will be in volunteering to cooperate in community projects, being ready to defend the rights of the community, and standing up for community ideals.

As individuals, one must exercise good citizenship because the nation's prosperity, security, and happiness depend upon it.

Althea Hendsbee '52

THE TRUE PATRIOT

Why sure, you will say, the true patriot is the Marine who serves gallantly under fire on a mountainside in Korea, or the high government official who exposes corruption in the government, but whoa! Wait a minute there, John Doe! You haven't really stopped to think what a real patriot is. Just look around your neighborhood; think of each person individually.

What about John Peabody, the fellow who lives next door? Wasn't he the person who saved little Sally Smith when the Smith's house caught fire last winter? John didn't stop for anything when he learned little Sally was trapped upstairs; he just wrapped a wet towel around his face and went through the smoke and fire to save the screaming little girl. Oh! you say, that was heroic. Well, fellow, it was patriotism more than anything else, and how about Farmer Brown who was sixty-five when the other war started? He met the call to arms with two sons and a daughter; he came out of retirement to plant crops and to help keep up with the great wartime demand for food. His two sons never came back; Carl was killed at Normandy and Harold was killed on Iwo Jima. You say, the sons and daughter were the heroes. Well, don't fool yourself, John Doe. Could you give up your two sons without a whimper as Farmer Brown did while you were keeping the farm especially for them? Then how about Old Mister Caldwell who, when he was over eighty, started buying war bonds with his meager savings to, as he put it, help out a worthy cause? Also how about the little crippled boy, Billy Olson, who sold papers to use the money to buy war stamps? Did you ever stop to think about the Negro family who came to live on the block? There were five boys from that family in the service of which only two came back. The family made the supreme sacrifice, but claimed most anyone would have done it. There was that Japanese family who were relocated in your community after the war. Don't they save every penny they can to put in defense bonds? Aren't they always the ones who speak up first in defense of the American way of life?

Yes, to you, to me and to everyone else, all these people represent one thing — that the American way is the way that encourages its people to love each other, their flag and their country.

True patriotism does not show itself merely when the country is endangered by a foreign foe, or when the war days come. It is something that is associated with practical daily living. The true patriot is one who takes an active part in the common, everyday, ordinary affairs pertaining to the nation's good.

Walter Gordon '54



HONOR ROLL



HIGH HONORS (ALL A's)

HONORS (A's & B's)

SENIORS

George Gould (3)

JUNIORS

Nancy Blanchard (1)
Beverly Higgins (1)
Kathryn Keay (3)

SOPHOMORES

Faith Hendsbee (3)

Arthur Blaisdell (2)
Walter Gordon (2)
Carroll Harding, Jr. (2)
Barbara Knight (2)
Ralph Meader (1)
Lloyd Pottle (1)
Thelma Woodbury (3)

FRESHMEN

Karl Keay (3)

Leon Fowler (3)
Kelvin Higgins (1)
Harvey Quimby (1)
Sherrill Spiller (3)

SENIOR CLASS

Through Trials to Triumph

Harold Crosby
Stephen Fowler
George Gould
Althea Hendsbee

Allen Higgins
Barbara Quimby
Lawrence Reynolds
Maurice Scribner, Jr.

CLASS OFFICERS

President George Gould
Vice President Lawrence Reynolds
Secretary Barbara Quimby
Treasurer Stephen Fowler

Class Colors Maroon and White
Class Flower White Carnation
Class Marshal Virgil Coffin

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Baccalaureate June 1, 1952
Last Chapel June 2, 1952
Graduation I. O. O. F. Hall, June 6, 8:00 P. M.



HAROLD DURWOOD CROSBY

Houlton, December 12, 1934

"Bing"

Class Will

"I'm right and the world, wrong."

Cheerleader 1, 2; Head Cheerleader 2; Freshman Play 1; Minstrel Show 2; Prize Speaking 2; Second place for the District in Prize Speaking 2.

STEPHEN EDGAR FOWLER

Albion, October 20, 1934

"Steve"

2nd Honor Essay

"Quality, not quantity."

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; All-Star Guard 4; Prize Speaking 3, 3rd Place; Class Treasurer 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Editorial Board 3, 4; Humor Editor 3; Boys' Sports Editor 4; Ass't. Advertising Manager 4; Freshman Play 1; Bazaar Play 2; Minstrel Show 3, Interlocutor; Graduation Marshal 3; Honor Roll 1, 2.



GEORGE CLARK GOULD

Albion, March 18, 1934

"Georgie"

Valedictorian

"Deeds, not words."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; All-Star Guard 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; President 3; Vice President 4; Class President 1, 3, 4; Vice President 2; Editorial Board 2, 3, 4; Asst. Advertising Manager 2; Advertising Manager 3, 4; Freshman Play 1; Bazaar Play 2; Junior Play 3; Minstrel Show 3; Graduation Usher 3; Honor 1, 2, 3, 4.



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ALTHEA JOYCE HENDSBEE

Oakland, April 15, 1935

"Al"

Salutatorian

"Speak softly, but carry a big stick."

Basketball 4; All-Star 4; Student Council 1, 3; Class Officers 1, 3, 4; Editorial Board 2, 3, 4; Ass't. Literary Editor 2; Literary Editor 3, 4; Class Plays 1, 2; Graduation Usher 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; Language Award 2; D.A.R. Candidate 4.

ALLEN ROBERT HIGGINS

Albion, December 9, 1933

"Hig"

Class Gifts

"Brakes are better than Breaks."

Basketball 4; Baseball 4; Editorial Board 4; Humor Editor 4; Minstrel Show 3.



BARBARA ELIZABETH QUIMBY

Albion, December 28, 1933

"Barb"

Class Gifts

"Cheer up, the worst is yet to come."

Basketball 1, 2, 4; All-Star 4; Softball 1, 2, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 4; Class Treasurer 1; Class Secretary 2, 4; Editorial Board 3, 4; Ass't. Business Manager 3; Business Manager 4; Minstrel Show 3; Graduation Usher 3.





