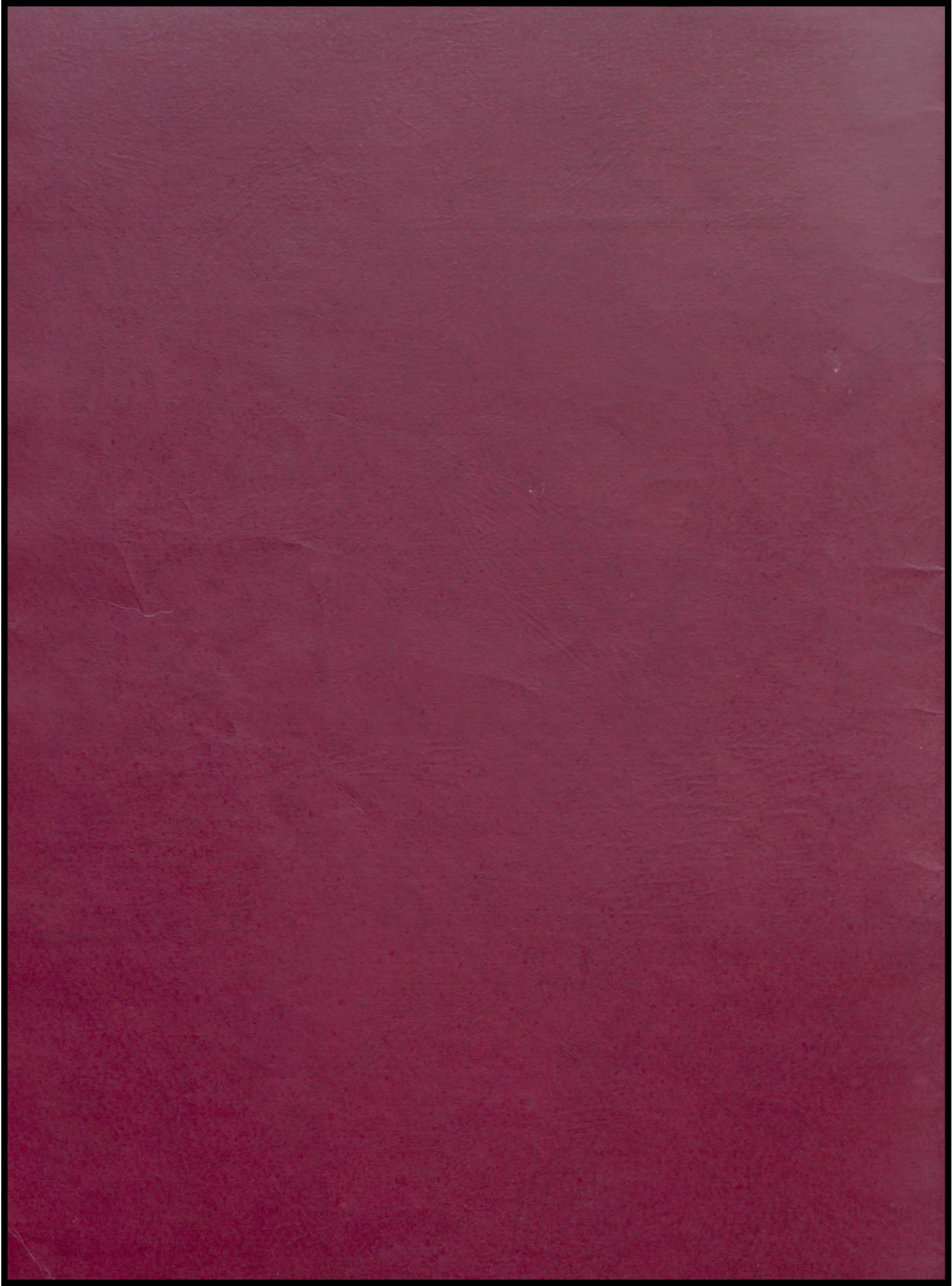


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DEDICATION



Mr. Daniel C. Boothby

*Our Besse Breeze of nineteen fifty three
We hereby dedicate to Mr. Daniel Boothby.
Through your interest in us, you've won our admiration,
For your example to us, you deserve this dedication.*

*In this issue of the Breeze we make the approach,
To commend you on being both our teacher and coach.
Now the time has come for the parting of our ways,
But we will remember you for the rest of our days.*



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Seated, left to right, Mr. Boothby, Miss Mitchell, and Mr. Small
Standing, Miss Cyr and Miss Herd.



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Seated, left to right, Nancy Blanchard, Wesley Drake, Faith Hendsbee, Kathryn Keay, Audrey Drake, Robert Sylvester, and Barbara Knight.

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Third Row, Robert Littlefield, Carroll Harding, Jr. Karl Keay, Charles Spearrin, Ralph Meader, Leon Fowler, and Arthur Blaisdell. Absent from photo, Lloyd Pottle.

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EXCHANGE REPORT

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

"Monitor" and "Antioch", Unity
 "Academy Echo" and "Pow Wow", Freedom
 "Morsonian", Brooks
 "Banner", Liberty
 "Flash", Monroe
 "Riverside", Winterport
 "Bulldog", Madison
 "Pow Wow", Pemetic

"Abram", Kingfield
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 Searsport
 Clinton
 Oakland
 Belfast
 Stockton Springs
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EDITORIALS



CHOOSING A VOCATION

Every one should choose a vocation sometime early in his life, for those who eat must work.

Conditions of work have changed and there are many different kinds of jobs open to young people today. The Department of Labor publishes a Dictionary of Occupational Titles which gives information concerning 17,452 different kinds of jobs.

There are several determining factors which aid in choosing a vocation; namely, success and interest in high school, experience, health, cost of education, type of work wanted, chance for advancement, and its use to society.

One's success in school will help determine his probable success in a vocation. For instance, if a person were interested in sciences concerning the human body he would probably be successful as a doctor. If anyone didn't like to study there would not be much sense in his going to college.

Experience is equally important as a determiner for choosing a vocation. One should have experience in a job before he decides upon it for his life work.

The third item to be considered is the degree or amount of strength and health necessary for the work one is interested in.

Another very important factor is the cost of education for training in one's vocation.

Next, the choice of a vocation depends largely upon whether an individual wishes to be in authority or under authority.

Then chance for advancement in a vocation should be considered carefully. The question of remuneration should be thought over before deciding on one's vocation. Present day prices necessitate a choice of work which will pay the highest possible wages.

Last of all, one should have a vocation that is useful to society. The working conditions and surroundings should be pleasant for the worker so as to make for efficiency. There should be no conditions detrimental to the health of an individual.

Success in vocation brings one much happiness. Much care should be exercised in choosing a vocation.

Faith Hendsbee '54

STALIN IS DEAD

Yes, Stalin is dead, and the inevitable struggle for his power will not reach its head until after the first purge in Russia. This will undoubtedly come with Malenkof's liquidating as many of his rivals as possible in order for him to gain complete control of Russia and its Satellites.

This purge most likely has already started, for it is a strong suspicion

that it was the political standing of President Goetwald of Czechoslovakia which caused his death just a week after Stalin's funeral.

There are some men in Russia who hold great power and are not yet out of the race for Premier. There is a fellow by the name of Beria who is now Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, a position giving him control of the dread secret police and slave labor camps—a mighty good position for one if he desires to gain control of Russia. Then there is Molotov who is considered third in the race for power as head of the communist General Staff. He also holds great power, so let's not count him out yet. Marshall Zhukov, Deputy Minister of Defense, holds great power as commander of the Army and Air Force, another good position for one who desires to take power.

There is reported resistance to the communists all over Russia and within its Satellites, a condition which needs the Voice of America to encourage. We also need to continue Radio Free Europe which also encourages communist-held countries to leave the Russian sphere of domination. These organizations do not encourage the people to rise up against their government, but we do tell them of conditions in the U. S. and in other free countries which, taken right, could cause an uprising.

There are certain drawbacks to a new ruler in Russia; Malenkov cannot possibly bring all the Russian people together under his own rule. But he might cause a war, a big war, with the idea that it might bring the people together. Many say that the recent shooting down of our own and British planes in Europe is a new get-tough policy set up by Malenkov to warn countries outside the Iron Curtain that Malenkov is just as tough as Stalin. Also this might be to warn the people of the Satellites just what might happen to them if they should follow Tito's example, that of breaking away from Russia by Yugoslavia.

But this is most unlikely since Malenkov is smart enough to know that a nation can't win a war when its leaders are at war among themselves for power. So Stalin's death adds up to one thing, a great revolution in Russia and in her Satellites; it means many purges, the end of many Russian leaders, and the rise of new ones. In this turmoil the Russian leaders are going to be so content in fighting for power they will forget the common people. Then it will be time for the free world to come to the aid of the common people in their struggle to overthrow the terrible tyranny of the communist régime.

