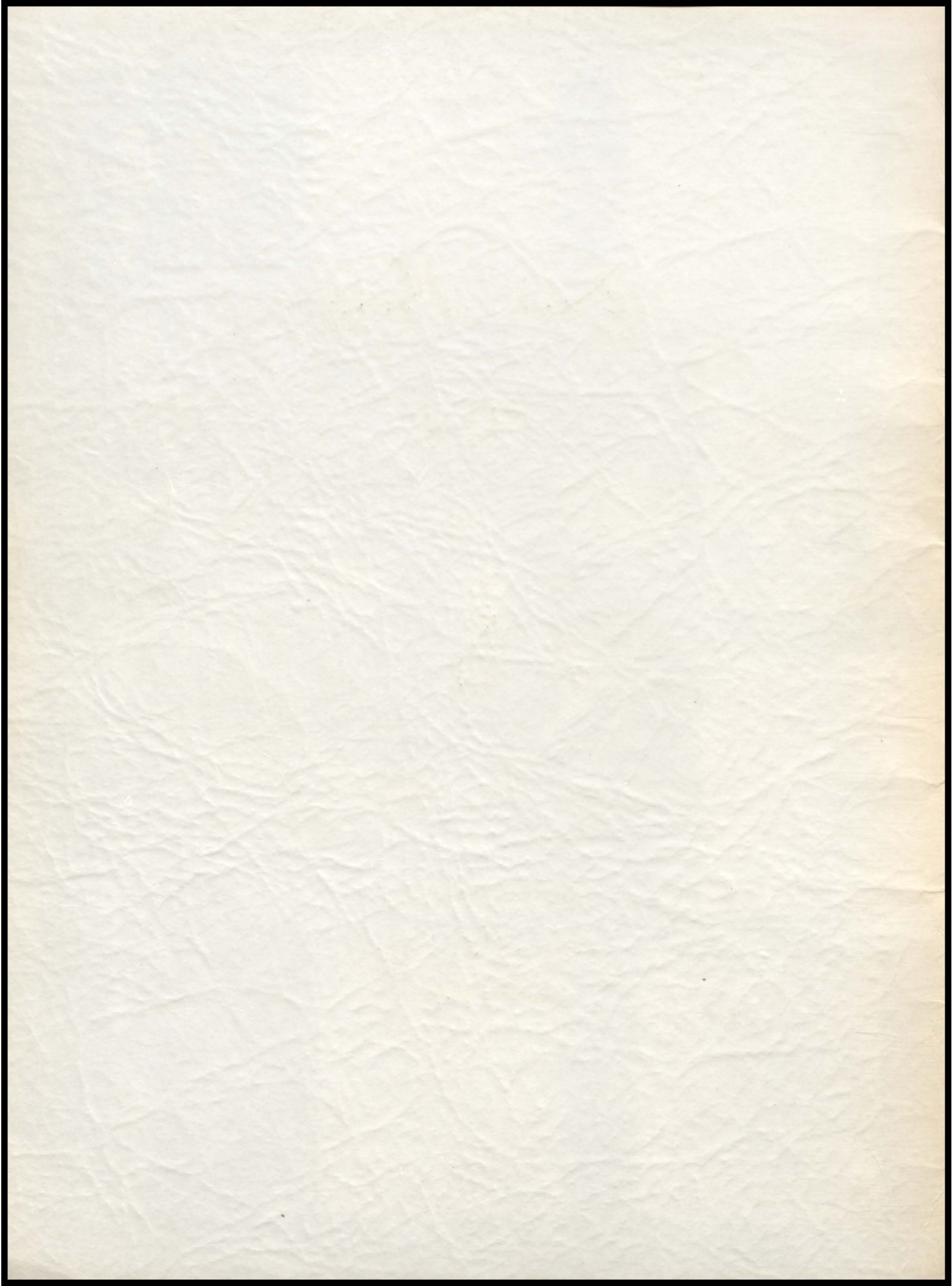


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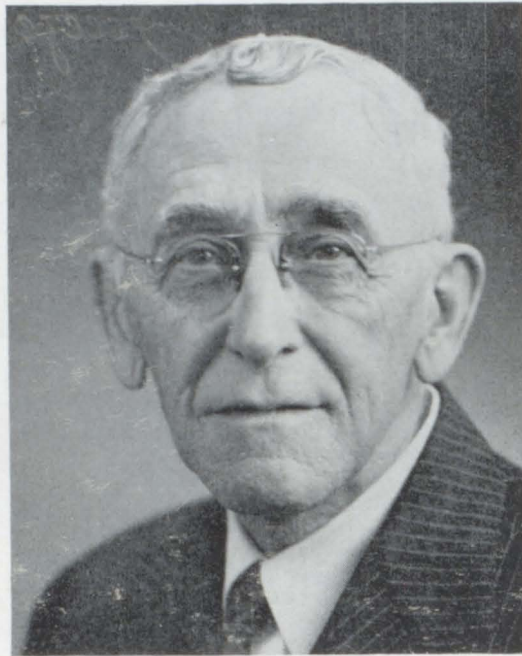


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## *Dedication*



We, the students of Besse High School, respectfully dedicate our "Besse Breeze" of 1954 to Rev. Nelson M. Heikes, a sincere friend to all.

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



# BESSE HIGH DIRECTORY



## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Asa Gordon

## SCHOOL BOARD

1953

Cecil Bradstreet  
Wesley Norton  
Nelson Robinson

1954

Wesley Norton  
Nelson Robinson  
Bruce Marks



### FACULTY

Seated front row, left to right: Miss Mitchell, Principal; Mr. Bickford and Miss Cyr.  
Standing: Mr. Ayers and Mr. Ouellette.



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Front row, left to right: A. Rood, C. Fowler, F. Hendsbee, B. Knight, T. Woodbury, M. Harding, S. Barton.

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Third row, left to right: C. Harding, Jr., R. Littlefield, L. Fowler, C. Spearrin, R. Meader, L. Pottle, R. MacDonald, R. Marks.

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**EXCHANGE REPORT**

We, the students of Besse High School would like to thank all of the schools with whom we have been exchanging yearbooks and school papers throughout the entire year.

Islesboro	"Abram", Kingfield
"Pow Wow" & "Academy Echo", Freedom	Erskine Academy
"Riverside", Winterport	Winslow
"Flash", Monroe	"Windjammer", Searsport
"Banner", Liberty	Clinton
"Morsonian", Brooks	Stockton Springs
"Pow Wow", Pemetic	"Monitor & Antioch," Unity
"Bulldog", Madison	

We would also like to correspond with you next year as we all enjoy your papers very much.

Thelma Woodbury, Exchange Editor





## EDITORIALS



### HAPPINESS

*What is the most important factor of happiness?*

Happiness is in everyone's life. Each individual, no matter who he is, wishes either to become or to remain happy. Happiness has many definitions. Luck or good fortune is said by some to characterize happiness. I think this is a very weak definition. I prefer the meaningful quotation by William Lyons Phelps: "The happiest person is the person who thinks the most interesting thoughts." A person who thinks well of all people, puts into action the good that is in him, thus makes people around him happy and consequently makes himself happy. That person who is selfish, not wanting to do kind things for others, but expecting them to do nice things for him, is never truly happy.

Money isn't the chief factor in happiness although it is a blessing. If it were money that determined happiness some people would be unhappy through no fault of their own. There are many wealthy people who are dissatisfied in life and many poor people who are cheerful.

Health, as well as money, is also an important factor in life. Health adds to our well-being but in itself does not constitute the basis for happiness. Health is from without — happiness is from within.

When are we the happiest? Are the young happier than the old? According to William Lyons Phelps we are happiest when we are older. With all our problems and worries we are happier at this time. Let me explain that seemingly contradictory statement. A child's world is a perplexing one; he cannot be said to have achieved happiness on his own for he has not experienced the responsibilities of adulthood.