LAWRENCE E. REYNOLDS

Albion, January 2, 1935

"Skip"

1st Honor Essay

"Where there's life there's hope."

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; All-Star 1st Baseman 2; J. V. Basketball 1, 2; J. V. Captain 2; Varsity Basketball 3, 4; Class Vice President 1, 3, 4; President 2; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Auditor 4; Athletic Committee 4; Freshman Play 1; Bazaar Play 2; Junior Play 3; Minstrel Show 3; End Man 3; Editorial Board 1, 2, 3, 4; Ass't. Editor 2, 3; Co-Editor 4; Ass't. Art Editor 3; Graduation Usher 3; Honor Roll 1, 2.

MAURICE F. SCRIBNER, Jr.

Appleton, July 6, 1934

"Bud"

Class Prophecy

"Look, leap and live."

Junior Varsity Basketball 2; Varsity Basketball 4; Baseball 1, 3, 4; Freshman Play 1; Bazaar Play 2; Junior Play 3; Minstrel Show 3; Bazaar Committee 3; Cheerleader 2; Editorial Board 1, 3; Class Reporter 1, 3.





SENIOR CLASS



Seated, Left to Right, Stephen Fowler, Barbara Quimby, Althea Hendsbee, and George Gould. Standing, Left to Right, Maurice Scribner Jr., Harold Crosby, Mr. Boothby, Lawrence Reynolds, and Allen Higgins.

We, the Senior Class, are composed of eight members, two girls and six boys.

We have increased our treasury by sponsoring a chicken supper and a movie, a paper drive and the boys have been cutting and selling pulp.

Those taking part in sports this year were Lawrence Reynolds, George Gould, Stephen Fowler, Maurice Scribner, Allen Higgins, Althea Hendsbee, and Barbara Quimby.

We went on a class trip to New York during Easter vacation.

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



JUNIOR CLASS



Seated, Left to Right, Kenneth Gould, Nancy Blanchard, Wesley Drake, Kathryn Keay, Virgil Coffin, and Beverly Higgins.
Standing, Frederick Shores, Mr. Boothby, Robert Sylvester.

The following students were chosen as the officers of our class:

President	Wesley Drake
Vice President	Kathryn Keay
Secretary	Nancy Blanchard
Treasurer	Virgil Coffin
Class Reporter	Kenneth Gould
Class Adviser	Mr. Boothby

The Junior Class started with eleven members this year but soon afterwards Richard Brown and Sherwood Brann left us.

Mary Lyn Nelson left us to go to Freedom Academy at the third quarter of the year.

Members of the Junior Class that played basketball this season were Kathryn Keay, Nancy Blanchard, Beverly Higgins, Mary Lyn Nelson, Wesley Drake, Virgil Coffin, and Robert Sylvester.

Boys who played baseball were Virgil Coffin, Robert Sylvester, and Wesley Drake.

Girls out for softball include Kathryn Keay, Nancy Blanchard, and Beverly Higgins.



SOPHOMORE CLASS



Seated, Left to Right, Arthur Blaisdell, Barbara Knight, Ralph Meader, Thelma Woodbury, Carroll Harding Jr., and Faith Hendsbee.

Standing, Ralph Fuller, Walter Gordon, Charles Scribner, Lloyd Pottle, Ernest Woodbury, and Miss Mitchell.

The Sophomore Class of Besse High School, consisting of eleven members, elected the officers for 1952 as follows:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Class Reporter
Class Adviser

Ralph Meader
Carroll Harding, Jr.
Barbara Knight
Arthur Blaisdell
Thelma Woodbury
Miss Mitchell

Many of our members have participated in school activities this year. For girls' basketball there were Thelma Woodbury, Faith Hendsbee, and Barbara Knight, girls' manager. For boys' basketball there were Ralph Meader, Arthur Blaisdell, Carroll Harding, Jr., Walter Gordon, and Lloyd Pottle, boys' manager. Charles Scribner was cheerleader.

At Christmas time, we made Christmas wreaths to sell. We made \$24.00 on them. We want to thank all the people who bought the wreaths.

We received our class rings the first of the season and we wear them with great pride.



FRESHMAN CLASS



Seated, Left to Right, Theresa Grandmaison, Kelvin Higgins, Leon Fowler, Harvey Quimby Sherrill Spiller, and Karl Keay.

Second Row, Herbert Shores, Ora Bennett, Rita Williamson, Mrs. Wilson, Laura Brockway, Richard McDonald, and Floyd Blaisdell.

Third Row, Milton Higgins, Horace Crawford, Norman Dow, Roger Lawrence, Arthur Rood, Rodney Reynolds, and Raymond Keene.

The Freshman Class started with 21 members, but soon we lost Wilfred and Joseph Russell.

Officers for this year are:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Class Reporter
Class Adviser

Kelvin Higgins
Karl Keay
Harvey Quimby
Leon Fowler
Sherrill Spiller
Mr. Roberts

Our activities for the year included a food sale and selling refreshments at several basketball games; from these sources we earned a little money for our treasury.

Mr. Dodd Roberts, our class adviser, was called to go into the Armed Services of the country. He went from school on February 29, but before leaving was tendered a farewell party given him by the students and faculty of Besse High. For the rest of the school year, we have had Mrs. Wilson for our adviser who replaced Mr. Roberts on the faculty.

The freshmen out for basketball included: Karl Keay, Leon Fowler, Arthur Rood, Floyd Blaisdell, Richard MacDonald, Theresa Grandmaison, and Laura Brockway.

The cheerleaders representing the class were Harvey Quimby, Rita Williamson, and Theresa Grandmaison.

Those out for spring baseball include Leon Fowler, Karl Keay, Milton Higgins, Richard MacDonald, Floyd Blaisdell, and Arthur Rood.