Communism is not new; it was in existence 'way back in the days of Alexander the Great in Egypt, and in the once great city of Sparta communism was at its height. But it has always fallen. In time the people "catch on" and the leaders are not strong enough to hold on to power so the leadership changes. At first the people think it is all right but as time goes on the leaders take more and more power; then the people rise up in arms to rid themselves of a terrible burden.

In closing, communism can never take over the world; there is too much Freedom.

Walter Gordon '54

EDUCATION

The aim of education is to develop each individual to complete maturity of all the powers of the mind and body. In one sense, education begins at birth and continues throughout life, no matter what one does.

We start our education at birth, first discovering what the world is all about, then we begin our early school days, continuing on to high school and perhaps college or we may enter one of the armed services to fight for the good of our God-loving country.

Some people say, "Why go to school?" It pays in dollars and cents to go as far as one possibly can in the right kind of school. Everyone who intends to amount to anything in this world must get ready, and schools are the best answer there is to this problem of getting ready. Yes, it pays in dollars and cents, because one who leaves school early is almost completely shut out from all professions. He cannot be a lawyer, a doctor, a teacher, a dentist, a surveyor, a preacher, an electrical or chemical engineer, or an architect without preparation in school. Of course almost everyone can work with his hands and feet, and anyone who leaves school early is almost sure to get the kind of job in which he has to work with his hands or feet for the rest of his life. Few important business positions go to people with less than a high school diploma; and the overcrowding of almost any American college proves that young people think that a college education pays. Whatever the future we dream about, beyond the wheelbarrow and the department store counter, schools can shorten our road. We must, it is true, eat, wear clothing, sleep in a house, and keep ourselves warm. All of these necessities are obtained through the knowledge of earning a living, a knowledge which is to be obtained to a higher degree in school. Of course it necessarily follows that the higher the education the higher the standard of living.

But the best rewards, I believe, are not paid in dollars and cents. An education in school not only pays off in money, but it also gives us a greater knowledge of and an interest in facts. It teaches us not to accept mere heresay, but to rely only upon facts and to be able to interpret them. Another of the rewards of education is the building of the student to become a more thoughtful citizen. It trains the student to act with consideration of the interests of others. And finally, trains the student for feeling and taste, so that he may come to appreciate life for the rich thing that it may be.

So, in conclusion, no matter what we do, when we come to the end of our journey, we must admit that no part of our life has been more worthwhile than the road of education.

Sherrill Spiller '55



HONOR ROLL



HIGH HONORS (ALL A's)

HONORS (A's & B's)

SENIORS

Nancy Blanchard (1)
Virgil Coffin (1)
Wesley Drake (1)
Kathryn Keay (2)

JUNIORS

Faith Hendsbee (2)

Carroll Harding, Jr. (2)
Faith Hendsbee (1)
Barbara Knight (3)
Lloyd Pottle (1)

SOPHOMORES

Karl Keay (3)

Leon Fowler (2)
Sherrill Spiller (1)

FRESHMEN

Audrey Drake (2)
Carolyn Fowler (2)
Maxine Harding (2)
Ronald Littlefield (1)

Shirley Barton (2)
Audrey Drake (1)
Carolyn Fowler (1)
Maxine Harding (1)
Robert Littlefield (3)
Ronald Littlefield (2)
Raymond Marks (3)
Charles Spearrin (2)



SENIORS



"Citizens of the Future"

Nancy Blanchard	Kenneth Gould
Virgil Coffin	Kathryn Keay
Wesley Drake	Frederick Shores
Robert Sylvester	

CLASS OFFICERS

President	Virgil Coffin
Vice President	Robert Sylvester
Secretary	Kathryn Keay
Treasurer	Kenneth Gould

Class Colors	Blue and White
Class Flower	White Carnation
Class Marshal	Arthur Blaisdell

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Baccalaureate	June 7, 1953
Last Chapel	June 8, 1953
Graduation	I.O.O.F. Hall, June 11, 8:00 P. M.

Favorite Songs in the Senior Class

Kathryn Keay	"Half As Much"
Nancy Blanchard	"Why Don't You Believe Me"
Virgil Coffin	"Keep It A Secret"
Wesley Drake	"You Belong To Me"
Robert Sylvester	"Tell Me Why"
Kenneth Gould	"Tennessee Waltz"
Frederick Shores	"Till I Waltz Again With You"



NANCY ANN BLANCHARD

Stratton, October 24, 1933

"Nan"

Salutatorian

"Be slow in choosing a friend,
Slower in changing."

Student Council 1, 2, 3, Secretary 1, Treasurer 2;
Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4, Head Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Class
Secretary 1, 2, 3; Senior Play 2; Bazaar Play 2; Bazaar
Committee 2; Editorial Board 2, 3, 4, Art Editor 2,
Exchange Editor 3, Literary 4; Minstrel Show 2, 4;
Basketball 3, 4, Captain 4; Softball 4; Citizenship Award
3; D. A. R. Candidate 4; Graduation Usher 3.



VIRGIL PAUL COFFIN

Albion, July 23, 1935

“Virg”

Honor Essay

“No man can be a patriot on an empty stomach.”

Basketball 1, 3, 4, Manager 2; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 1, 3; Class President 2, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4, Student Council President 4; Minstrel Show 2, 4; Editorial Board 2, 3, 4; Assistant Printer 2, Printer 3, 4; Projector Operator 4.

WESLEY ABBOTT DRAKE

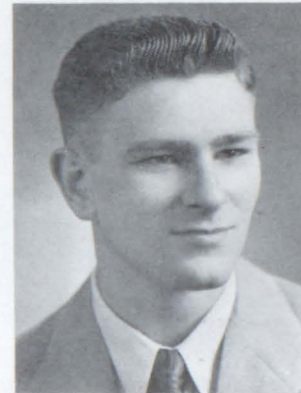
Albion, January 11, 1935

“Wes”

Class History

“Success is a journey, not a destination.”

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Bazaar Play 1; Class President 1, 3, Class Vice President 2, Class Reporter 4; Editorial Board 3, 4, Business Manager 3, 4; Minstrel Show 2, 4; Graduation Usher 3.



KENNETH LELAND GOULD

Albion, July 26, 1935

“Ken”

Class Will

“Silence is golden but talking is more fun.”

J. V. Basketball 1, Basketball 2; Minstrel Show 2, 4; Class Reporter 2, 3; Editorial Board 2, 3; Graduation Usher 3; Class Treasurer 4; Student Council 4.



BESSE BREEZE



KATHRYN LUCILLE KEAY

Albion, March 21, 1935

"Kay"

Valedictorian

"The way to be happy is to be good."

Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2, Treasurer 3; Class Vice President 1, 3, Class Treasurer 2, Class Secretary 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 2, 3, All-Star Forward 2; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 2, 3; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; Bazaar Play 1, Bazaar Committee 2; Minstrel Show 2, 4; Prize Speaking, 2nd Place, 3, District League Prize Speaking 3; Editorial Board 2, 3, 4, Assistant Girls' Sports Editor 2, 3, Assistant Editor 2, Co-Editor 3, Editor-in-Chief 4; Press Award 3; Pianist for Graduation Exercises 1, 2, 3; Graduation Usher 3; Magazine Drive Manager 3; Office Girl 4; Glee Club 4; All Maine Music Festival Concert 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

FREDERICK BRAUN SHORES

Benton, March 26, 1934

"Fredie"

Class Gifts

"Here's to woman! Would that we could fall into her arms without falling into her hands."



ROBERT HUGH SYLVESTER

Farmington, April 23, 1934

"Bobby"

Class Prophecy

"Slow but sure."

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Vice President 4; Student Council 4; Minstrel Show 2, 4; Editorial Board 3, 4, Assistant Advertising Manager 3, Advertising Manager 4; Graduation Usher 3.



SENIOR CLASS



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Seated, left to right, Kathryn Keay, Nancy Blanchard, and Virgil Coffin.
Standing, Wesley Drake, Frederick Shores, Kenneth Gould, and Robert Sylvester.

Our first efforts toward a class trip started in November when we picked potatoes and benefited from the school Minstrel Show. This, with a balance from last year of \$80.05, brought our total to \$273.80.

On January 21, we sponsored a Patron Supper in the new elementary school cafeteria. Our approximate earnings now were \$363.43.