It is said that as we grow older we lose our enthusiasms. This is not true. The fact that a boy of five is enchanted with a fire engine, and the same boy at sixteen is insulted by it, doesn't mean that he has lost his enthusiasm, but that instead he has found new and better ways to arouse his interests.

As important as education is to us — is it the most important thing to happiness? No, education is not. Higher education, the cultivation of the mind, is important in life. Without it, we would be less apt to survive, we wouldn't know how to do much of anything, but education is not truly essential for happiness.

Would we be happy if we led the sort of life that the lower kingdom of animals do? True, they have nothing to worry about — no income taxes, no concern with world problems, and no worry about their family. But they are not happy. Remember only *we* can smile and laugh — the physical signs of happiness. A mule is falsely said to laugh — it may sound like it but it is just his animal noise. Animals do not live; they merely exist.

*If all the things mentioned above aren't the important factors of happiness, then what is?* Dr. Phelps states that there is just one thing. That one thing



is life itself, with all its sorrows, cares, heartbreaks, and perplexities. The more interesting life is, the happier it is. And the happiest person is the person who thinks the most interesting thoughts.

Barbara Knight, '54

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## PREPARATION, MEDITATION, DEDICATION

(The Road to Success)

There are three factors in attaining success which I would like to enlarge upon in the next few paragraphs.

First of all, let us consider preparation. How very important this is if one wishes to reach a high goal in whatever he has chosen to do!

In the dictionary we find that preparation means, "the act of fitting for a particular purpose; readiness; that which is made ready."

Everyone must make preparations — whether it is just for his needs, day by day, or in his life's Career. One must choose that vocation in which he is interested and then prepare himself for it. In preparing oneself for the chosen work he learns the basic fundamentals, he learns how to apply himself to the best advantage, and he learns how to work efficiently.

Think of the vocations offered the average high school graduate *after* he has had sufficient preparation. No matter what field he goes into — religious work, teaching school, nursing, or in any of the business fields — special preparation is essential.

Next let us discuss meditation. This means deep thought, the act of pondering or musing.

How can anyone accomplish anything without first thinking the whole thing out? He must use reason and sensible thinking before acting too hastily. What would this country be like now if our founding fathers had not pondered and worked long hours on the preparations for the foundation of this nation?

Before delivering a sermon the minister meditates on the subject which he is to speak on. Without enough thought on his text, he would not accomplish that which he intended — to explain to the fullest degree the lesson to the audience.

Meditation also means mental concentration. One must concentrate on his work if he wishes to be a success instead of doing it in a hap-hazard way. One cannot apply himself to his work if he does not first give much thought to it.

Last of all, we have dedication which means the act of devoting oneself to some work or duty; consecration; the act of setting oneself apart for a certain purpose.

It has been said, "You get out of a thing only what you put into it."

How true that quotation is in everything that is done. One gets the amount of satisfaction out of his work in proportion to how much he devotes himself to the work. The more fully one devotes his whole being to his work the happier he will be in his duties. Those who have dedicated their lives to a chosen vocation have set their standards high, they have a goal to attain and they are confident of the achievements they will reach.

There is no sense to expect to reap benefits if one does not *prepare* himself for his work; *meditate* upon his work; and last of all, *dedicate* himself completely to his work. Success depends upon these three!

Faith Hendsbee, '54

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#### WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME

The meaning of America to me is all tangled up in memories.

America is the shabby little school house where I first started school, and the brand new consolidated building in the heart of town, where my little nephew is going today.

The meaning of America shines through the tears I shed as an eight-year-old when I watched my adored only brother go away to train for war. It is the pride and joy I know, when years later he came home again safe and sound.

The antique furniture, silver, and the lovely old dishes that have been handed down through generations to my family tells a story of the work and joy and pride that is America's today.

The great old elm tree before our house, centuries old, tells the proud tale of a land that has grown from virgin forest to densely populated cities; and all the meaning of America is in the proud lift of its branches and its wide girth.

The very roads twisting and turning through the valleys and up over the ledges and hills express the meaning of America; as the roads turn so has America gone through the valleys of depression, the hills of prosperity, the twisted way of politics.

America means dancing to the old folk tunes played by an orchestra made up of my neighbors — attending a wedding reception given a friend — caring for my little niece and nephew when their mother is ill — running errands for a sick neighbor — crying over the accidental death of a pet dog — looking forward with mingled emotions to graduation — dreaming of a happy home in the future.

Memories of the past, joy and sorrow in the present, dreams of the future all this is mixed up in the meaning of life, and for me that is what America is — my life, my all-present, past and future.

Mary Lyn Nelson, '54

## BE LOYAL

Say the Flag Salute over to yourself before you read this!

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States . . ." You have probably said this many times, now you are saying it again. Stop and think! What does it mean?

A flag salute is a simple thing. To make a promise is one thing; to mean and keep this promise is another.

When you repeat the flag salute it means that you promise to be loyal to the country's constitution and to obey its laws. It means that you promise to be loyal to the country's people, to be kind to them, to work for them in time of trouble; you and your family help to make up the people. For a nation to stand, the people must have love, one toward another. It means that you promise to be loyal to the country's government, for the government helps to hold the people together. It means that you promise to be loyal to God, for this country's constitution was built on the Word of God, and only by faith in God can a nation long stand.

Loyalty is but a word, true! But the meaning behind the word can be pondered for a lifetime. However, let us not only think of loyalty; let us act upon it.

If you are old enough you should vote and help to elect our representatives. Do your best to help others whenever you have the chance. Don't be afraid to give an extra dollar, or even ten, to God or charity. Obey even the minor laws, you may be late to a meal by driving "45" instead of hitting "70", but you may save a life — it could be yours. All laws were made for our safety. Loyalty calls for no sacrifices — only common sense.

Eric Wiggin, Jr., '57





# HONOR ROLL



HIGHEST HONORS  
(All A's)

HIGH HONORS  
(3 A's, 1 B)

HONORS  
(B's or Above)

## SENIORS

Faith Hendsbee (3)

Carroll Harding, Jr. (1)

Charles Scribner (2)

Ralph Meader (1)

Thelma Woodbury (1)

Carroll Harding, Jr. (1)

## JUNIORS

Karl Keay (3)

Leon Fowler (2)

Leon Fowler (1)

## SOPHOMORES

Ronald Littlefield (1)

Shirley Barton (1)

Audrey Drake (1)

Shirley Barton (1)

Audrey Drake (1)

Carolyn Fowler (1)

Audrey Drake (1)

Carolyn Fowler (1)

Robert Littlefield (1)

Carolyn Fowler (1)

Maxine Harding (1)

Maxine Harding (1)

Robert Littlefield (1)

Ronald Littlefield (1)

Ronald Littlefield (1)

## FRESHMEN

Eric Wiggin (1)

Judy Meader (2)

Joan Waddell (1)

## SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADES

Alice McKiel (2)

Mary Fuller (3)

Scott Dow (1)

Everett Drake (1)

Scott Dow (1)

Dorothy Pottle (1)

Everett Drake (1)

Alice McKiel (1)

Ronald Marks (2)

Everett Drake (1)



# SENIORS



*"Cautious Yet Courageous"*

Carroll Harding, Jr.  
Ralph Meader  
Arthur Blaisdell  
Faith Hendsbee  
Ralph Fuller

Barbara Knight  
Walter Gordon  
Thelma Woodbury  
Charles Scribner  
Mary Lyn Nelson

Lloyd Pottle

## CLASS OFFICERS

President .....	Carroll Harding, Jr.
Vice President .....	Ralph Meader
Treasurer .....	Faith Hendsbee
Secretary .....	Arthur Blaisdell

Class Color .....	Maroon
Class Flower .....	White Carnation
Class Marshal .....	Floyd Blaisdell

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Baccalaureate .....	May 30, 1954
Last Chapel .....	June 1, 1954
Graduation .....	I.O.O.F. Hall, June 3, 8:00 P.M.