We have two in our class who are planning to go out for Prize Speaking. They are Harvey Quimby and Sherril Spiller.

We think the freshmen, as a class, have started out well, and we are looking forward to the day when we can be graduating from Besse High School.





EIGHTH GRADE



Seated, Left to Right, Shirley Barton, Audrey Drake, Carolyn Fowler, Maxine Harding, Charles Spearrin, and Roberta Milliken.

Second, Joseph Brown, Ronald Littlefield, Marion Marston, Mr. Allgrove, Rita Rowe, Robert Littlefield, and Leland Fitch.

Third, Clayton Mason, Gerald Mason, Russell Hayward, Ronald Barton, Raymond Marks, and George Bourke.

The pupils of the Besse Grammar room elected the following officers for the year 1951-52:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Charles Spearrin
Maxine Harding
Carolyn Fowler
Audrey Drake

With Mr. Donald Allgrove as our class adviser, we enjoyed a very successful year. We had a victorious basketball season winning the Clinton Tournament and promoted many social activities — Minstrel Show, Box Social, and Food Sale to cite a few. Our chief ambition is to reach the level of success that you, the Seniors, have obtained.

The Public Spelling Bee was held in Albion with Carolyn Fowler winning first place. Second place was given to Elizabeth Crowell and third place was awarded to Audrey Drake. The District Spelling Bee was held at Troy on April 1, with Carolyn Fowler receiving first honors. She will compete at Portland in the State Spelling Bee at some future date. Congratulations, Carolyn!



LITERATURE



THE NEW LIGHT

Marie lived at Number Four Tyler Street on the other side of the railroad tracks in a large city. Up until two weeks ago, Marie was a very happy little girl in spite of being poor. It was just two weeks before that Marie had witnessed the death of her mother. All she had left was her brother, Jack, and her seeing eye dog, Chico; for you see, Marie was blind. She was born blind and spent her days, lately, selling good luck charms on the streets of the city.

Jack was just twelve and only two years older than she. Her family had always been too poor to send her to an eye specialist. Marie and Jack had strong plans that some day they would be able to send her to the specialist. When their mother died, it took nearly all of their savings to bury her, and with what little was left Jack bought Marie her dog companion. For days, the children brooded over their mother's death, not having enough to eat, and not knowing who to turn to. Jack grew very bitter and pitied himself terribly and wouldn't accept charity from any of the neighbors. He would start out early in the morning and return late at night. Marie would sit all day on the street and sell her luck charms. The people just seemed to wander by and pay no attention to the little girl crouched in a doorway singing a lovely melody. Jack announced one night that he had a job as messenger boy for a small flower shop on the east side. This bit of news made Marie very happy, for she knew that with what he would get for pay along with what little she could bring home, they could at least eat for a while. Then one night as Marie was returning from the street to her dark little rooms, she could smell a clean and sweet smell in the air. She tossed her flimsy jacket onto a chair and went to the cupboard. She carefully lifted the bowls and glasses down from the shelf and set them on the table; as she pushed Jack's bowl onto his side of the table, she felt something; it was another bowl filled with warm soup and a tall glass of milk. On her side of the table, there was also the milk and soup. Just then Jack came in, dropped his coins into a jar in the cupboard, and kissed Marie on the cheek. Marie always knew when he was coming, for he would always be whistling the same tune. Jack asked who had swept the floor and washed the dishes. Marie said she had. Marie thought she hadn't better tell Jack about the soup and milk, for he might be angry with one of the neighbors who had obviously put them there. Jack sat down to the table and started to eat. He helped Marie as best he could. When they had finished the soup, Jack asked Marie where she had got the cookies on the plate. Marie didn't know what to say; then she replied hastily, "Oh! down to the small bakery on the corner. I had a good day today, so I thought we could celebrate tonight." Marie tasted a cookie. It was very good and her favorite kind — chocolate. When they had finished eating, Jack helped Marie do the dishes. They would

always talk of the good times they would have after she had her operation.

One day, as Marie was sitting on the street corner, a man came up and bought her last ten charms and dropped two pieces of paper into her cup. Then he started talking to her; by nightfall Marie and the stranger had become very good friends. He asked Marie if he might walk home with her. She objected, but they finally started home. When they got to the top of the stairs, Jack was standing in the doorway. Before too long, Jack also was telling the stranger, named Dick, all of his troubles. Then the stranger made a very startling announcement. He said that he and his wife were planning to adopt two children. This made Marie envy the two children very much. Each afternoon the stranger would walk home with Marie. One afternoon, Marie started up the long flight of stairs, very down-hearted at not seeing Dick that afternoon. When Jack heard her footsteps, he ran out to meet her, talking very excitedly, saying that Mr. Dick wanted to adopt them, and that his wife was inside. Marie was so surprised she could hardly speak. Then a woman came over and put her arm around little Marie, telling her that they would try to make her happy. Marie explained that she was blind and said that no one wanted a little blind girl. Dick's wife wouldn't listen and she told Marie all they had to do was to sign the adoption papers and they would once more have a mother and father. This made Marie and Jack very happy.

Jack and his sister had been living with their parents for a month when one day, while Jack was in school, Mrs. Monson took Marie down town and into a doctor's office. The doctor quickly examined the frightened Marie's eyes and told her to come back in two days for the operation. Marie nearly shrieked with joy, for this had been the first time her eyes had been mentioned. Going home, they decided not to tell Jack until it was all over. Two days later, they returned and the doctor escorted them to the city hospital; in a matter of hours it was all over, and Marie was resting in a small private room. Leaving her at the hospital, Mrs. Monson went home and told Jack that his sister had gone to visit a girl friend for the rest of the week. Each day Marie's mother would come to see her. Then came the day for Marie to have the bandages taken off. Jack was in school, and Mr. and Mrs. Monson waited hopefully for the results. Finally, after it seemed as if a year had passed, the doctor came walking out of his office smiling and stood at one side. Then walking slowly came little Marie, taking very uneasy steps; the moment she saw Mrs. Monson, she knew it was her new mother and ran over to her crying with joy. When they drove home, Marie chattered about Jack and Mrs. Monson pointed Jack out to Marie; he was playing ball on the lawn. They sat there for a few minutes to get Marie used to her brother; then Mr. Monson blew the horn, and this brought Jack on the run. Just as he reached the car, Marie shouted "I can see, Jack! I can see." Jack was so stunned he could hardly move; then he gave her a big hug and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Monson. It

took Marie a long time to get used to the world she lived in. Little Marie was very thankful that God gave her back her sight.