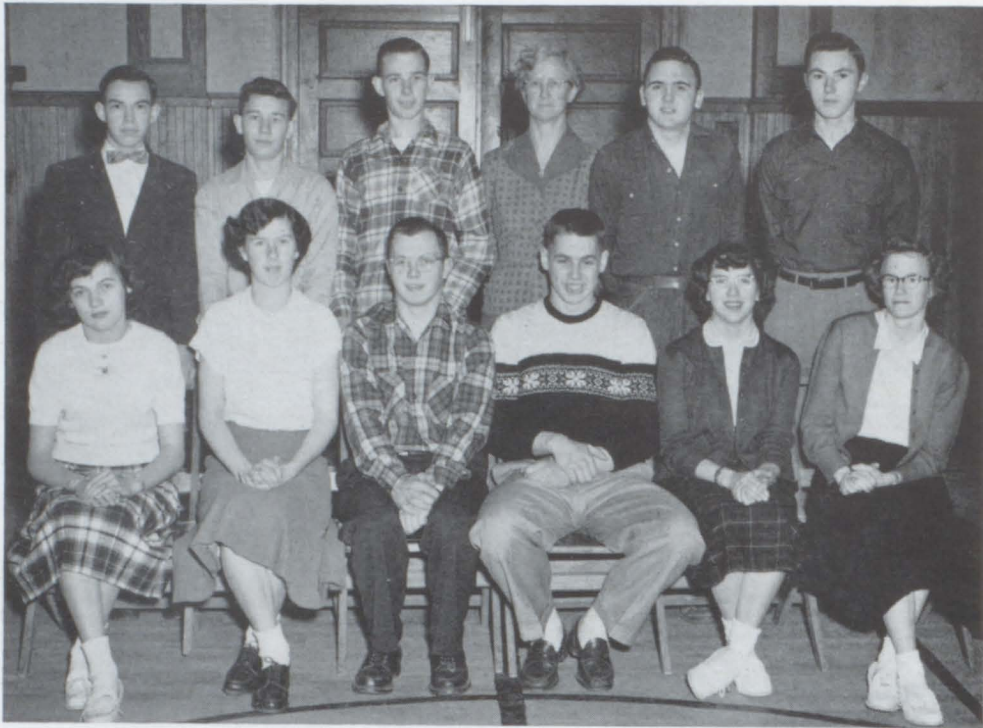
This year it was Besse's turn to sell refreshments during the Waldo County Tourney at the Belfast Armory, February 6 and 7. From this activity we made \$460.19.

Hugh Sylvester gave us ten cords of wood, to help us complete our trip. April 17 we left for a six day trip to New York City and Washington.

We wish to thank all who have made our class trip possible.



JUNIOR CLASS



JUNIOR CLASS

Seated left to right, Mary Lyn Nelson, Faith Hendsbee, Carroll Harding, Jr., Ralph Meader, Thelma Woodbury, and Barbara Knight.

Standing, Charles Scribner, Frank Doyon, Ralph Fuller, Miss Mitchell, Walter Gordon, and Arthur Blaisdell. Absent from photo, Ernest Woodbury and Lloyd Pottle.

The Junior Class consisting of thirteen members elected the class officers at the beginning of the school year. They are as follows:

President	Carroll Harding, Jr.
Vice President	Ralph Meader
Secretary	Barbara Knight
Treasurer	Thelma Woodbury
Class Reporter	Arthur Blaisdell
Class Advisor	Miss Mitchell

During basketball season we sold refreshments at the Unity and Freedom games. We made \$19.22. The Junior Class now has \$77.48 in the Treasury.



SOPHOMORE CLASS



SOPHOMORE CLASS

Seated, left to right, Milton Higgins, Karl Keay, Floyd Blaisdell, Harvey Quimby, Leon Fowler, and Rodney Reynolds.

Standing, Ora Bennett, Arthur Rood, Horace Crawford, Laura Brockway, Miss Mitchell, Sherrill Spiller, Kelvin Higgins, Herbert Shores, and Gene Lawrence.

Our class officers are as follows:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Class Reporter

Class Advisor

Karl Keay

Floyd Blaisdell

Harvey Quimby

Leon Fowler

Sherrill Spiller

Miss Mitchell

On October 26 the Sophomore Class welcomed the Freshman Class into Besse High School. During the day we were provided with hilarious entertainment from the freshmen. In the evening, we sold refreshments and also had a few square dances. We want to thank Miss Herd who furnished the music for these dances.

We hope that our last two years will be spent as progressively as the first two years, in an educational sense embracing both factual and practical knowledge for everyday living.



FRESHMAN CLASS



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Seated, left to right, Shirley Barton, Maxine Harding, Raymond Marks, Charles Sperrin, Carolyn Fowler, and Audrey Drake.

Standing, Clayton Mason, George Bourque, Russell Haywood, Robert Littlefield, Miss Cyr, Ronald Littlefield, Rita Rowe, Joseph Brown, Leland Fitch, and Gerald Mason.

We started this year as Freshmen with eighteen members but we were sorry to lose, so early in the year, Wilfred and Joseph Russell.

Our Class officers are as follows:

President	Charlie Sperrin
Vice President	Raymond Marks
Secretary	Carolyn Fowler
Treasurer	Audrey Drake
Class Reporter	Maxine Harding
Class Advisor	Miss Cyr

We held a Valentine's Dance to raise money for our class treasury. The dance proved successful with everyone cooperating; we made a profit of \$40. Each member of the class has paid \$.50 dues.

Our class, we think, has progressed and we hope to continue to gain in knowledge and good citizenship.



EIGHTH GRADE



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Seated, left to right, Marlene Bennett, Judy Meader, Ronald Lee, John Sylvester, Joan Waddell, and Maxine Rowe.

Second row, Barbara Rowe, Helen Pottle, Gloria Shores, Mr. Small, Beverly Cole, Menetta Meader, and Ilene Fitch.

Third row, Mayo Cookson, Eric Wiggin, Jr., Gene Reynolds, Maynard Bovin, David Gilbert and Walter Robbins. Absent from photo, Norman McDonald and Nancy Fletcher.

The Eighth Grade held their first meeting October 15 when they chose their class officers. They are as follows:

President	Ronald Lee
Vice President	Judy Meader
Secretary	Joan Waddell
Treasurer	Marlene Bennett
Class Reporter	Jacky Sylvester

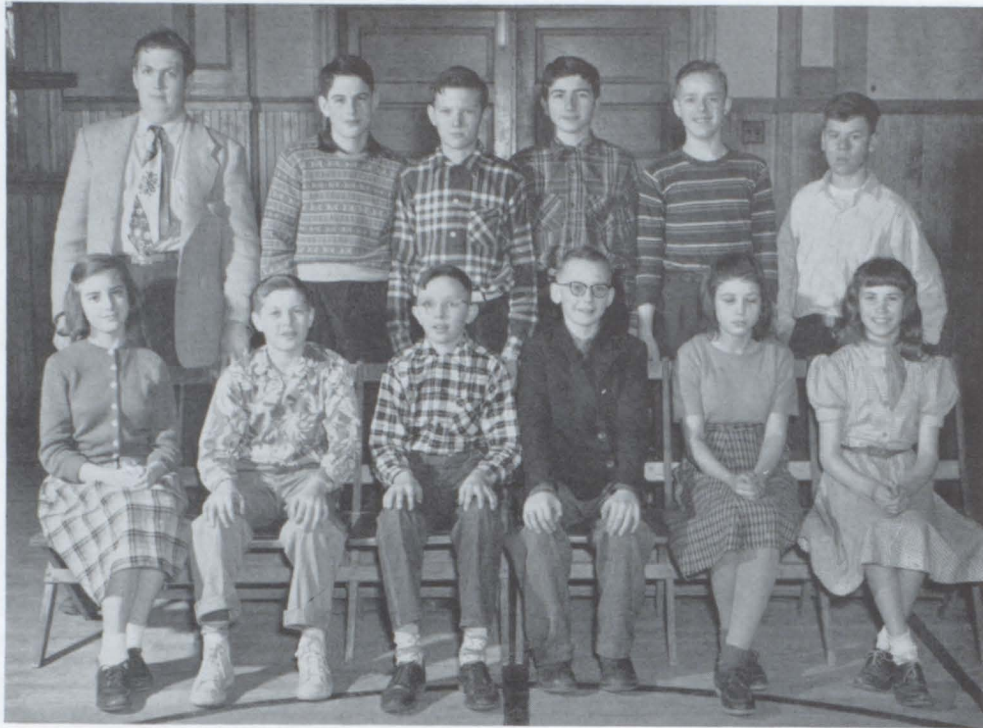
Basketball was very successful this year with the help of Coach Small. We got 1st place in the tournament. Those who played from our grade were Maynard Bovin, Jacky Sylvester, Mayo Cookson, Norman McDonald, David Gilbert, and Ronald Lee.

Cheerleaders were Marlene Bennett, Judy Meader, Helen Pottle, and Menetta Meader.

Baseball and softball start May 1. Those from our grade who are taking part are Ronald Lee, Jacky Sylvester, Mayo Cookson, Norman McDonald, Maynard Bovin, Marlene Bennett, Judy Meader, Helen Pottle, Menetta Meader, Ilene Fitch, Beverly Cole, and Barbara Rowe.