## BESSE BREEZE



ARTHUR DONALD BLAISDELL

Palermo, Maine; June 6, 1936

"Art"

Class Prophecy

*"Not one student in a thousand breaks down from overwork."*

Baseball 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary 1, 4; Class Treasurer 2; Class Reporter 3; Member of Student Council 1, 2, 4; Editorial Board 3; Class Marshal 3; Commercial Club Treasurer 4; Member of B.A.A. 4; Minstrel Show 1; Bazaar Play 1.

BARBARA ANN KNIGHT

Palermo, September 29, 1935

"Barb"

First Honor Essay

*Life is a great bundle of little things."*

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Prize Speaking 1; 2nd place; 2nd place District League Prize Speaking 1; Junior Play 1; All-Star Guard 1; Minstrel Show 2, 3; Bazaar Committee 2; Student Council Secretary 1, 2, 3; Member of Commercial Club 4; Member of B.A.A. 4; Editorial Board 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; Graduation Usher 3; Cheerleader 1.



PERCY RALPH FULLER

Albion, April 13, 1935

"Stinkie"

Class Gifts

*"He serves his party best who serves his country best."*

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Commercial Club 4; Graduation Usher 3.





WALTER LEWIS GORDON

Mount Vernon, January 23, 1937

"Walt"

Second Honor Essay

*"It's better to be a has-been than a never was."*

Baseball 1, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Student Council 1, 2; Editorial Board 1, 3, 4; Class Vice President 1; Bazaar Committee 1; Minstrel Show 3; Member of B.A.A. 4; Graduation Usher 3; Prize Speaking 1; Attended Boys' State 3; Social Studies Award 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Ass't Business Manager 3, 4.

FAITH HELEN HENDSBEE

Oakland, February 26, 1937

"Faithful"

Valedictory

*"The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything"*

Minstrel Show 1; Bazaar Committee 1; Editorial Board 2, 3, 4; Local Briefs 2; Ass't Ed. 3; Literary Ed. 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Softball 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; Secretary 4; Class Vice President 3; Class Treasurer 4; School Librarian 3; Reporter to Republican Journal 4; Delegate to Dirigo Girls' State 3; D.A.R. Candidate 4; Graduation Usher 3; Class Captain of Magazine Drive 3; General Manager 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.



CHARLES METCALF SCRIBNER

Albion, July 26, 1936

"Charlie"

Class Gifts

*"All life is an experiment."*

Editorial Board 2, 3; Ass't Art Editor 2; Art Editor 3; Student Council 2; Class Treasurer 2; Commercial Club 4; Glee Club 3, 4; All Maine Concert 3, 4; Eastern Maine Concert 3; Music Award 3; Cheerleader 1, 2; 1st Prize Local Prize Speaking 1, 2, 3; 1st Prize District Prize Speaking 1, 2, 3.



## BESSE BREEZE



LLOYD EDWARD POTTLE

Freedom, March 25, 1936

"Pot"

Class Prophecy

*"To have a friend you've got to be one first."*

Basketball 1; Basketball Manager 2, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Baseball Manager 2, 4; Prize Speaking 1, 2, 3; Member of Editorial Board 3, 4; B.A.A. Club 4; Eastern Maine Music Festival 3; Boys' Sports Editor 3, 4.

THELMA MAY WOODBURY

Freedom, March 8, 1937

"Thelm"

Address to Undergraduates

*"Be sure you are right. Then go ahead."*

Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Class officer 2, 3, 4; Class Reporter 2, 4; Class Treasurer 3; Cheerleader 1, 3, 4; Head Cheerleader 4; Student Council 3; Bazaar Play 1; Editorial Board 2, 3, 4; Class Reporter 2; Exchange Editor 3, 4; Glee Club 3; Prize Speaking 3; Graduation Usher 3; B.A.A. Club Secretary 4; Commercial Club Secretary and Reporter 4.



CARROLL WOODROW HARDING, JR.

Albion, Maine, February 28, 1936

"Ike"

Salutatory

*"Always wear a smile, it never hurts."*

Basketball 1, 2; Basketball Manager 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Minstrel Show 3; Bazaar Committee 2; Advertising Manager 4; Class President 1, 3, 4; Class Vice President 2; Student Council President 2, 4; Member of Commercial Club 4; Member of B.A.A. 4; Member of Editorial Staff 1, 2, 3, 4; Graduation Usher 3; Attended Boys' State at Orono 3.







MARY LYN NELSON

Albion, August 9, 1936

"Marilyn"

Class History

*"At first if you don't succeed, try, try again."*

Basketball 1, 2; Softball 1, 2; Prize Speaking 1, 2; Commercial Club 4; B.A.A. 4; Cheerleader 1; Minstrel Show 2; Glee Club 3, 4.

RALPH EDWIN MEADER

Albion, November 29, 1935

"Hump"

Class Will

*"Success is not always final. If you build a better mouse trap, nature will breed a smarter mouse."*

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class President 2; Class Vice President 4; Bazaar Play 1; Minstrel Show 1, 3; Student Council 2, 4; Editorial Board 1, 2, 3, 4; B.A.A. 4; Commercial Club 4; Graduation Usher 3.





## SENIOR CLASS



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Front row, left to right: C. Harding, Jr., B. Knight, F. Hendsbee, T. Woodbury, R. Meader.  
Second row, left to right: C. Scribner, W. Gordon, L. Pottle, A. Blaisdell, R. Fuller.

Twelve members were enrolled in our class at the beginning of the school year. Berry Coffin, who had just returned from the army, left shortly.

We elected the following class officers: President, Carroll Harding, Jr.; Vice President, Ralph Meader; Secretary, Arthur Blaisdell; Treasurer, Faith Hendsbee; Reporter, Thelma Woodbury; Advisor is Miss Mitchell.

The seniors were very active in sports this year. Arthur Blaisdell and Ralph Meader were on the boys' basketball team. Carroll Harding and Lloyd Pottle were the managers. Walter Gordon, Carroll Harding and Ralph Meader played baseball. Thelma Woodbury was head cheerleader.

Barbara Knight and Faith Hendsbee both played exceptionally well on the girls' team.

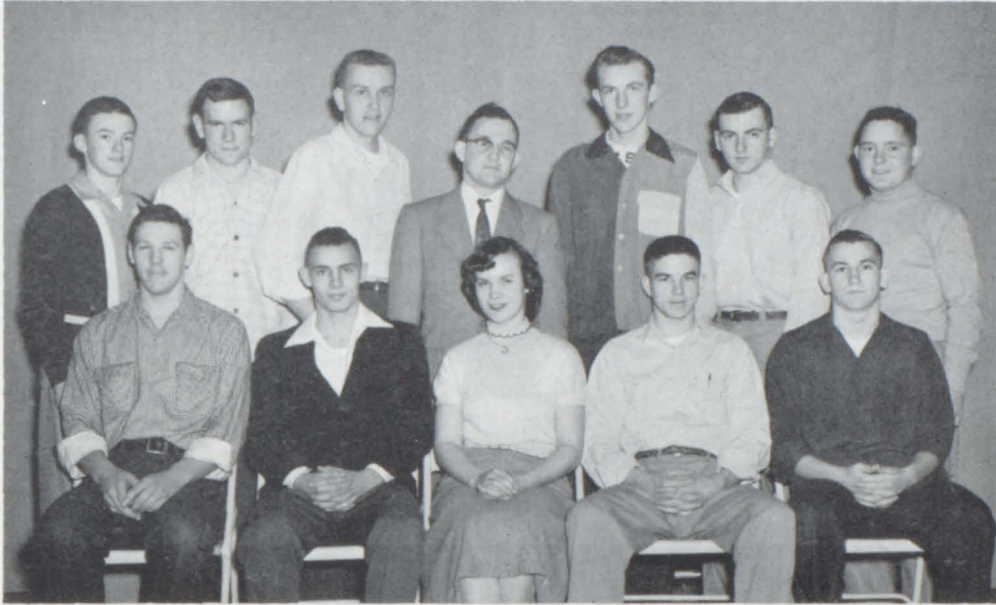
Our class held a chicken supper on November 17. It was a great success, bringing in \$148.