Nancy Blanchard, '53

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

These days of high cost of living, hustle bustle, and automobile accidents make us some times yearn for the "good old days" as described by some of the older folk.

In those days when a young man went to call on the young lady of his own choice, he either walked or drove a horse. The villages were not thickly populated, so he could only call on his own girl friend once or twice a week, instead of calling on several in one evening as some do nowadays. If the young man was fortunate enough to have a team of horses of his own, the couple would enjoy a little spin at maybe ten miles an hour.

The story is told of a young man who was living with a minister. The former wanted to take his girl friend to a dancing party one winter night, so he borrowed the minister's horse and sleigh without the man's knowledge or consent. He packed the sleigh bells with snow and when he returned later in the evening, he forgot to unpack the snow. Much to his chagrin the minister discovered the packed sleigh bells the next morning on the way to church. Needless to say, "that minister's horse never went to any more dances!"

The women and girls would entertain their friends at a quilting party or sewing circle where they made quilts and clothing for the "heathen" of distant lands.

When a young man was going to be married, instead of sending away for a suit or going to a store to be fitted for a suit, some of the neighbor women wove the cloth on looms in their own homes and made the suit by hand. Such cloth lasted practically "forever."

One kind of cloth was galatea, a durable material, of which skirts and dresses were made. A little girl was told to go to the garden in a distant field to get some pumpkins for pies. It was necessary to climb over a high rail fence in order to get the pumpkins. Coming back with her arms full of pumpkins she caught her skirt on a part of the fence. The skirt being of such sturdy material, she was obliged to hang there for several minutes before the button at the waist band popped off and she was set free.

There was usually a fishing expedition in the spring of the year. Several couples would take provisions and go up to the lakes in the woods and stay for the day. They usually came back with few fish but many stories of the "fish that got away".

It all sounds very exciting but I think that I will settle for a closed in car with a heater and "let by-gones be by-gones".

Faith Hendsbee '54

THE MYSTERIOUS RUBIES

I should like to tell you an interesting legend that was told to me recently.

In South Africa, a small village was situated at the head of a small lake near a high bluff. On the side of this bluff could be seen stones that were thought to be rubies. It was believed that when anyone did wrong in the village, the stones changed colors. This was the gods' way of warning the people that wrong was being done. The saying was that in olden times a man who climbed up to get these stones was instantly killed. Consequently, no one dared climb up to get them.

As years went by and people moved into the village, they began to say that the gods had nothing to do with the changing of the colors. They said it was due to the large birds of that country flying to the bluff and trying to pick up the stones. While doing so, they cast a shadow on the other stones causing them to look different to the people below.

One day, an old American soldier of good spirit arrived in the village. He soon heard the stories of the mysterious rubies. Being adventurous, he decided to find out what he could about them. He hired a company of natives and set out to climb the bluff. The climb was a steep one. Often-times the trail was almost vertical. All but one of the natives deserted him. Due to his yankee determination, the soldier kept on.

When at last the two arrived at the field of rubies, they beheld a beautiful sunset. Examining the stones, they found them to be only specimens of granite with a small amount of quartz crystal. The changing of the colors was due to the sun shining on the rock at different angles.

Ralph Meader '54

A SUCCESSFUL BASKETBALL PLAYER

Ronnie Fulton, a good basketball player, didn't like to go to school. At the age of seventeen, he decided he would go out for professional basketball, instead of going to school. So Ronnie went to see the manager of the Boston Seltex and the manager of the New York Knickerbockers, but they wanted players who were older and had graduated from high school. Ronnie was very much disappointed so he decided he would go back to finish school and play on the high school team where he was the star player.

When he graduated from high school, he again tried out for the New York Knickerbockers where he made second team.

Ronnie had a seat on the bench for two games, and the night of the third game he saw action where he made a very good impression. That night,

they were going to stay in a hotel, but Ronnie had a date with his girl Mary Dow, and he didn't want to break it. When every one was asleep, he decided to leave and go over to Mary's home. On the way over, he fell and hurt his knee, but it didn't hurt very much so he kept on going.

That night, he got to bed about 2 o'clock without anyone knowing he had gone out. The next morning, they had to get up early because they were going to travel all day, and were going to play the Minneapolis Lakers. They all had a good time until that night when the game was almost over and the score was 87-86 in favor of the Lakers; then the coach put Ronnie Fulton in when there were only thirteen seconds left to play. One of the players on the Knickerbockers' team threw the ball to Ronnie to shoot, but when he got the ball, something went wrong with his knee and he fell to the floor. When they got in the locker room that night, Ronnie told them how he had hurt his knee. Of course the coach was disgusted.

After this, the coach didn't use him very much until one night when they were playing the Boston Seltex. The score was 55-56 in favor of the Seltex and four seconds left to play. The coach, then, put Ronnie in the game, and he shot a long shot from the center of the floor, and made it, making the score 57-56 in favor of the Knickerbockers. There was only one second left to play, but that wasn't even enough time to take the ball out of bounds, so the New York Knickerbockers won.

While Ronnie had been benched, he had come to realize that he must sacrifice much if he wanted to be successful in his career. He was so happy to be playing basketball again that he made a resolution to conform to the rules and regulations made by his coach.

He did this, seeing Mary only when the coach gave the team time to spend as they liked. Soon Ronnie and Mary were married and Ronnie was a successful basketball player for many years.