SEVENTH GRADE



SEVENTH GRADE

Seated, left to right, Alice McKiel, Ronald Marks, Everett Drake, Norris Willette, Carol Raven, and Marilyn Fitch.

Standing, Mr. Small, Peter Strauss, Roy Fuller, Lawrence Gordon, Paul Norton, and Richard Grandmaison. Absent from photo, Betty Fletcher and Kenneth Pullot.

This year, by the rural schools coming in, our class has increased approximately fifty percent.

Our class officers are as follows:

President	Everett Drake
Vice President	Ronald Marks
Secretary	Alice McKiel
Treasurer	Norris Willette
Class Reporter	Lawrence Gordon

The following boys made the basketball team this year: Ronald Marks, Everett Drake, Norris Willette, and Richard Grandmaison.

Alice McKiel was a member of the cheerleading squad.

Ronald Marks led the team to many victories by being high scorer for the season with 125 points.

Boys and girls out for baseball and softball are Roy Fuller, Richard Grandmaison, Norris Willette, Ronald Marks, Everett Drake, Alice McKiel, Carol Raven, Marilyn Fitch, and Betty Fletcher.



LITERATURE



THE BOY AT THE ORPHANAGE

The long line of cars wound its way slowly out of Maple Grove Cemetery in Albion, Maine. George Peterson, Joe's oldest sister's husband, had been laid to rest in that burial place.

Joe's second oldest sister, Helen, had invited Joe to ride in her car. Helen was at the wheel.

"Let's take a short ride in the country", she said. She didn't feel like going home just then. None of them did.

It had been a long time since Joe had taken a ride through the countryside of Unity. Yes, a long time. Over thirty years, he figured. The path he had followed in earning a living had taken him to distant places.

They whizzed by many buildings, until they came to a stop in front of the orphanage. Joe and his sisters had lived there many years ago.

Joe rang the bell, but aroused no one. He tried the door and found it locked. To the left Joe could see a high fence, and beyond, a group of boys playing baseball. Joe walked over that way and stood by the fence.

The area inside the fence was covered with gravel. Tough on bare feet, Joe thought. Then Joe saw the boy. He was kneeling in the gravel, pawing at it, searching for something. Joe watched him. "What are you looking for, son?" Joe called.

The boy looked up. In that instant, when Joe first saw his pleasant face, clear eyes, and tousled hair, he wanted to reach for the boy. But he was behind a fence.

"I'm looking for a nail that I lost," replied the boy. "I'm trying to build something."

Joe told the boy to come to the edge of the fence. The boy did so. Then Joe slipped a half dollar into his dirty hand. The boy thanked Joe for it, but asked, "Why did you give it to me?"

Joe replied, "I don't really know. Maybe so you can buy some nails, but more likely it's because, years ago, I may have searched for a nail right there where you dig. I know I've stood at this fence many times. See that window up there in the corner of the second floor where the glass is gone and a board has been nailed up to keep out the rain? Well, in that corner was my room."

When Joe left the boy that afternoon he saw a big smile on his face. He thought to himself, "I sure feel a whole lot better since I've done a good deed for that boy."

Audrey Drake '56

ROCKET REFUGE

The truck jounced over the sandy ground and Gruber peered out from under the rough canvas which covered the back of the vehicle. It was pulling into some sort of fenced-off area in the desert. . . from the barren-

ness of the ground, Gruber guessed it was quite a few miles from the spot where he had been able to climb aboard, unseen by driver and helper. The truck had been a life-saver...the prison guards were only a short distance behind Gruber when he had managed to stagger to the road and slip onto the truck's rear platform. It had been made to order for Gruber...it provided the best possible means of escape, for a convict breaking out of stir!

The tires squealed at that moment and the ponderous vehicle came to a stop. Peering out, Gruber saw that they were parked along side an enormous object which resembled a gigantic torpedo sitting on its rear fin and pointing up toward the sky. Voices from the truck's cabin distracted him and Gruber looked around with the darting desperation of a cornered rat. They were saying something about unloading the back of the truck...his place of refuge was in imminent danger of discovery!

At that moment he saw the open door in the side of the giant torpedo. Slithering from his cramped hiding place, he crawled across the ground and slipped into this new place of refuge which beckoned so enticingly! For long seconds he pressed himself against the cool steel wall of the torpedo, listening for sounds of a chase. None came to his ear...he had not been seen! After the truck unloaded and departed he would venture out and find out where he was! Until then the safest place for him was right here inside this torpedo!

Suddenly there was a jarring noise from all sides and the door began to close. Gruber leaped forward, but by the time his fingers touched the cold steel the opening was locked tight. He turned in panic and made a frantic tour of this place of refuge...there was no window or aperture out of which he could see what was happening.

Then there was a breath-taking WHOOOOOSH! Gruber felt the pressure of blood pounding at his temples; the thing...whatever it was...seemed to be rocketing skywards! In a frenzy he turned in all directions, and it was only after he had circled the tiny instrument-cluttered interior that he noticed the sign directly over the locked door.

He stood on his tip toes and looked at the sign very closely and then turned away. If he had been able to read he would have read these fateful words:

"This Robot Rocket is the property of the Interplanetary Division of the Department of Aviation. It is being made ready for travel into outer space for experimental exercises in remote-control beyond the gravitational pull of the Earth. Once launched it will either disintegrate when it passes out of the Earth's Magnetic Field...or it is destined to hang suspended forever in space. All unauthorized personnel are therefore warned to Keep Out"_____.

Charles Scribner '54

UNEXPECTED HAPPENINGS

It was in the spring of forty-five. Bob and Betty decided to take four year old Jack and two year old Ann to a lake to have a picnic lunch, so that Bob could go fishing.

In the forenoon, they all went swimming, and everything was peaceful.

It was about three o'clock when it happened. Bob had gone out in a row boat to catch white perch for their supper. He told Betty that he would be back on shore at two o'clock.

It was three o'clock now and Betty was worried. She drove the car to town to ask for help. She left her children with Mrs. White, a friendly woman who was willing to take care of them. About a dozen men started hunting for Bob. When they came back at dark and they had not found Bob, Betty became hysterical. She became so bad that the doctor gave her a sedative to make her sleep.

The next day, the men continued to search. When they returned with no trace of Bob, they broke the news to the children. That only made it harder for Betty, because the children kept crying on her shoulder, for comfort.

After a week had passed, and they had given up hope of finding Bob, they saw in the Boston Globe that the body of a man about twenty-five had been washed ashore, but they were not able to read his identification card. Mr. and Mrs. White took Betty to Boston to find out if it was Bob. As luck would have it, it was he.

They brought him home. The funeral was held the next day.

Although Betty showed grief at her husband's funeral, deep down in her heart she was happy, because Bob had had cancer and he had been suffering a lot for the past month. Now she knew that he would never have to endure this dreadful pain again.

Carolyn Fowler '56

A TRAGIC RIDE

Janie Brown, a girl of sixteen, with blond hair and blue eyes was slowly walking home from Wilton High School along a deserted highway. Suddenly a bright red convertible rolled to a stop beside her. The driver asked Janie if she would like a ride home. Acting on a sudden impulse, Janie answered, "Yes," and got into the car with a strange man, who even though he seemed nice enough, had a strange and concealed look about him. Janie had been warned again and again about riding with strangers, but she was tired and thought just this once would never matter.

At the Brown residence everyone was terribly upset, because Janie had not yet arrived home and it was approaching the hour of five. Mrs. Brown had called the principal of Wilton High School but he said Janie had left immediately after the close of school, about 2:30. Finding no clues which led to her whereabouts, Janie's mother called some of her closest friends,

thinking that maybe she had stopped at one of their homes and had forgotten the time.

It was now 6:30 and Mr. and Mrs. Brown thought it was time to call the police. In less than a half hour's time the police and a large posse of townspeople were searching for Janie Brown who had now been gone for over three hours. Without success that day or the next the search was discontinued on the third day.

About a week later, the F.B.I. found Janie's body lying in a secluded spot out on a back road on the outskirts of East Wilboro. An autopsy was performed and the authorities said that Janie Brown had been strangled.

The boys and girls of Wilton High School learned a lesson from this tragedy. They learned what can happen when riding with strangers.

Menetta Meader '57

A PERFECT DAY

When the sun sets and dusk is on its way,
And you see the end of a perfect day,
I'd like to know what it means to you,
With the wind blowing lightly and the sky so blue.
Does it just mean to you that the day is done,
Or does it mean that this day has been won?
When I say won just what do I mean?
To see a perfect day like you've just seen.

I like to sit and gaze at the sky,
With different birds flying there so high.
It's quite a sight to see at this time,
Sometimes I wish that all of it were mine.
But why be selfish, on this perfect day,
Because you know it will just fade away.
So don't be selfish and don't be mean,
Because of a perfect day that you've just seen.