We express our thanks to Harry McKiel and Nelson Robinson, who employed us to pick potatoes. The \$220 that we earned during that week swelled our class trip fund to \$555 — a good part of the money needed to go to Washington, D. C. on our April vacation.

Thelma Woodbury



## JUNIOR CLASS



### JUNIOR CLASS

Front row, left to right: R. MacDonald, L. Fowler, L. Brockway, A. Rood, K. Keay.  
Second row: F. Blaisdell, K. Higgins, R. Reynolds, Mr. Bickford, M. Higgins, H. Shores, H. Quimby.

The Junior Class consisting of twelve members elected the class officers at the beginning of the school year. They are as follows: President, Leon Fowler; Vice President, Arthur Rood; Secretary, Laura Brockway; Treasurer, Karl Keay; Class Reporter, Richard MacDonald; Class Advisor, Mr. Bickford.

During the year we Juniors had a box social and dance; we also sold refreshments at the Winterport and Searsport games. The Junior class now has \$118.41 in the Treasury.

Our class members on the basketball team were Karl Keay, Arthur Rood, Leon Fowler, Floyd Blaisdell. Laura Brockway was on the girls' basketball team.

The following are out for baseball: Leon Fowler, Karl Keay, Arthur Rood, Milton Higgins, and Richard MacDonald.

Richard MacDonald



## SOPHOMORE CLASS



### SOPHOMORE CLASS

Front row, left to right: R. Milliken, R. Littlefield, C. Spearrin, R. Marks, A. Drake, C. Fowler.  
Second row: R. Hayward, R. Rowe, S. Barton, Miss Cyr, M. Harding, R. Littlefield.  
Third Row: G. Mason, G. Bourke, L. Fitch, C. Mason.

The Sophomore Class began school with sixteen members. About mid-year, we lost Joseph Brown.

We elected the following class officers: President, Raymond Marks; Vice President, Ronald Littlefield; Secretary, Audrey Drake; Treasurer, Charles Spearrin; and Reporter, Carolyn Fowler.

We sold refreshments at two basketball games making a total of \$17.79. We also made wreaths at Christmas time with a profit of \$11.44, leaving in our bank account a balance of \$73.94.

The girls out for basketball in our class were Audrey Drake, Rita Rowe, Shirley Barton, Maxine Harding and Carolyn Fowler. They are also taking part in softball.

Carolyn Fowler, Audrey Drake and Maxine Harding were cheerleaders.

Boys participating in basketball were Raymond Marks, Charles Spearrin, Ronald Littlefield, Russell Hayward and Robert Littlefield. We are proud of these boys along with Clayton and Gerald Mason who are on the baseball team.

Carolyn Fowler



## FRESHMAN CLASS



FRESHMAN CLASS

Seated left to right: M. Meader, J. Waddell, J. Sylvester, M. Bennett, J. Meader, H. Pottle.  
 Second row: I. Fitch, F. Emery, G. Shores, Mr. Ayers, N. Fletcher, M. Rowe, B. Rowe, B. Cole.  
 Third row: M. Cookson, G. Reynolds, E. Wiggins, R. Lee, M. Boivin, W. Robbins.

There are twenty pupils in the Freshman Class this year. We were sorry to lose David Gilbert who is attending Waterville Junior High. Faylene Emery came here to school from Unity.

We had our first class meeting September 1, 1953. The class elected as President, Jack Sylvester; Vice President, Joan Waddell; Secretary, Marlene Bennett; Treasurer, Judith Meader; and Reporter, Menetta Meader.

Those in Glee Club from the Freshman Class are Joan Waddell, Menetta Meader, Marlene Bennett, Norman McDonald, Beverly Cole, Nancy Fletcher, Maxine Rowe, Gloria Shores, and Maynard Boivin.

John Sylvester, Ronald Lee and Mayo Cookson played basketball.

The girls who participated in basketball were Menetta Meader, Joan Waddell, Helen Pottle, Judy Meader, Beverly Cole and Marlene Bennett. Barbara Rowe was the girls' basketball manager.

The boys who are taking part in baseball are Ronald Lee, Mayo Cookson, John Sylvester and Norman MacDonald.

The girls who are participating in softball are Menetta Meader, Helen Pottle, Judy Meader, Beverly Cole, Barbara Rowe, Faylene Emery and Marlene Bennett, who was also on the cheerleading squad.

The Freshman Class decided that dues would be 50 cents for the year. Our class earned its first money selling candy and soda pop at the Monroe and Stockton Springs basketball games and made a profit of \$14.50.

Menetta Meader



## EIGHTH GRADE



### EIGHTH GRADE

Front row, left to right: C. Raven, P. Emery, A. McKiel, L. Gordon, M. Fitch, B. Fletcher.  
Second row, left to right: N. Willette, E. Drake, K. Poulliot, M. Ouellette, Advisor; R. Fuller,  
R. Grandmaison, R. Marks.

We elected our class officers as follows: President, Lawrence Gordon; Vice President, Mary Fuller; Secretary, Alice McKiel; and Treasurer, Dorothy Pottle. Mr. Ouellette is the class advisor.

Everett Drake





## SEVENTH GRADE



SEVENTH GRADE

Seated left to right: M. Emerson, L. Willette, R. MacDonald, M. Fuller, D. Pottle.

Second row: S. Harding, R. Meader, Mr. Ouellette, L. McChesney, R. Pomeroy, G. Wiggins, M. Gilbert, D. Shores, J. Barry.

Third row left to right: R. Grandmaison, R. Hayward, C. Brann, S. Dowe, D. Dowe, E. Lee, N. Young, P. Crosby, and R. Young.

The seventh grade started out this year with eighteen members. Since then Jon Berry, Leota McChesney, and Rita Pomeroy have come. Then Jon Berry moved, so now we have twenty.

Our teacher is Mr. Ouellette and our officers are combined with the eighth grade. Those from our grade are Vice President, Mary Fuller and Treasurer, Dorothy Pottle.

Those from our class who went out for basketball were Raymond Meader, Scott Dow, Carleton Brann, and George Wiggin. Mr. Ayers coached.

Dorothy Pottle and Mary Fuller were two cheerleaders from our class. Mary Fuller and Scott Dow were on the high honor roll this year.



## LITERATURE



### BLAME IT ON WILLY

It all started on the day I wanted to watch a basketball game on television, only to find it didn't work.

"Mother," I wailed, "The television set doesn't work!"

Mother thought for a moment, then said, "Willy must have been fooling with it. I'll call the serviceman up right away but in the meantime you can go over to Dottie's and watch your game."

It was as though Willy was real — a guy you could see and hear and touch. But actually, Willy was an invention of mother's. If something went wrong, the blame wound up at Willy's door.

A faint click on the front steps told me that the milkman was just coming. I went out to bring in the milk, only to find a note tucked in among the bottles. I opened it. "Dear Ma'am," it said, "we have not received your check for the milk yet. It was due October eighteenth. If you have not already sent a check, please do so immediately. Signed, your milkman."

"Mother, this says our milk bill has not been paid. I thought you mailed a check!" Why was it that everything went wrong at once?

I saw her face darken, and for a moment was sorry, and then I saw her eyes brighten, as though she had remembered something.

"Did you forget to mail it?" I asked curiously. I watched her eyes show surprise and then relax.

"Somebody came in, and I forgot it. It must have been Willy."

"I guess I better get started over to Dottie's if I'm to watch that game. Oh, by the way, Mother, Charlotte can clean up the house. She has nothing else to do besides reading those comic books of hers."

A few hours later I walked wearily home. The team I had cheered for had lost, 55-34. It was when I tried to get into the living room that I noticed the dreadful mess. Why, the room was turned upside down! Glasses, napkins, plates, chairs and records were all over the place. Anger rising within me, I thought, "Charlotte could at least pick up after her friends!" Why, it was lots worse than when I had left and that wasn't saying much!