Leon Fowler '55

THE SNOWSTORM OF '52

In years to come people will be saying "Remember the big snowstorm we had in February of '52?" Yes, I suppose people will recall this heavy snowstorm that occurred on February 18, 1952.

The fact that this was believed to be the worst storm in about twenty years was perhaps hard to be realized by those who were snug and warm at home and perhaps did not know too much about the storm, only that it was snowing outside.

It began the afternoon of the seventeenth and snowed right through the night, with the winds blowing at a high rate of speed causing the snow to drift so it was impossible for people to leave their homes even to get to work.

Mills were shut down, due to the lack of workers. Bus schedules were

cancelled because the roads could not be adequately plowed to allow them to get through. Some buses were out during the storm and were stranded along the way. Most stores and banks were closed. About the only store that stayed open in Waterville was La Verdier's Drug Store, which stayed open to fill prescriptions. Even the U.S. Mail did not go through.

In Waterville, they had the fire-trucks out taking doctors and nurses to their respective hospitals, because they couldn't get there by themselves.

During this terrible storm, there were some thirty fatalities caused either by over-exertion or accidental causes.

The radio proved to be a good way of getting the news of the storm, especially for those who lived so far out in the country they wouldn't hear it any other way.

Of course, it would be impossible to describe the whole storm, but all in all, it was a severe one and the people of Maine, I'm sure, do hope and pray there will never be another such storm as the one of February 19, 1952.

The people who will be looking back in years to come, and telling their grandchildren of the storm, will really have something to tell.

Sherrill Spiller '55

THE SENIOR CLASS

The Senior Class, composed of eight,
 Are very ambitious, and never are late.
 I will tell you a little of every one,
 If you read it, please take it for fun.
 First you meet "Allen," their pride and joy,
 No matter where he is, he's a happy little boy.
 Next comes "George," the president of the class,
 We all wonder who he calls his sweet lass.
 Along comes "Skip," with pretty blue eyes,
 He doesn't seem to study much, but still he's wise.
 Now we have "Buddy", with hair of pretty black,
 If it were not for Anita, he'd be a sad sack.
 Next we list "Harold", whose nickname is "Bing",
 You'll certainly come back, once you hear him sing.
 Then comes "Althea", the best to be had,
 She gets weekly letters from a southern lad.
 Now you meet "Barbara", with whom I'll be frank,
 She studies hard and gets good rank.
 Last is "Stevie", who has a quick eye,
 'Specially when Mr. Boothby wants some pie.
 You have the story which I'm proud to relate,
 No doubt about it, they'll all graduate.

Sherrill Spiller '55

BESSE BREEZE

SMILING

If I can find a way to smile
 It really is worth while.
 I smile in the morning
 I smile at night.
 I try to smile al the time
 It makes things seem so bright.
 A frown is like a cloud
 It shuts off every ray
 It makes you sad and lonely
 It makes a weary day
 So take my advice and smile
 It really is worth while.

Harold Crosby '52

 AFTER THE BLAZE

The house had gone, to bring again
 To the midnight sky a sunset glow.
 Now the chimney was all of the house that stood,
 Like a pistil after petals go.
 The barn directly across the way,
 That would have joined the house in flame
 Had it been the will of the wind,
 Was left to bear the homestead's name.

Nancy Blanchard '53

 A TRIBUTE TO BESSE HIGH

Honor by yours, Besse High
 May your glory never die;
 May you always have such fame
 Always have an honored name.
 May we always worthy be
 Of such an edifice as thee;
 May we never shame thy name
 May we never thy walls defame.
 May you greater glory win,
 As the years go rolling by.
 May you never lose your vim,
 Stars of Stars; Oh Besse High!

Harvey Quimby '55

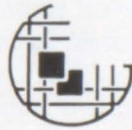
SOPHOMORES

The students in the Sophomore Class
Are doing their utmost so they'll pass.
First we have Arthur, the sunshine boy.
When down in Palermo he's right in his joy.
Barbara always appears with a gleaming light
Even though her last name is Knight.
Following is Carroll, the brilliant one
In or out of school he's lots of fun.
You'll now meet Charlie, who works with a smile
He'll go see his girl, though it's more than a mile.
Along comes Ernest, on the ball,
Enough though he whispers in study hall.
Now meet Faith, a pretty young dame,
Who doesn't work hard but gets A's just the same.

Please note Lloyd, who needs no correction
A certain young lass is the object of his affection.
Now we have Ralph Fuller, a jolly guy,
He's always happy. We wonder why?
Next there is Ralph Meader, who is never late
To call at Kathryn's for a date.
The last of the fairer sex in our class
Is Thelma, a very cute little lass.
At last, comes Walter, who is kind and true,
There's hardly a day that he ever feels blue.
Thank you, Miss Mitchell, for a job done well,
As class adviser you've really been swell.
Now you have read all about our class
Tell us, do you think we will pass?

Thelma Woodbury '54

Faith Hendsbee '54



THE BESSE OWLS

As I sit here and try to write,
I think of a team that really did fight.
So listen, my people, and you shall hear
Of the "Besse Owls" of this past year.
First we list "Wes", our scoring guy,
If we plan to win, on him we must rely.
He really is smart and quick on the ball,
'Specially when Besse's score begins to fall.
Then we have "Karl", the freshman upstart,
On the basketball floor he really is smart.
A real good player, he can bring up the score,
Again next year, we'll ask for more.
Next is "Ralph" who at center shows tact,
When on the gym floor, he puts on a good act.
He has his faults as we all do,
But he jumps that ball and pushes it through.
"Stevie", who is one of the big five,
Goes down the floor with his hard drive.
We all think our Steve is quite a boy,
To see him play is a sportman's joy.
Now comes "George", our man on the rebound,
He chases that ball just like a hound.
To make the score come out all right,
Georgie's the one to put up the fight.
We'll mention our subs here just the same,
"Art", "Leon", "Skip", "Walt", and "Virgil" by name
Without them our team is incomplete,
"Good Luck", boys, and may you always beat.
Our manager, "Lloyd", is always there,
At Albion or Winterport, no matter where.
He was so faithful, we want to sing
Thank you, Lloyd, for everything.
Last but not least is our coach "Boothby",
He's done a swell job as you can see.
He coached the boys on their many plays,
All in all, he's the best in lots of ways.