Charles Scribner '54

KINDNESS PAYS

Whenever you feel hateful and full of spite,
And in just the mood for a good old fight,
Cross your fingers and count to ten,
Button your lips and by then
Your anger will be cooled,
And your mean temper fooled,
Putting your bad spell at an end.
If you don't, you'll soon not have a friend.

After all, friends do mean a lot,
Their friendship with money can't be bought.
In your life they play an important part,
Really stem straight from the heart,
So precious and clear do they seem,
Better not act cross or mean,
Better to lose your gold, then just one,
Keeping them all is a job well done.

Shirley Barton '56

A TRIBUTE TO THE TEACHERS AT BESSE

Everyone forms his opinion of a teacher,
Just as he does of a doctor or a preacher.
But be the opinion good, or be it bad,
Teachers are something which must be had.
When we are older and our school days are through,
We will look back and think about you.
We will recall the many things you have done,
To make each school day a lot of fun.
We owe something to you teachers at B.H.S.
Who tried to make each of our lives a success.
Each day you try to teach us something new,
The value of education, and the way of life, too.
Now I'll introduce our teachers to you by name,
Why, with us I think they'll rise to fame.
First, is Miss Mitchell, who has taught here for awhile,
In history and biology she greets us with a smile.
Now we have Mr. Small who is new this year,
For the swell job he's doing, he deserves a big cheer.
Next comes Miss Cyr, who also is new,
To the students at Besse, she'll always be true.
Miss Herd is our music teacher, so gentle and sweet,
The way she sings and plays is really neat.
Along comes Mr. Boothby, a jolly sort of man,
For all the students at Besse, he'll do the best he can.
He is the principal and coach of Besse High,
But as for his assignments, they'll reach the sky.
The teachers at Besse are really swell,
In teaching ability they greatly excel.
No better teachers could be found,
Even if we searched the world around.

Sherrill Spiller '55

THE EIGHTH GRADE

The eighth grade is a class of twenty,
If you want some brains, this class has plenty.
First there's Walter whose car is a Ford,
If there's not something funny this guy is bored.
Second comes Nancy who is quite a gal,
With everyone in our class she's a real pal.
Now comes Maynard who with us ranks high,
He hurries right around and makes time fly.
Up comes Barbara who really wants to be
A cowboy's sweetheart, Oh dear me.
Following is Mayo, a boy so smart,
He's already captured most folk's hearts.
Next on our list is Gloria, who has a big smile,
She makes many friends in a very short while.
Now we have Ronald, a guard on our team,
While playing ball he's right on the beam.
Up comes Beverly who leads a good life,
There's a day coming when she'll make a good wife.
Next in line is Maxine, the oldest in our class,
But we all think she's a sweet little lass.
Along comes David whose pleasure is art,
But in all activities he takes his part.
Up comes Helen who loves to ride,
When some special boy is by her side.
In comes Jackie, in basketball a star,
When it comes to sports he'll go far.
Now we have Judy who giggles loud and long,
To do this her lungs must be sturdy and strong.
Following is Norman, a bright little boy,
To him studying is just another toy.
Next in line is Joan, a very smart girl,
Whose shiny black hair has a natural curl.
Now we come to Gene, who's a dreamer,
But when he's around girls he's a schemer.
Following, is Ilene, a stewardess to be,
She likes the air much better than the sea.
Along comes Marlene a girl of perfection,
In Troy lives the object of her affection.
Next comes Eric who likes to sing,
His favorite pastime is to hear the school bell ring.
Last is Menetta, who has an eye
For one special boy at M.C.I.

Menetta Meader '57

THE ROAD OF LIFE

Five years ago this very day
 We packed our household goods and moved away
 To a new state, parts unknown,
 To take up life of our very own.

Farming was to be our new occupation
 And brother--that is no vacation.
 You not only worked from dawn to dusk
 But also gave up worldly lusts.

We've planted crops and fought the bugs,
 Chopped wood, hauled and tugged,
 Raised animals to produce milk
 To keep us in cotton, but not in silk.

To date we still have some ambition
 But end the week with little commission.
 So if you, too, would like to farm
 Bring along two strong arms.

Russell Haywood '56

UNDEPENDABLE

Love is a game that can be played by all,
 First you deal your affections, and then you call.
 Then you shuffle when your love is wrong,
 And become a bachelor where you belong.

Nancy Blanchard '53

THE HOT RODS

Hot Rods come, and then they go,
 Some are fast, and some are slow.
 The Fords are neat, so they do tell,
 The Chevies? Well? Hmm, not so well.

Wesley Drake '53

PRIVILEGED

If you, like a giraffe,
 Have a long neck,
 You are privileged
 To look on the upper deck.

Virgil Coffin '53



STUDENT COUNCIL



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Seated, left to right, Thelma Woodbury, Faith Hendsbee, Kathryn Keay, Barbara Knight, Carolyn Fowler, and Audrey Drake.

Second row, Mr. Boothby, Robert Sylvester, Karl Keay, Charles Spearrin, Ralph Meader, Leon Fowler, and Kenneth Gould.

Third row, Raymond Marks, Carroll Harding, Jr., Harvey Quimby, and Floyd Blaisdell.

The Student Council is considered the governing body of Besse High School and every student that has the opportunity to act as a member of this body considers it an honor and a privilege.

The officers of the Student Council this year are:

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| President | Virgil Coffin |
| Vice President | Carroll Harding, Jr. |
| Secretary | Barbara Knight |
| Treasurer | Leon Fowler |
| Auditor | Karl Keay |

This year the Student Council made plans for the Christmas program. We appointed different committees and a chairman for each. For the committee on trimming, Barbara Knight was chairman; for the refreshments, Nancy Blanchard; and for entertainment, Carroll Harding, Jr.

Because we have a new library this year we also have to have librarians. The Student Council chose Faith Hendsbee and Carolyn Fowler

as head librarians with the three assistants, Sherrill Spiller, Laura Brockway, and Mary Lyn Nelson. These girls are in the library supervising during their free periods.

Also this year we have a new principal's office, for which we have to have an office girl. Kathryn Keay was chosen for this job.





PRIZE SPEAKING



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Seated, left to right, Sherrill Spiller, Charles Scribner and Kathryn Keay.
Standing, Harvey Quimby and Thelma Woodbury.

On May 7, 1952, the annual prize speaking contest of Besse High School was held at the Grange Hall with the program as follows:

Thicker Than Water	Charles Scribner
Her First Date	Kathryn Keay
The Constitution For Which Ike Fought	Harvey Quimby
Dreams Do Come True	Sherrill Spiller
Martha At The Telephone	Thelma Woodbury
An Unknown Romance	Beverly Higgins
Peace Can Be Won	Lloyd Pottle

Charles Scribner, Kathryn Keay, and Harvey Quimby won first, second, and third prizes, respectively. Charles Scribner and Kathryn Keay represented Besse High School in the District League Contest which was also held at Albion, May 13.

In the League Contest, Charles Scribner placed first for the boys and won a trophy for Besse.

Our coach was our English instructor, Mrs. Edna Wilson.



GLEE CLUB



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Seated, left to right, Marlene Bennett, Alice McKiel, Thelma Woodbury, Joan Waddell, Helen Pottle, and Menetta Meader.

Second row, Laura Brockway, Carolyn Fowler, Kathryn Keay, Miss Herd, Audrey Drake, Mary Lyn Nelson, and Judy Meader.

Third row, Rodney Reynolds, Lawrence Gordon, John Sylvester, Maynard Bovin, Charles Scribner, Harvey Quimby, Leon Fowler, Karl Keay, and Gene Reynolds.

This year is the first year that Besse has ever had a Glee Club. It is made up of students from both Junior and Senior High. Our supervisor is Miss Herd.

Our first activity was the Christmas Concert in which our Glee Club combined with Unity Glee Club. We put the Concert on at Albion on December 15 and at Unity Theatre on December 17.

We were proud to have four from our school attend the First All-Maine Music Festival Concert in Augusta, March 25-28. Those who represented our school were Kathryn Keay, first soprano; Carolyn Fowler, first alto; Charles Scribner and Richard MacDonald, tenors.

Our Glee Club is planning to attend the Eastern Maine Music Festival in Skowhegan, May 23.



CHEERLEADERS



CHEERLEADING

Left to right, Maxine Harding, Thelma Woodbury, Audrey Drake, Nancy Blanchard, Kathryn Keay, Carolyn Fowler, and Rita Rowe.

We started our year with eight very ambitious cheerleaders; however, Rita Williamson left us before the tourneys started.

Sportsmanship was shown during each and every game, by our cheering at the half with the opposing cheerleaders and by a cheer for the opponents at the end of the game.

Our most successful cheer was the school song.