Then I went upstairs to change my clothes. Deep in my dungarees' pocket my fingers brushed against something crackling. Slowly, I pulled out an envelope addressed to "Wilson's Dairy." Then dimly it came back to me that mother had given me the check to mail two weeks ago. It was I who had forgotten!

I hurriedly ran downstairs and showed mother the check I had forgotten to mail.

Suddenly I knew that mother had known this all the time; that this was what she had remembered when I'd seen the memory shine in her eyes. She had wanted to smooth it over, not to be a nag. Suddenly, it also came to me that yesterday when I saw Mr. Miller, I was supposed to tell him to send over a serviceman as soon as possible. I realized then that mother



had never used Willy to excuse her own errors. She used it only when overlooking the errors of someone else.

I found out afterwards that mother and her friends had had a friendly get-together and had left the place a mess. I didn't say anything but proudly put the room in order again as I kept telling myself that it was only Willy's fault. Maybe Willy is going to come in pretty handy around our house.

Audrey Drake, '56

#### A DASH OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT

Take a teaspoon of rain clouds and stir in three or four romping children' depending on size. Beat some snow and fresh air until they stand in peaks. Chill three frosty mornings and some flowers until very cold. This may take overnight. Chop three or four daffodils and some sprouting green grass into a pan. Add some fading winter and coming summer. Heat this mixture, stirring frequently, until it is boiling hard. Remove pan from heat. Add a dash of budding leaves and a pinch of March wind. Put two lovesick couples and five or six starlit nights into a jar and shake. Sift into the mixture two cups of wild flowers. Add some chirping birds for flavoring. For frosting, mix some Easter eggs and dandelions.

In Maine this recipe makes a confection called "Spring."

Shirley Barton, '56

The Night Stars  
 Alone in the night  
 On a dark hill,  
 With pines around me  
 Spicy and still.  
 The stars in the sky  
 Whisper sweet by-and-by's.  
 The stars are all 'round  
 Lighting up my home town.

Floyd Blaisdell, '55

## HOW I WRITE A THEME

The story you are about to read is very true; only the names have been changed to protect the guilty, any resemblance to actual people living or dead is intended.

The following are the facts on how I wrote a theme on a beautiful day. It all began on Saturday, March 6. As you know, the most important factor when writing a theme or story is to have the proper setting. For me, this means that first, I raid the ice box (the first trip upstairs to my room finds my arms filled with bread, sweets, soda pop and such odds and ends as are essential in Dagwood sandwiches.) Next I go back downstairs and get about twelve sheets of paper, a dictionary and an eraser. Then I go into the room adjoining my bedroom and turn the radio on full blast to some nice jazzy music. Now I am ready to begin, but before I settle down to that great task before me, I must make a sandwich and open my bottle of pop.

The first hour I am upstairs I eat and try to think of something to write about, the second hour I eat and eat and try to think of something to write about. Four o'clock rolls around — I finally come up with an idea, but by then I am so sick I can't even lift a pencil. By the start of the fourth hour I am partially recovered, but I can't remember what I was going to write about. When that spark of genius in me once again bursts forth, my mother comes to the foot of the stairs and informs me that one of my girl friends wants to talk to me on the phone. The next hour whizzes by without my accomplishing a thing except to find out that Jacqueline has made up with David and that they are going steady again. (I decided to skip supper — my work comes first!) By now it is 7:30 p.m., and my favorite television program is on, so with much effort I leave that dearest-to-my-heart and cross the road to criticize the commercials for the theme from watching television.

I write about a paragraph and my pencil breaks, so I run downstairs and sharpen it. While I am down there I see some freshly made fudge and pop corn that my mother has made, and help myself to a plateful. Now, I am ready to continue.

I am about three-fourths through when my older brother comes stomping up the stairs three at a time, wanders into my room and asks me if I am studying. (My best dagger look is then given.) I tell him that he should be able to see what I am doing and besides it isn't any of his business. He stands over my shoulder reading what I have been writing, then comes out with the bright remark, "I still don't get what you're doing." We have a few words — by now my voice has risen above a whisper — then he turns and stalks out of the room. By the time I have applied cold soda and taken a sandwich I can't remember a thing I had written about and have to read it all over twice in order to see where my great creative mind had been so rudely interrupted.

At last I am finished, and at a glance at the clock I see it is 11:00 p.m. (nine hours taken from my youth), and I still have another theme to write in Civics!

Judith Meader, '57

### DRAGNET

Dum-de-dum-dum! Dum-de-dum-dum! Dum-de-dum-dum! Dum!!  
It was in the big city of New York. The time was 10:00. Frank Smith, my partner, had just reported in. My name is Friday. I work for the New York Police Department. We had just received a call from Homicide — Murder! A young pretty miss of about twenty-two had been found dead on 5th Avenue. We rushed to the scene. We found no information for us to go on. Our first job was to find who the girl was. The photographers that we kept handy had taken pictures of the scene. We took the film to the crime lab to be developed. We checked with the Missing Persons Bureau, but found no one answering her description.

After five days of investigation, we found out that she was Sally White, from Boston. We went in person to check with her family. Both her mother and her father said that she had gone to New York to be a model. She had been there for about a year and so far as they knew, she had been pretty successful. We asked to read some of the recent letters that they had received; there were none. There was no explanation and they gave us no further information except where she stayed. She had been staying with Mrs. Eloise Stevens in a private home. We then went to Mrs. Stevens' home. She was an elderly lady of about 60. She acted quite queer. She told us that Sally had been going steady with her son John and that they had just recently separated. Dum de dum dum!

Time out for Chesterfields. The A B C cigarettes. Always Buy Chesterfields. Now back to our story.

Dum de dum dum! Dum de dum dum! Dum de dum dum dum!

We went to see John. He told us that they had had a quarrel over his mother. She wanted to marry him, he wanted to marry her, but his mother wouldn't let him, said she was a good-for-nothing. He asked us what the matter was. I told him that she had been murdered. He was completely dumb-founded.

We went back to the police station to put together all the information we had found to see what it spelled. While we were discussing it, the telephone rang. It was John and he asked us to come over very quickly. We went to the house. Mrs. Stevens gave us an open confession that she had done it. The reason was because her son was going to marry Miss White, and she wanted John to live with her until she died.

The story you have just read is true. Only the names have been changed to protect the innocent. In a moment, the results of that trial.

Do you ever have that dry-throat feeling? Well, if you do, try smoking Chesterfields. Feel how mild they are and taste that flavor. Now the results of the trial.

Mrs. Eloise Stevens was tried and found guilty of murder. She is in the California State Penitentiary for Women serving a life sentence.

This was a Mark Seven Production.

Dum de dum dum! Dum de dum dum! Dum de dum dum dum!

Carolyn Fowler, '56

#### AT SCHOOL

We are the students from B.H.S.  
 We'll try to do our very best.  
 In everything we do in school  
 Our principal makes a golden rule.  
 In school we all have our fun  
 After our school work has been done.  
 Then comes the bell again  
 And all the students begin to sing.  
 School is out for the day!  
 Now it's time to work and play.  
 One thing we all like best  
 Is going to school at B.H.S.

Barbara Rowe, '57

#### OUR TEACHERS

The teachers here at Besse High  
 Are really lots of fun.  
 But sometimes I'm afraid that  
 We keep them on the run.  
 First there's Mr. Ayers,  
 Who teaches algebra, you know,  
 When it comes to x, y, z,  
 He's really on his toes.  
 Next in line is Miss Cyr,  
 Who teaches English 1 and 2.  
 She also teaches French,  
 And is our girls' coach, too.  
 Next comes Mr. Bickford,  
 A newcomer to our school,  
 When it comes to commercial class,  
 He keeps quite calm and cool.