Sherrill Spiller '55



STUDENT COUNCIL



Seated, Left to Right, Nancy Blanchard, Kathryn Keay, Carroll Harding Jr., George Gould, Barbara Knight, and Barbara Quimby.

Second Row, Leon Fowler, Karl Keay, Lawrence Reynolds, Ralph Meader, Virgil Coffin, Arthur Blaisdell, and Mr. Boothby.

Third Row, Kelvin Higgins, Wesley Drake, Stephen Fowler, and Harvey Quimby.

On September 20, 1951, the Student Council, which includes the officers from each class, met to elect officers for the school year; also to nominate three or four candidates for the office of President.

At our next meeting, the President from each class was to cast one ballot for one of these candidates. The following are the elected officers:

President	Carroll Harding Jr.
Vice President	George Gould
Secretary	Barbara Knight
Treasurer	Kathryn Keay
Auditor	Lawrence Reynolds

An athletic committee was elected to decide what equipment was needed for boys' and girls' sports this year. The committee consisted of two boys and two girls. They were Stephen Fowler, Lawrence Reynolds, Kathryn Keay, and Barbara Knight.

Other matters of business this year included buying material for cheerleaders outfits, to see which class would sell refreshments at each game; to see about sending students over to the lunch room to wait on the smaller children; and to decide about a "go-away party" for Mr. Roberts.



PRIZE SPEAKING



Seated, Left to Right, Stephen Fowler, Barbara Knight, and Charles Scribner.
Standing, Walter Gordon, and Lloyd Pottle. Absent from picture was Mary Lyn Nelson.

In the school year of 1950-1951, six students participated in the Speaking Contest. Program was as follows:

Good-by Soldier	Barbara Knight
Edith Caval	Mary Lyn Nelson
Joe Smith, American	Charles Scribner
The Mysterious Pup	Walter Gordon
Tell Tale Heart	Lloyd Pottle
Number Please	Stephen Fowler

Charles Scribner and Barbara Knight won first and second places and were selected to represent Besse High School in the District League Speaking Contest at Unity. Stephen Fowler was awarded third place.

At Unity, Barbara won second place for the girls and Charles placed first for the boys. In doing so, he received a trophy for Besse High School.

The coach was our English teacher, Miss Harriet Elwell.



CHEERLEADERS



Left to Right, Theresa Grandmaison, Charles Scribner, Rita Williamson, Kathryn Keay, Beverly Higgins, Harvey Quimby, and Nancy Blanchard.

Our cheerleading squad has had a very successful year, thanks to our teams winning many games.

The Student Council bought the material for our skirts, also a megaphone. Mrs. Keay completed the job by making the skirts, which we greatly appreciated.

The entire group wishes to thank Laura Brockway and Mary Lyn Nelson for being our substitutes at the beginning of the season, taking Rita Williamson and Theresa Grandmaison's places.

The cheering spirit shown in the girls' games was led by Charles Scribner with assistance from Rita Williamson and Harvey Quimby. During the boys' games, we always had our entire group of seven, Harvey Quimby, Theresa Grandmaison, Rita Williamson, Charles Scribner, Beverly Higgins, Kathryn Keay, and Nancy Blanchard, head cheerleader. Each has done an excellent job in supporting the teams.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Seated, Left to Right, Barbara Quimby, Faith Hendsbee, Althea Hendsbee, Kathryn Keay, Beverly Higgins, and Nancy Blanchard.

Standing, Theresa Grandmaison, Laura Brockway, Miss Mitchell, Thelma Woodbury, and Barbara Knight.

The girls' basketball season proved quite successful as we had nine girls out for it. Even though we won few games, all of the girls did an excellent job in helping to win what games we did.

The schedule of games for the season consisted of eighteen games. They are as follows.

Besse	28	Stockton	25
Besse	27	Brooks	49
Besse	42	Monroe	36
*Besse	21	Clinton	42
*Besse	38	Searsport	41
Besse	39	Freedom	61
*Besse	43	Liberty	43
Besse	36	Unity	39
Besse	32	Stockton	16
*Besse	27	Brooks	41
*Besse	48	Monroe	49
Besse	20	Searsport	32

*Besse 44	Freedom 46
Besse 47	Walker 63
Besse 34	Winterport 56
*Besse 39	Unity 31
Besse 22	Clinton 50
*Besse 49	Winterport 53

*denotes home games

Individual scoring this year was as follows:

Kathryn Keay	454
Beverly Higgins	139
Nancy Blanchard	32
Faith Hendsbee	14
Barbara Quimby	7
Theresa Grandmaison	2

Kathryn Keay was elected captain of the team this year and Barbara Knight was manager.

We wish to thank Miss Mitchell, at this time, for all her patience and interest which made our girls' team possible.

We are looking forward to having a softball team if there are enough girls interested.





BOYS' BASKETBALL



Seated, Left to Right, Lawrence Reynolds, Karl Keay, Ralph Meader, George Gould, Stephen Fowler, and Wesley Drake.

Standing, Lloyd Pottle, Carroll Harding Jr., Walter Gordon, Robert Sylvester, Leon Fowler, Arthur Blaisdell, Virgil Coffin, Allen Higgins, and Mr. Boothby.

The Owls of Besse had a fair season this year. We played 25 games and won 15 of them. We had a total of 1135 points to our opponents 1026.

The "big game" for us this year was beating Freedom Academy in Belfast 44-42. They were very good sports though. The reason it was the big game was that they had won over twenty games in a row and had won the Waldo County League Cup.