Cheer for our team, Besse's her name,
Shake down the echoes, bringing her fame.
Roll the volley, yell on high,
Shake down the thunder from the sky.
What though the odds be so great or small,
Old Besse High will win over all,
As our loyal sons go marching, onward,
To victory. Fight! Fight! Fight!!!!

Those of us who are seniors wish luck to the cheerleading squad of the coming year.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL



GIRL'S BASKETBALL

Seated, left to right, Faith Hendsbee, Carolyn Fowler, Laura Brockway, Nancy Blanchard, Barbara Knight, and Kathryn Keay.
 Standing, Shirley Barton, Rita Rowe, Audrey Drake, Maxine Harding, and Miss Cyr.

The Girls' basketball season was quite successful with ten wins, seven losses, and one tie this year.

The first team line up this year was: center forward, Kathryn Keay; left forward, Barbara Knight, right forward, Nancy Blanchard; center guard, Faith Hendsbee; left guard, Laura Brockway; and right guard, Carolyn Fowler.

Those on second team having taken part in the majority of the games were Maxine Harding, Rita Rowe, and Audrey Drake.

Our schedule for this year was as follows:

*Besse	40	Walker, Liberty	49
*Besse	36	Winterport	39
*Besse	50	Monroe	25
*Besse	37	Searsport	17
Besse	40	Morse, Brooks	62
Besse	37	Stockton Springs	20
Besse	31	Freedom	30
Besse	23	Unity	31

BESSE BREEZE

Besse	30	Walker, Liberty	47
*Besse	57	Clinton	40
Besse	41	Winterport	59
*Besse	46	Morse, Brooks	46
*Besse	42	Stockton Springs	7
Besse	36	Monroe	27
*Besse	45	Freedom	40
*Besse	36	Unity	30
Besse	41	Clinton	44
Besse	46	Searsport	30

* denotes home games

Individual scoring this year was as follows:

Kathryn Keay	342
Barbara Knight	241
Nancy Blanchard	109
Maxine Harding	18

Nancy Blanchard was elected as our captain and Juanita Leighton as manager with Shirley Barton as her assistant. Juanita left school before the season's completion, thus Shirley became our manager.

To Miss Cyr we wish to express our thanks for her patience in working with us during our defeats, as well as in our victories.

The following poem was written by Faith Hendsbee, a junior.

THE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM OF '53

The girls of the Besse Basketball Team
 Have won for themselves the highest esteem.
 With Nancy as captain and forward, too,
 We're bound to win, being sports right through.
 With Barbara as forward, the score must rise—
 She's got much pep for one of her size.
 Kathryn, the other forward on the first team,
 Makes the Besse fans cheer and scream.
 Next come the guards of the starting six,
 In their many games they've learned new tricks.
 The first of these that I shall mention
 Is Carolyn. In being swift she gains attention.
 Laura, although she is quite short,
 Can earn for the team a good report.
 Lastly we have Faith, who is quite tall,
 When on rebounds she gets that ball.
 Maxine, Rita, and Audrey did mighty fine work;
 As substitutes, they never did shirk.
 And our coach, Miss Janet Cyr,
 Brought us good luck throughout the year.



SOFTBALL



SOFTBALL

Seated, left to right, Faith Hendsbee, Carolyn Fowler, Nancy Blanchard, Thelma Woodbury, Barbara Knight, and Kathryn Keay.
Standing, Maxine Harding, Shirley Barton, Rita Rowe, Miss Cyr, and Audrey Drake.

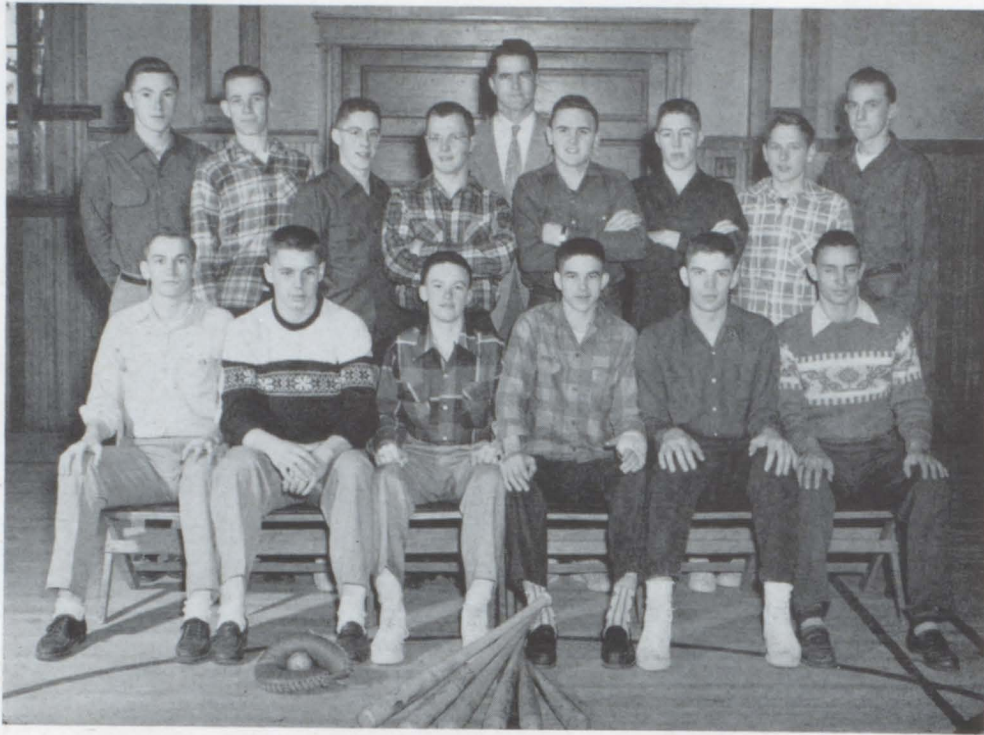
The girls' softball team had four scheduled games this year, which were played with Freedom, Unity, Brooks, and Liberty.

Our line-up this year was as follows: catcher, Carolyn Fowler; pitcher, Barbara Knight; first base, Kathryn Keay; second base, Thelma Woodbury; third base, Nancy Blanchard; short stop, Shirley Barton; short field, Audrey Drake; right field, Maxine Harding; center field, Rita Rowe; left field, Faith Hendsbee, and Mary Lyn Nelson.

Laura Brockway was elected manager and Nancy Blanchard, captain.



BASEBALL



BASEBALL

Seated, left to right, Karl Keay, Ralph Meader, Floyd Blaisdell, Arthur Rood, Charles Spearrin, and Leon Fowler.

Standing, Arthur Blaisdell, Ralph Fuller, Ronald Littlefield, Carroll Harding, Jr., Mr. Boothby, Walter Gordon, Robert Littlefield, Raymond Marks, and Milton Higgins.

Last fall Besse boys finally broke the ice and won a baseball game.

The games played are:

South Bristol at Besse, we won 8-6.

Besse at South Bristol, we won 12-4.

Besse at Morse, we won 12-3.

This spring the Owls started to practice on April 6. But on the evening of the 12th we had a snow storm of three to four inches covering our baseball diamond so our season may be delayed a little. The teams we play in the league are Liberty, Unity, Freedom, and Brooks.

The manager for the fall team was Lloyd Pottle. The manager for this spring was Arthur Rood.



BOYS' BASKETBALL



BOYS' BASKETBALL

Seated, left to right, Leon Fowler, Arthur Blaisdell, Wesley Drake, Arthur Rood, and Karl Keay.

Standing, Mr. Boothby, Robert Sylvester, Ralph Meader, Charlie Spearrin, Virgil Coffin, Walter Gordon, and Carroll Harding, Jr.

Bessie Owls have had a good season, but not anything special.

The games we played were:

Games	We	They	Games	We	They
Liberty*	53	28	Clinton*	43	68
Winterport*	19	41	Winterport	56	55
Monroe*	50	24	Brooks*	62	50
Searsport*	45	49	Stockton	76	43
Brooks (forfeit)	2	0	Monroe	53	11
Stockton	61	43	Freedom*	38	53
Freedom	31	48	Unity*	48	49
Unity	31	49	Clinton	37	64
Liberty	50	24	Searsport	56	45

* denotes games played in Albion

The results of these games placed us third in the league.

We played in two tournaments but were not too successful in either one.

In the Waldo County Tourney which started at Brooks, Besse won over Stockton Springs with a score of 76-32. The remainder of the games were then played at Belfast when Besse was defeated by Unity, 45-34. In the consolation game Besse also lost to Winterport, 47-36.

Then in the Kennebec Valley Tourney, held at Winslow, we played two games, winning over Jackman by a score of 61-44 but losing to the great team of Clinton by only a score of 54-45.

Although we did not win all of our games this year, we had many wonderful experiences; for as some one has said, "Be a good sport and you will win the biggest game of all." I am sure that the boys did live up to this maxim this year.