Along comes Miss Herd,  
A pretty little miss,  
When it comes to music  
She's really a whiz.  
Next is Mr. Ouellette,  
Who teaches Junior High,  
He's also the boys' sport coach,  
He's proved to be a great guy.  
Last but not the least is Miss Mitchell,  
Her subjects we can't name.  
She's won a place in all our hearts,  
And in Besse's Hall of Fame.

Mary Fuller, '59

#### BESSE HIGH HELPS

From 8:30 o'clock in the morning  
'Til thirty minutes after two  
The pupils of Besse High School  
Do the best that they can do.  
To be good and honorable people  
When once they get out in the world,  
To earn their own fair living  
Is the goal for each boy and girl!  
It would be true to say  
That dear old Besse High  
Is the one that helps  
Them on their way.

Leon Fowler, '55

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## STUDENT COUNCIL



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Front row, left to right: L. Brockway, F. Hendsbee, C. Harding, Jr., B. Knight, K. Keay.  
Second row, left to right: Miss Mitchell, Advisor; M. Fuller, A. McKiel, A. Drake, J. Meader,  
M. Bennett, J. Waddell, D. Pottle.  
Third row, left to right: R. Littlefield, J. Sylvester, A. Rood, L. Fowler, C. Spearrin, R. Meader,  
A. Blaisdell, L. Gordon, R. Marks.

The officers of the Student Council were chosen by the Class Officers of the school as follows: President, Carroll Harding, Jr.; Vice President, Karl Keay; Secretary, Faith Hendsbee; Treasurer, Barbara Knight; and Auditor, Leon Fowler.

There are twenty-four members, these are the four officers of each of the six classes. This year the seventh and eighth grades have members on the Council since they are included in the High School.

On October 23, the Student Council put on a program for the entire school-body. Officers of the Student Council explained their duties. The president and vice-president explained the Constitution of the Student Council. Several members of the Council talked about participation in activities.

The Student Council chose the members of the Editorial Board.

In November we had the girls out for cheerleading perform; we selected five for the High School and three for the seventh and eighth grades. Those chosen for the high school were Carolyn Fowler, Audrey Drake, Maxine Harding, Marlene Bennett, and Thelma Woodbury, head cheerleader. Alice McKiel, Mary Fuller and Dorothy Pottle were chosen for the junior high.

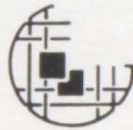
On the evening of November 12 the High School observed National Edu-

cation Week by holding "open house." Carroll Harding, Jr., president of the Student Council, welcomed the parents and friends in behalf of the Student Council.

The Council voted to buy six girls' basketball suits. We also voted to give the cheerleaders \$12.00 with which to help buy new uniforms.

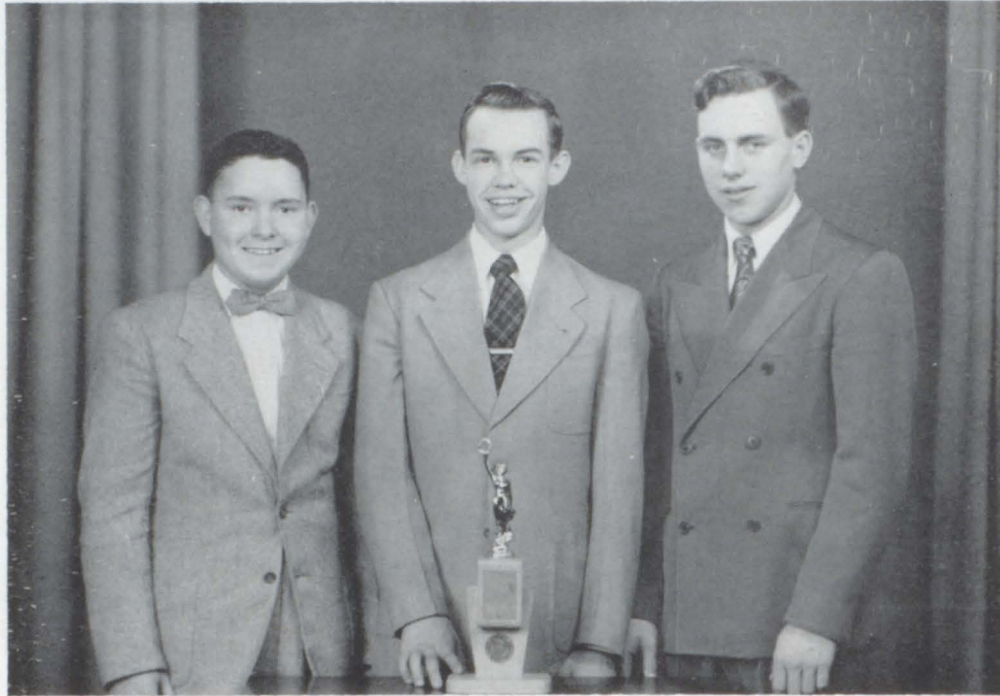
The proceeds from all the home basketball games go to the Student Council which in turn votes as to how this money shall be spent. Most of it goes toward our athletic program. However, about \$30 has been spent on our Visual Aid Program, and small amounts on special gifts. Because of a larger profit from our games, Student Council will be able to vote for more benefits for our school in the future.

Faith Hendsbee, Student Council Secretary





## PRIZE SPEAKING



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Left to right: H. Quimby, C. Scribner, L. Pottle.

Last May 4th our Local Prize Speaking Contest was held at the Albion Elementary School. Those participating were Lloyd Pottle, Harvey Quimby, and Charles Scribner. Lloyd's piece was "The Big Game." After Lloyd spoke, Harvey gave his ovation of "The Cremation of Sam McGee." Following Harvey, Charles spoke his piece, "Daddy Doc."

The judges gave this as their decision: Lloyd Pottle, third prize; Harvey Quimby, second prize; and Charles Scribner, first prize.

On May 6th at Brooks, Charles represented Besse in the District Speaking Contest where for his third straight year he took top honors in the boys' division and brought the trophy once more to Besse High School.





## GLEE CLUB



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Seated, front row, left to right: B. Cole, R. Milliken, M. Meader, J. Waddell, A. McKiel, C. Fowler, M. Fuller.

Second row: R. MacDonald, R. Pomeroy, B. Fletcher, P. Emery, N. Fletcher, M. Rowe, F. Emery, G. Shores, M. Bennett, M. Emerson, L. Willette, D. Pottle, and Miss Herd.

Third row: N. MacDonald, C. Brann, P. Crosby, H. Quimby, L. Gordon, L. Pottle, J. Sylvester, R. MacDonald, M. Boivin, C. Scribner, W. Gordon, N. Young, and R. Young.

The Besse High School Glee Club, conducted by Miss Charmian Herd, Music Supervisor, is continuing its activities for the second season.

Two Christmas concerts were presented in Albion and Unity in December. A minstrel was given April 14th for the benefit of the Senior Class trip. A spring concert is planned, and the Glee Club will attend the Eastern Maine Music Festival in Farmington in May.

Besse High School sent four representatives to the chorus of the All State Music Festival that was held in Augusta, April 7-10, concluding with concerts the afternoon and evening of Saturday, April 10. Lawrence Gordon, Lloyd Pottle, Charles Scribner and Joan Waddell participated.

1954 marks the addition of an instrumental department. Frederick Petra of Waterville gives private lessons in the schools, assisted by Miss Herd. There is a sizeable guitar class, as well, taught by Miss Herd.



## B. A. A.



BESSE ATHLETIC CLUB

Seated front row, left to right: T. Woodbury, A. Blaisdell, L. Fowler, R. Meader, K. Keay, and F. Hendsbee.

Second row, left to right: Miss Cyr, Advisor; C. Fowler, A. Drake, R. Rowe, S. Barton, M. Harding, B. Knight, and Mr. Ouellette, Advisor.

Back row, left to right: C. Harding, W. Gordon, L. Pottle, C. Spearrin, R. MacDonald, A. Rood, and F. Blaisdell.