We played in two tournaments this year. The Waldo County Tournament held in Belfast and the Kennebec Valley Conference, in Winslow.

In the Waldo County Tournament, we were paired in the first game against Walker High and defeated them 64-34 at Brooks; then we moved on to Belfast into the semi-finals against Freedom and at the final whistle we were ahead 44-42. The next night, which was Saturday night, we played Unity in the finals and were defeated 47-33. We received the game ball for being runners-up in this tournament.

Then, we were invited to the Kennebec Valley Conference, held in Winslow. Our first game was played in Fairfield against Somerset Academy and we won 61-18. The following day, we played Jackman and defeated

them 70-24. This meant that we would be playing Unity. The next afternoon, we were defeated by them 43-31 and that ended basketball at Besse for this year.

The Owls on the squad were as follows: Wesley Drake, forward; Karl Key, forward; Ralph Meader, center; Stephen Fowler, guard; Captain George Gould, guard; Lawrence Reynolds, forward; Virgil Coffin, forward; Leon Fowler, center; Arthur Blaisdell, guard; Walter Gordon, guard; Robert Sylvester, forward; Arthur Rood, forward; Allen Higgins, center; Maurice Scribner, guard; Floyd Blaisdell, guard; Carroll Harding Jr., forward; and Richard MacDonald, center. Our manager was Lloyd Pottle.

We ended third in the league standing. Our games this year were as follows:

Games	Besse	Opp's
Stockton	44	14
Brooks	29	31
Monroe	54	16
Clinton*	42	62
Searsport*	45	36
Freedom	29	46
Liberty*	58	22
Albion Town Team	39	47
Unity	34	60
Stockton*	51	37
Brooks* Forfeit	2	0
Monroe*	63	24
Bristol*	62	32
Searsport	63	54
Freedom*	52	61
Liberty	59	38
Winterport	45	38
Unity*	41	49
Clinton	50	64
Indicates home games *		

Waldo County Tournament

Liberty	64	34
Freedom	44	42
Unity	33	47

Kennebec Valley Conference

Somerset	61	18
Jackman	70	24
Unity	31	43

Wes Drake was high scorer for the Owls as he was credited with 365

points. His highest number for one evening was in the Walker game when he received 33 points. In the Freedom game played at Albion, he got 29 points.

Individual scoring records were as follows: Steve Fowler, 187; Karl Keay, 107; Ralph Meader, 59; George Gould, 20; Leon Fowler, 82; Skippy Reynolds, 73; Virgil Coffin, 41; Arthur Blaisdell, 26; Allen Higgins, 25; Bobby Sylvester, 25; Floyd Blaisdell, 22; Walter Gordon, 19; Arthur Rood, 18; Buddy Scribner, 9; Richard MacDonald, 6; and Carroll Harding Jr., 3.

George Gould and Stephen Fowler represented Besse in the All Star Game at Brooks on March 7, 1952.

George Gould was appointed captain of the team by the boys and he did a good job handling the responsibility of the team.

The Owls are expecting a good season next year. They lose five men, Allen Higgins, Buddy Scribner, Skippy Reynolds, George Gould, and Stephen Fowler, but they will have many good players left.

Many thanks to our coach, Mr. Boothby, for building us and teaching us what he did, and having the patience with us. Good luck to the Owls next year.





BASEBALL



Seated, Left to Right, Arthur Blaisdell, Wesley Drake, Maurice Scribner Jr., Ralph Meader, Lawrence Reynolds, and Karl Keay.

Second Row, Lloyd Pottle, Leon Fowler, Virgil Coffin, Allen Higgins, Walter Gordon, Robert Sylvester, and Mr. Boothby, coach.

Third Row, Ralph Fuller, Stephen Fowler, Carroll Harding Jr., Milton Higgins, and Richard MacDonald.

There are about nineteen boys out for baseball. They are as follows: Virgil Coffin, Ralph Meader, Arthur Blaisdell, Robert Sylvester, Wesley Drake, Lawrence Reynolds, Maurice Scribner Jr., Karl Keay, Leon Fowler, Arthur Rood, Floyd Blaisdell, Walter Gordon, Stephen Fowler, Allen Higgins, Carroll Harding Jr., Ralph Fuller, Milton Higgins, Richard MacDonald, and Lloyd Pottle, manager.

We will play the same teams that we played last year. The schedule will be the same except that the home games will be played after the games have been played away.

We bought some new bats for this spring and some of the boys invested money in new gloves.



HUMOR



The Biggest Wind in the Breeze

George: "What fun! We played games and everyone got a box of cracker-jacks with a prize in it."

Wes: "What did you get in yours?"

George: "A Ford coupe."

Wes: "How could a Ford coupe get in a box of crackerjacks?"

George: "Easy, a woman driver!"

Virgil: "I found a horseshoe this morning."

Kathryn: "Do you know what that means?"

Virgil: "Sure, it means some horse is running in his stocking feet."

Mr. Boothby: "How far is it to the next town?"

Farmer: "About two miles as the crow flies."

Mr. Boothby: "How far is it if the crow has to walk and roll a flat tire?"

Insulation: "Tell me is ya good at 'refmetic?"

Asbestos: "Yes, indeedy. What seems to be yo algebraic geometric puzzler?"

Insulation: "If five peaches kin make a peach pie, will two shoes make a pear?"

Kenneth: "When you go swimming do you ever tread water?"

Mr. Boothby: "Yes, why?"

Kenneth: "Well if you can tread water why can't you tread milk in a can?"

Althea to taxi driver: "Please sir, can't this crate go any faster?"

Taxi Driver: "Sorry lady, it's going as fast as it can. Why, you going somewhere important?"

Althea: "Oh, yes. I'm going to Alabama to be married. Lucky me!"

Barbara Knight: "Thelma, do you believe that men are any better than women?"

Thelma: "Oh... I don't know. But I think they are awful nice... sometimes."