During the tourneys the epidemic of mumps was going around; therefore a few of the boys got them and missed their chance to play in the games thought to be the highlight of the basketball season.

Wesley Drake was elected captain and Carroll Harding, Jr., manager.

Well, I will sign off now in basketball by saying that we are all looking forward to next year's games.



J. V. BASKETBALL

Seated, Left to Right, Robert Littlefield, Floyd Blaisdell, and Walter Gordon.
Standing, Mr. Boothby, Ronald Littlefield, Raymond Marks, Charles Spearrin, and Harvey Quimby, manager.



HUMOR



The Biggest Wind In The Breeze

Carroll: "Was Bobby a clever kid when in the primary?"
Jack: "He was in the first grade so long, all the kids thought he was the teacher."

George: "My uncle invented a thing to look through walls with."
Clayton: "What's that?"
George: "A window."

Miss Cyr: "Charlie, why is it we always look up to Abraham Lincoln?"
Charlie: "Because he is so tall."

Ralph: "Let's have some ginger ale?"
Wesley: "Pale?"
Ralph: "Oh, no, just a glass will do."

Judge: "Are you positive the defendent was drunk?"
Policeman: "Well, he put a penny in the courtesy mail box, looked up at the Post Office clock and yelled, "My goodness! I've lost fifteen pounds."

Auditor: "Now let's see your pink slip."
Miss Filing Clerk: "Sir!!"

Mother: "Barb, come up stairs immediately."
Barbara: "But I'm all wrapt up in my problem."
Mother: "Tell him to go home."

Carolyn: "Oh, I wish the Lord had made me a man."
Carroll: "He did, I'm the man."

Bobby: "I could go on loving you forever."
Maxine: "Oh, go on."

Wesley: "I wasn't going forty miles an hour-nor thirty-nor even twenty."
Judge: "Here, steady now, or you'll be backing into something."

Mr. Boothby: "Why don't you answer me?"
Brown: "I did shake my head."
Mr. Boothby: "Well, do you expect me to hear it rattle way down here?"

Floyd Says to Miss Cyr, "You know why we got out of school on Abraham Lincoln's birthday? Because he freed the slaves."

Ike: "One spur, how do you use only one?"

Mike: "I figure, if I can get one side of the horse to go the other will have to come."

In Mr. Boothby's younger days, he was riding along on a donkey. The donkey was feeling spry, and kicking its heels high, finally one caught in the stirrup.

"Look", said Mr. Boothby, "If you're getting on I'm getting off."

Visitor: "How do you like the new light house?"

Eskimo: "Oh, the light blink, the whistle blow and the bell ring, but the fog she come in just the same."



BESSE'S MOST PERFECT STUDENT

Hair	Floyd Blaisdell	Roberta Vannah
Voice	Charlie Scribner	Kathryn Keay
Eyes	Carroll Harding Jr.	Barbara Knight
Flirt	Arthur Blaisdell	Thelma Woodbury
Nose	Robert Littlefield	Carolyn Fowler
Mouth	Lloyd Pottle	Laura Brockway
Shyest	Raymond Marks	Shirley Barton
Tallest	Charlie Spearrin	Faith Hendsbee
Shortest	Ernest Woodbury	Roberta Vannah
Athletic Ability	Wesley Drake	Barbara Knight
Figure	Arthur Blaisdell	Nancy Blanchard
Feet	Charlie Spearrin	Faith Hendsbee
Hands	Virgil Coffin	Sherrill Spiller
Personality	Ralph Meader	Audrey Drake
Silliest	Arthur Rood	Thelma Woodbury
Clothes	Arthur Blaisdell	Maxine Harding
Legs	Leon Fowler	Nancy Blanchard
Patience	Carroll Harding Jr.	Kathryn Keay
I. Q.	Karl Keay	Faith Hendsbee



WHAT WE HAVE AT BESSE HIGH

Keays but no locks	Hay(ward) but no straw
Shores but no beach	Herb(ie) but no medicine
Drakes but no ducks	(B)rock(way) but no sand
Coffin but no corpse	Spill(er) but not drizzle
Sylvester but no cat	Red (Bennett) but no green
Marks but no "A"	(Le)land but no sea
Rood but not nice	Rod(ney) but no stick
Brown but not white	Full(er) but not empty
Art but no music	Spear(rin) but no suckers
Barb but no wire	Fowl(er) but no beast
Faith but no hope	(F)rank but not cruel
Masons but no carpenters	Pot(tle) but no flowers
Nelson but no Rockefeller	Hamburger (Roberta V.) but no hot dogs
Littlefields but no big fields	Meatball (Ralph M.) but no spaghetti
Lawrence but not the river	Lucy (Charles Scribner) but not Lucille Ball
Woodburys but no Lux (soap)	Mosquito (Floyd B.) but no horseflies
Ike (Carroll Harding Jr.) but not Eisenhower	

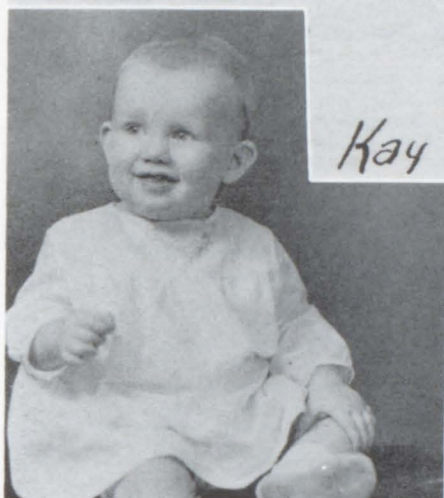
BESSE'S CIRCUS

Ring Master	Frank Doyon
Lion Tamers	Faculty
Fat Lady	Carolyn Fowler
Fat Man	Robert Sylvester
Muscle Man	Ralph Meader
Spider Man	Rodney Reynolds
Hell Drivers	Wes Drake and Ernest Woodbury
Thin Lady	Barbara Knight
Thin Man	Roger Lawrence
Clowns	Ralph Meader and Charlie Spearrin
Dancers	Arthur Rood and Thelma Woodbury
Acrobats	Charles Scribner and Nancy Blanchard
Dare Devils	Ernest Woodbury and Horace Crawford
Giant	Charlie Spearrin
Midget	Ernest Woodbury
Trapeze	Floyd Blaisdell
Lady Bare Back Rider	Kathryn Keay
Hot Dog Stand	Faith Hendsbee and Miss Cyr
Wild Man	Ora Bennett
Strong Man	Karl Keay

Senior Class



Bobby



Kay

Freddie

Virgil



Wes

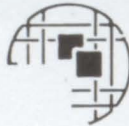
Nan

Ken



FAVORITE EXPRESSIONS OF THE JUNIOR CLASS

'You Wanna Bet"	Barbara Knight
"Keep Smiling"	Walter Gordon
"Gosh! I don't know"	Mary Lyn Nelson
"Oh! Dreadful!!"	Lloyd Pottle
"Je ne sais pas"	Faith Hendsbee
"Golly Molly"	Thelma Woodbury
"Now, now, let's not get excited"	Arthur Blaisdell
"Let's face it"	Frank Doyon
"George!"	Ralph Meader
"I don't believe it"	Ralph Fuller
"Shine my Shoes"	Ernest Woodbury
"It is not"	Charles Scribner
"Well, blow me down"	Carroll Harding, Jr