This year we have a new club which the members have named Besse Athletic Association. The purpose of this club is to raise money for athletic equipment which we deem necessary for the welfare of all the members. This club is meant to bring a much closer relationship between the members, who participated in sports, than has existed before.

The club officers were chosen by the members as follows: President, Ralph Meader; Vice President, Leon Fowler; Secretary, Thelma Woodbury; Treasurer, Karl Keay; and Reporter, Faith Hendsbee. The advisors are Mr. Ouellette and Miss Cyr.

We sold refreshments at the Freshman Reception, taking in \$18.05.

All students who have received a letter "B" in sports are eligible to belong to the B.A.A. We have 20 members.

Faith Hendsbee



## COMMERCIAL CLUB



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Front row, left to right: Mr. Bickford, Advisor; B. Knight, W. Gordon, L. Fowler, A. Blaisdell, T. Woodbury.

Second row, left to right: K. Higgins, H. Quimby, R. Reynolds, L. Brockway, F. Hendsbee, A. Rood, H. Shores, F. Blaisdell.

Third row, left to right: C. Scribner, C. Harding, Jr., R. Meader, R. MacDonald.

For the first time in the history of Besse High School we have a Commercial Club. This club is composed of all students who are taking any Commercial subject, with the Commercial teacher, Mr. Bickford, as advisor.

A constitution was drawn up and approved by the members. The officers were chosen as follows: President, Leon Fowler; Vice President, Walter Gordon; Secretary-Reporter, Thelma Woodbury; Treasurer, Arthur Blaisdell.

We had planned a penny carnival for November, but it was cancelled because of the weather. It has been scheduled for May. A one-act play will also be presented at that time.

On April 9th the Commercial Club held a dance at the Grange Hall, at which time the Queen of Besse High was selected.

Thelma Woodbury



## CHEERLEADERS



CHEERLEADERS

Left to right: C. Fowler, A. Drake, M. Bennett, M. Harding, T. Woodbury, head-cheerleader.

We started the year with five ambitious cheerleaders who showed fine sportsmanship through each game from beginning to end.

We wish to thank the Student Council members for their kindness in helping us in getting our new cheerleading uniforms. They were greatly appreciated by the entire cheerleading squad.

We were very successful in the tournaments, especially with our new cheers, "The Besse Bunny Hop" and "Let's Cheer."



The schedule results are:

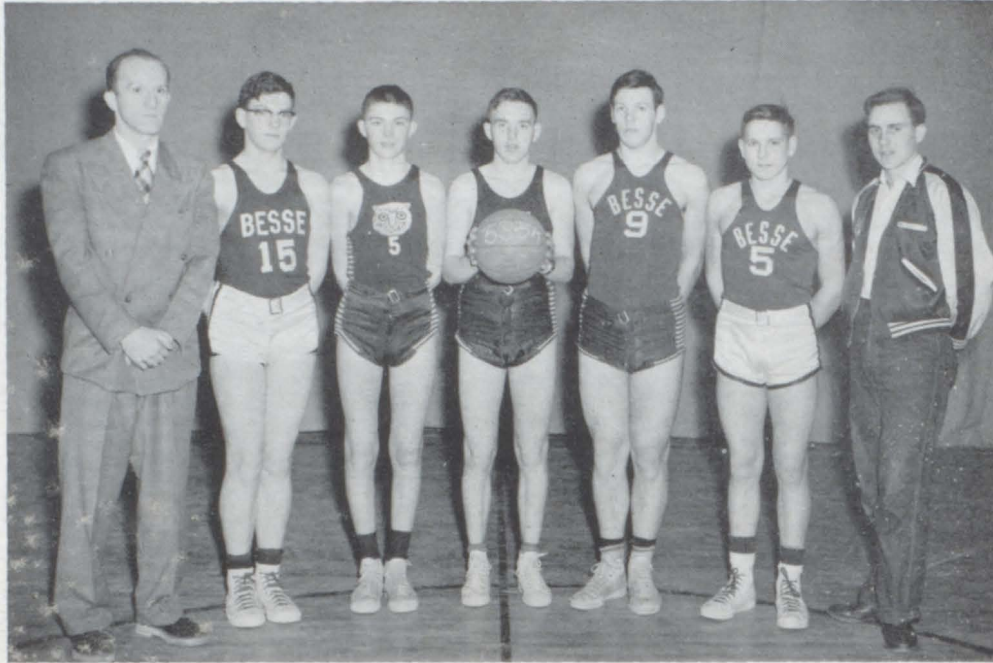
	There We-They	Here We-They
Unity	55-51	54-60
Winterport	54-61	58-52
Stockton	77-65	90-62
Freedom	40-54	49-48
Searsport	63-57	63-50
Monroe	103-49	54-33
Walker	69-33	60-25
Morse	69-52	64-61
Clinton	59-46	66-51
Town Team	48-43	

Arthur Rood, '55  
Walter Gordon, '54





## J. V. BASKETBALL



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Left to right: Mr. Ouellette, coach, R. Lee, R. Hayward, J. Sylvester, R. MacDonald, R. Marks, L. Pottle, Manager.

The J. V. team did not have any special schedule to play by this year; but when anyone challenged them, they were always ready to play, and tried to win.

They did not win many of the games but they did gain some good experience which will help them when they come to the point where they are on the Varsity. Besse has some good players for the years to come from this J. V. team.

Lloyd Pottle, Manager





## BASEBALL



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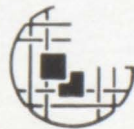
Front row, left to right: R. Marks, R. Meader, K. Keay, A. Rood, C. Spearrin, L. Fowler, R. Littlefield.

Second row, left to right: Mr. Ouellette, Coach, R. Littlefield, R. Lee, M. Higgins, W. Gordon, C. Harding, Jr., Lloyd Pottle, Manager.

Well, you know us boys from Besse, we aren't very good at swatting that old horsehide, but we are always out there giving it a try.

Last fall we had six games, winning 2 and losing 4, with a sizeable number of fellows out: Catcher, R. Meader; Pitcher, C. Spearrin; A. Rood; M. Boivin; R. Marks; First Base, L. Fowler; Second Base, R. Lee; R. MacDonald; Third Base, W. Gordon; M. Cookson; Left Field, C. Harding, Jr.; Right Field, M. Higgins; R. Littlefield, and Robert Littlefield.

Walter Gordon, '54





## BOYS' BASKETBALL



BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Front row: C. Harding, Manager; Mr. Ouellette, Coach; L. Pottle, Assistant Manager;  
Standing: R. Meader, R. Lee, R. Littlefield, A. Blaisdell, A. Rood, C. Spearrin, L. Fowler  
Captain; K. Keay, R. Littlefield, R. Marks, F. Blaisdell.

Fourteen boys went out for basketball and only 11 made the varsity. At the first of the season Leon Fowler was elected Captain and Carroll Harding, Jr., was chosen Manager.

The Besse boys had a very profitable year in basketball this year, winning sixteen games and losing only three. We won our first eleven straight, losing our twelfth to Unity in a very hard fought game. We beat Clinton twice, once in the Waterville Community Center.

As a result of a loss to Freedom and one to Winterport we placed second in the Waldo County League.

In order to get into the State Tourneys we had to win the Waldo County Regional Tourney. In this we won our first game with Brooks but lost our second game to Unity.

We haven't a kick in the world, we feel our team did its best and that is all anybody can ask.

We are a proud team at Besse because our Star forward, Karl Keay, was chosen for The All Star Waldo County Team by the Republican Journal of Belfast. Leon Fowler was chosen for second All Star Team.