Mother: "Kathryn, why didn't you take him for your husband?"

Kathryn: "Mom, loving him would be as dangerous as putting all your faith in a zipper."

Grownups aren't supposed to have fun. They had their fun when they were little.

People who are too sharp cut their own fingers.

BESSE AUTO

(Slave) Driver	Mr. Boothby
Back Seat Drivers	Miss Mitchell & Mrs. Wilson
Starter	Kathryn Keay
Transmission	George Gould
Bearings (always loose)	The Senior Boys
Radiator	Milton Higgins
Shock Absorbers	The Freshman Class
Valves	Horace Crawford & Norman Dow
Springs	The Senior Girls
Horn (always blowing)	Roger Lawrence
Clutch	Skip Reynolds
Windshield Wipers	Arthur Rood & Floyd Blaisdell
Steering Wheel	Carroll Harding Jr.
Framework	Student Council
Mirror	Arthur Blaisdell
Switch Key	Nancy Blanchard
Brakes	Ernest Woodbury & Ralph Meader
Rear End	Bobby Sylvester
Generator	Thelma Woodbury
Flat Tires	Beverly Higgins & Faith Hendsbee
Exhaust Pipe	Raymond Keene
Live Wires	Rita Williamson & Theresa Grandmaison
Wheels	The Freshman Girls
Radio	Charlie Scribner
Valve Spring	Barbara Knight
Carbureter	Karl Keay
Mechanic	Wes Drake

BESSE'S MOST PERFECT STUDENT

Eyes	Barbara Quimby	Floyd Blaisdell
Mouth	Beverly Higgins	Skippy Reynolds
Complexion	Thelma Woodbury	Stephen Fowler
Nose	Theresa Grandmaison	Ernest Woodbury
Dimples	Faith Hendsbee	Virgil Coffin
Legs	Thelma Woodbury	Ralph Meader
Clothes	Kathryn Keay	Arthur Blaisdell
Hands	Barbara Knight	Rodney Reynolds
Figure	Rita Williamson	Leon Fowler
Personality	Kathryn Keay	George Gould
Patience	Sherrill Spiller	Carroll Harding Jr.
I. Q.	Faith Hendsbee	Karl Keay
Voice	Nancy Blanchard	Harold Crosby
Posture	Besse Owl	Roger Lawrence
Teeth	Laura Brockway	Bobby Sylvester
Hair	Nancy Blanchard	Buddy Scribner
Giggle	Barbara Quimby	Harvey Quimby
Smile	Althea Hendsbee	Kenneth Gould
Tallest	Faith Hendsbee	Allen Higgins
Shortest	Theresa Grandmaison	Floyd Blaisdell
Athletic	Kathryn Keay	Wesley Drake

IN TWENTY YEARS WE EXPECT TO SEE:

ALTHEA HENSBEE, happily settled with her family in Alabama.

WES DRAKE, owner of a large "Ford" car lot in Albion.

STEPHEN FOWLER, still not grown up.

WALTER GORDON, professor at University of California.

ALLEN HIGGINS, owner of Higgins' Hatchery Inc.

LEON FOWLER, owner of the biggest dairy farm in Maine.

SHERRILL SPILLER, teaching school at Besse.

HERBERT SHORES, a tobacco autioneer.

KATHRYN KEAY, majoring in Algebra at U. of M.

ORA BENNETT AND KENNETH GOULD, still making daily trips to Drake Hill.

MR. BOOTHBY, still riding around in his '49 Chevrolet.

*Senior
Class*



Allen



Barbara



Stephen Buddy



George



Harold Althea Skippy





ALUMNI



1948

Florence Flye Alexander — Housewife, Benton
 Jean Bagley — Attending University of Maine, Orono
 June Bagley Flye — Housewife, Clinton
 Ferne Keef Boivine — Housewife, China
 Brenda Braley — Fairfield Sanitarium
 Geraldine Brown Day — Employed at Thayer Hospital, Waterville
 Rosella Rex Fletcher — Housewife, China
 Mary Fuller — Working, Waterville
 Harriet McKiel — Attending University Of Maine, Orono
 Faye Coeson Pottle — Housewife, Benton
 Donald Quimby — Farming with his father, Albion
 Marilyn Shibles — Working

1949

Danny Blake, Jr. — Stationed at Oklahoma
 Ethel Carver — Telephone Operator, Augusta
 Carleton Fuller — Working, Albion
 Harold Hotham — Stationed in Japan
 Catherine Knights — Stationed in Texas
 Elma Lee Davis — Housewife, Thorndike
 Dana Libby — Touring in California
 Elaine Rideout — Laboratory Technician, Webber Hospital, Biddeford
 Hattie Rood Robinson — Office Work, Augusta
 Carlene Waugh — Attending Providence Bible Institute, R.I.
 James Yeaton — Working, Albion

1950

Bernice Bezanson — Working, Unity
 Seth Bradstreet, Jr. — Attending University of Maine, Orono
 Betty Blake — Telephone Operator, Farmington
 Leslie Clark — Working, Albion
 Robert Cookson — Working, Albion
 Joyce Fuller — Attending M.T.I., Nyack, New York
 Carolyn Keef Southard — Housewife, Waterville
 Carol Knight Clark — Housewife, Albion
 Danny Lawrence — Navy Air Corps, Norfolk, Virginia
 Roderick Robinson — Working, Augusta
 Betty Sylvester — Telephone Operator, Farmington

1951

Nelson Bezanson — Working, Albion
 Oswald Cash, Jr. — Working, East Palermo
 Dexter Higgins — Attending Thomas Business College, Waterville
 Guy Higgins — Working, Albion
 Ida Marks — Attending Thomas Business College, Waterville
 Virginia Mason — Telephone Operator, Albion
 Charles McKiel — Attending University of Maine, Orono
 Keith Noyes — Working, Albion
 William Woodbury — Working, Albion

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