SCHOOL CALENDAR 1952-53

- Sept. 8 Joint Teachers' Meeting with Unity
 Sept. 9 School began
 Sept. 26 Waldo County Teacher's Convention
 Oct. 29 Closed school at noon for State Teachers' Convention. 3 days for us!
 Nov. 11 Armistice Day
 Nov. 12 Round Robin at Brooks. Besse beat Liberty
 Nov. 13 Night School
 Nov. 14 Besse won first league game over Liberty, 53-28. Girls lost
 Nov. 26 Closed school at noon for Thanksgiving Vacation.
 Dec. 12 Besse at Freedom. Girls won, 31-30, in an exciting game. Boys were beaten.
 Dec. 15 Christmas Concert — Albion and Unity Glee Club combined at the Albion Elementary School
 Dec. 17 Christmas Concert at Unity
 Dec. 19 Closed school at noon for Christmas Vacation
 Dec. 29 School reopened.
 Jan. 1 New Year's Day! no school
 Jan. 6 Besse went to Winterport. Boys won by one point in two overtimes. What a game!
 Jan. 8 School closed for a week because of scarlet fever scare
 Jan. 14 School reopened
 Jan. 21 Senior Supper. Our chance to eat!
 Jan. 30 Unity came to Albion. Girls won 36-30 in an exciting ballgame. Boys lost 48-49 in a still better one!
 Feb. 3 Besse at Searsport. Boys won in a close ballgame
 Feb. 5 Besse beat Stockton in the quarter finals of the Waldo County Tournament at Brooks
 Feb. 6 Besse beaten by Unity in the semi-finals at Belfast
 Feb. 7 Besse beaten by Winterport in the Consolation Game at Belfast
 Feb. 11 Ad trip to Waterville — Good Job!
 Feb. 12 Ad trip to Augusta
 Feb. 13 Freshman Valentine Dance at the Elementary School
 Feb. 17 Pictures taken by Preble's for the yearbook.
 Feb. 18 Besse beat Jackman in K. V. C. tournament
 Feb. 19 Besse beaten by Clinton in K. V. C.
 Feb. 20 School closed at noon for Winter Vacation
 Mar. 2 School reopened
 Mar. 3 Ad trip to Belfast. Best job yet.
 Mar. 9 Ad trip to Waterville and surrounding towns
 Mar. 16 The high school went to Town Meeting. Senior Class had group Picture taken
 Mar. 18 High school attended Legislature at Augusta
 Mar. 23 Jack Mayo spoke to the high school
 Mar. 25 Four delegates leave for the All Maine Music Festival Concert at Augusta
 Mar. 31 Sophomore Field Trip to Waterville
 Apr. 3 Mr. Heikes spoke to us on his 83rd birthday
 Apr. 7 Class parts announced
 Apr. 15 Delegates from Farmington State Teachers' College spoke to the high school
 Apr. 17 Closed school at noon for Spring Vacation. Seniors leave for New York and Washington, D. C.
 Apr. 27 School reopens
 May 4 Prize Speaking
 May 6 District League Speaking Contest
 June 7 Baccalaureate
 June 8 Last Chapel
 June 11 Graduation

Another school year completed! See you in the fall.

ALUMNI

CLASS OF '52	MARRIED TO	CHILDREN	WHERE	DOING WHAT
Stephen Fowler			Albion	Hauling grain at Marden's Store
George Gould			Albion	Hauling pulp
Althea Hendsbee			Canada	Attending New Brunswick Bible Institute
Allen Higgins			Albion	Raising broilers
Barbara Quimby			Waterville	Attending Thomas Business College
Lawrence Reynolds			Bath	Assistant Manager of Super Market
Harold Crosby			Waterville	Working at Joseph's Motor Co.
Maurice Scribner, Jr.			Fairfield	Working at James Mitchell's farm
CLASS OF '51				
Ida Marks			Waterville	Secretary at the Lockwood Mills
Virginia Mason			Albion	Telephone operator
Dexter Higgins	Marilyn Miller		Waterville	Attending Thomas Business College
Keith Noyes			Albion	Farming
Charles McKiel			Albion	Farming
Nelson Bezanson			Canada	Attending New Brunswick Bible Institute
Guy Higgins			Penn.	Serving in the Army
Bill Woodbury	Caroline Goodblood		Virginia	Serving in the Army
Oswald Cash, Jr.			Albion	Working for Clarence Chalmers
Rosamond Keef	Richard Bouchard	Richard, Jr.	Waterville	Housewife
CLASS OF '50				
Carol Knights	Leslie Clark	Sandra, 1 yr.	Albion	Housewife
Seth Bradstreet, Jr.			Orono	Attending University of Maine
Joyce Fuller			New York	Attending Missionary Training Inst., Nyack
Leslie Clark	Carol Knight	Sandra, 1 yr.	Albion	Working for Lee Brothers
Betty Blake			Skowhegan	Telephone operator
Betty Sylvester			Farmington	Telephone operator
Bernice Bezanson			Unity	Working at Judson House
Roderick Robinson	Hattie Rood		New York	Serving in the Air Force
Robert Cookson			Texas	Serving in the Air Force
Danny Lawrence			Greece	Serving in the Air Force
Carolyn Keef	Bernard Southard	Little girl	Portland	Housewife
CLASS OF '49				
Carleton Fuller	Pearl Rood	Stephen, 1 yr.	Albion	Farming
Hattie Rood	Roderick Robinson		Albion	Housewife
Carlene Waugh			R. I.	Attending Providence Bible Institute
James Yeaton	Evelyn Bessey	Diana & David	Albion	Working at Yeaton's Garage
Elaine Rideout	Thomas Haley		New York	Hospital Technician, Syracuse
Harold Hotham			Japan	Serving in the Air Force
Danny Blake, Jr.			Japan	Serving in the Armed Forces
Ethel Carver			Augusta	Telephone operator
Catherine Knights			Texas	Serving in the Air Force
Elma Lee	Carl Davis	Walter, 3 yr. Barry, 2 yr.	Thorndike	Housewife
Dana Libby			Conn.	Working for U. S. Time

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Dean, 2 yr.
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Donald Quimby
Mary Fuller
Brenda Braley
Harriet McKiel
Rosella Rex

Roland Paraday

Sally, Sandra, 2 yr.
Carol, 1 yr.

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Waterville
Farmington
Rockland
China

Farming
Working at Lockwood Mills
Attending State Teachers College
Teaching home economics
Housewife

Marilyn Shibles
Geraldine Brown
Ferne Keef

James Day
Rayno Boivine

Betty Jean, 4 yr.
Rodney, 3 yr.

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China

Working at the B. F. D.
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Faye Cookson
Jean Bagley

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Frederick & Barbara

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Presque Isle

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Dietition at Normal School

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Norman Rideout

Maxine Studley

Sharon, 2 yr.
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George Waugh, Jr.
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Maxine Studley

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Stephen, 1 yr.
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Farming
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John Copeland

Michael, 2 yr.
Kathy Marie, 4 mo.
Alice, 1 yr.

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New York

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Arlene Sylvester
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Richard Harrison
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Gregory, 3 mo.

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Diana, 2 yr.

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Working for the government
Housewife

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Housewife

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Albert Adams

Jean, 1 yr.
Gregory, 2 yr.
Lawrence, 5 yr.
Nancy Pearl, 3 mo.

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China

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Housewife

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Harley Reynolds			Illinois	Studying at Wheaton College
Cecil Quimby			Augusta	Works for Erle Wymore
Eula Bragg	Theodore Knowlton, Jr.		Freedom	Housewife
James Day	Geraldine Brown		Washington, D.C.	Cook for the Navy
Vivian Libby	Lloyd Ireland	Douglas, 2 yr.	Penn.	Housewife
Harold Marden	Katherine Moses	Nancy, 3 yr.	Albion	Marden's Store
		Maratha		
Juanita Faulkner	Elais Joseph	Sharon & Michelle	Mass.	Housewife
Forest Libby	Frances Libby	Dana, Robert	Chicago	
		William and Richard		
Ralph Marden	Lorraine Pepper		New York	Engineer of I. B. M.
CLASS OF '44				
Phyllis McKiel	Robert Bedig	Laurel, 1 yr.	Mass.	Housewife
Harry Tuttle	Janet Waugh	Anthony, 3 yr. Sally, 9 mo.	Albion	Drives school bus & raises broilers
		Barbara, 2 yr.		
Albannah Higgins	Laura Martin		Winslow	Works on the road for the State
Boyd Fuller			Minn.	Teaching agriculture
Dora Cookson	Shailer Blaisdell	Larry, 2 yr.	Albion	Housewife
Earl Hunt			Albion	Farming
Harold Rood	Jennie Noyes	Nancy, 6 yr.	Waterville	Works at Hollingsworth & Whitney
Bernice Rood	Ronald Bagley	Gregory, 2 yr.	Albion	Housewife
Frederick Clark	Avonne Row	June, 8 yr. Richard, 5 yr.	Auburn	Works at Carter's Milling Co.
			Mass.	Works in Filene's Department Store
Cecil Nelson				
Helen Ireland				
Clifton Bagley				
CLASS OF '43				
Virginia Rideout	Theodore Carver	Larry, 5 yr., Patsy 4 yr., Terry, 3 mo.	Albion	Housewife
		Becky Jane, a yr.		
Clyde Higgins	Alice Brown	June, 8 yr.	Albion	Raises broilers
Avonne Rowe	Frederick Clark	Richard, 5 yr.	Auburn	Housewife
		Glenis, 21 mo.		
Durwood Dow	Christine Morrison	Kathy, 10 mo.	Waterville	Lockwood Duchess Co.
		Sandra, 9 yr.		
Malcolm West	Delores Crosby	Janice, 4 yr.	R. I.	Manager of Lunch Bar in 5 & 10c Store
		Douglas, 2 yr.		
Lloyd Ireland	Vivian Libby	Arnold, Jr. 5 yr.	Penn.	
Pearle Haskell	Arnold Hamilton	Richard, 18 mo.	Waterville	Housewife
Arlene Bessey			Auburn	Nurse
Francis Clark	Evelyn Waltz		Unity	Raising broilers
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