FAVORITE SONGS

I Get So Lonely	Carolyn Fowler
Make Love To Me	Thelma Woodbury
Changing Partners	Marlene Bennett
There's A Song in My Heart	Miss Herd
Secret Love	Beverly Cole
On Top of Old Smoky	Helen Pottle
Young at Heart	Miss Mitchell
Heart of my Heart	Walter Gordon
South of the Border	Milton Higgins
From the Vine Came the Grapes	Lloyd Pottle
Take Her to Jamaica	Ralph Fuller
Carribbean	Roger Lawrence
Till Then	Miss Cyr
Good Bye Joe	Mr. Ayers
Send My Baby Back to Me	Mr. Bickford
Take Me Out to the Ballgame	Mr. Ouellette
Dear John	Maxine Harding
Dear Joan	Harvey Quimby
Maggie Dear	Arthur Rood
That's Amore	Rodney Reynolds
The Jones Boy	Rita Rowe

BESSE'S MOST PERFECT STUDENT

	Girls	Boys
Hair	Carolyn Fowler	Harvey Quimby
Voice	Thelma Woodbury	Lloyd Pottle
Eyes	Audrey Drake	Floyd Blaisdell
Flirt	Marlene Bennett	Ralph Fuller
Nose	Maxine Harding	Rodney Reynolds
Mouth	Laura Brockway	Charles Scribner
Shyest	Joan Waddell	Herbert Shores
Tallest	Faith Hendsbee	Charles Spearrin
Shortest	Barbara Rowe	Norman MacDonald
Figure	Audrey Drake	Arthur Blaisdell
Feet	Barbara Knight	Harvey Quimby
Hands	Shirley Barton	Walter Gordon
Personality	Rita Rowe	Ralph Meader
Silliest	Judy Meader	Arthur Rood
Clothes	Carolyn Fowler	Arthur Blaisdell
Legs	Thelma Woodbury	Leon Fowler
Patience		The Faculty
I. Q.	Faith Hendsbee	Karl Keay





JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS & BASKETBALL

Kneeling, left to right: M. Fuller, A. McKiel, D. Pottle.  
 Second row, left to right: Mr. Ayers, Coach; N. Willette, E. Drake, G. Wiggin, S. Dow, R. Marks.



JR. HIGH BASEBALL

Front row, left to right: Mr. Bickford, Coach; E. Drake, P. Norton, R. Meader, R. Fuller, G. Wiggin, L. Gordon.  
 Second row, left to right: R. Marks, C. Brann, P. Crosby, S. Dow, N. Willette, N. Young, E. Lee, R. Grandmaison.

## THE BIGGEST WIND IN THE BREEZE

Ralph M.: "What is a bull called when he is asleep?"

Leon F.: "Bulldozer."

Carolyn: "What is the best exercise for reducing?"

Arthur B.: "Just move the head slowly from right to left when asked to have a second helping."

Mr. Ayers: "Which pine has the longest and sharpest needles?"

Russell H.: "A porcupine."

Mr. Ouellette: "Spell straight."

Pupil: "S-t-r-a-i-g-h-t"

Mr. Ouellette: "Correct. Now what does it mean?"

Pupil: "Without ginger ale."

Karl: (on the phone) "I want to see you in the worst possible way."

Maxine: "Come around before breakfast."

Cannibal Chief (to victim): "What did you do for a living?"

Arthur R.: "I was an associate editor."

Chief: "Cheer up. After tonight you'll be editor-in-chief."

One very angry skunk to another, "So do you!"

What day in what month commands all people to move forward?

(March 4th.)

Returned aviator: "First one wing came off and then the other."

Tenderfoot: "Then what did you do?"

Aviator: "I grabbed a drumstick and had a second helping."

Ralph M.: (several years after graduation) "I have made some money, and I want to do something for Besse High. I don't remember which studies I excelled in."

Miss Mitchell: "In my classes you slept most of the time."

Ralph: "Fine! I'll endow a dormitory."

Barb: "I want a man who is good, handsome, intelligent, and wealthy."

Faith: "You don't want a husband — you want a committee."

When a boy gets old enough to think about girls, he doesn't know what to think.

A man who thinks he has a good head on his shoulders often discovers that it is his wife's.

A little girl was sitting by her mother during a prolonged lecture. Finally, the speaker told a touching story and the little one saw tears in her mother's eyes. She said, loudly enough for the speaker to hear, "Don't cry, Mommie, he'll quit after a while, maybe." The talk was soon concluded.



## GIRLS' BASKETBALL



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Left to right: J. Waddell, B. Cole, S. Barton, M. Bennett, A. Drake, C. Fowler, F. Hendsbee, B. Knight, Captain, H. Pottle, J. Meader, M. Harding, R. Rowe, M. Meader.  
Kneeling: B. Rowe, Manager, Miss Cyr, Coach.

The girls at Besse High stand third in the league this year, winning eleven games and losing eight. Three of our losses were not league games. We had a lot of fun and a very successful year.

At the first of the basketball season we chose Barbara Knight as captain and Barbara Rowe as manager. The first team line-up consisted of: Barbara Knight, L.F.; Rita Rowe, C.F.; Maxine Harding, R.F.; Audrey Drake, L.G.; Carolyn Fowler, R.G.; Faith Hendsbee, C.G.

The high scorers were Barbara Knight with 362 points and Rita Rowe with 217.

Our upset over Brooks in our last league game was the crowning glory of the season, since Brooks won the championship.



## GIRLS' SOFTBALL



GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Front row: M. Meader, H. Pottle, C. Fowler, B. Cole, F. Emery.  
Second row: T. Woodbury, M. Harding, A. Drake, F. Hendsbee, J. Meader, R. Rowe, and Miss Cyr, Coach.

The girls' softball team played two softball games last fall, winning over Freedom 13-6 and losing to Unity 22-4.

The line-up was as follows: Catcher, Barbara Knight; Pitcher, Marlene Bennett; first base, Judy Meader; second base, Helen Pottle; third base, Menetta Meader; S.F., Maxine Harding; S.S., Beverly Cole; R.F., Audrey Drake, C.F., Faith Hendsbee; L.F., Rita Rowe.

We wish to express our appreciation for the time and effort our coach, Miss Cyr, spent on us.

We are in hopes of having a very successful season this spring.

Maxine Harding, Reporter

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1953-54

Sept.	1	School began! Oh dear!
Sept.	7	Labor Day
Sept.	8	Sophomores ordered class rings.
Sept.	25	Waldo County Teachers' Convention. Oh boy, 2 days for us!
Oct.	2	Freshman Reception.
Oct.	12	Columbus Day.
Oct.	16	Senior Class Chicken Supper and Movie.
Oct.	19	Game Wardens spoke on Safety rules in Hunting.
Oct.	20	W. L. Bryant, from Colby College, spoke.
Oct.	28	Closed school at 1:00 P.M. for State Teachers' Convention.
Nov.	3	Reverend Nelson M. Heikes spoke.
Nov.	9	Rank sheets came out.
Nov.	11	Armistice.
Nov.	12	National Education Week observed by Night School. Parents invited to attend the session.
Nov.	25	Closed school at 1:00 P.M. for Thanksgiving Recess.
Nov.	28	Sophomore rings arrived — What excitement!
Dec.	18	Closed school at 1:00 P.M. for Christmas Vacation.
Dec.	28	School opened for winter term.
Jan.	1	New Year's Day.
Jan.	14	Al Corey came for Music Demonstration.
Feb.	2	Ad trip to Waterville.
Feb.	10	Ad trip to Belfast.
Feb.	16	Pictures taken for Yearbook — some very pretty students at school!
March	2	Ad trip to Augusta.
March	3	Ad trip to Waterville.
March	4	Recruiting officer spoke to Seniors.
March	15	High School went to Town Meeting.
April	16	Closed school for Spring Vacation — Seniors leave for Washington, D. C.
April	26	School reopened.
May 28-June 1		Final Exams!
May	30	Baccalaureate.
May	31	Memorial Day
June	1	Last Chapel.
June	2	School Picnic.
June	3	Graduation.
June	4	Another school year completed — See you next year!

ALUMNI REPORT

CLASS OF '53	MARRIED TO	CHILDREN	WHERE	OCCUPATION
Nancy Blanchard Kathryn Keay Wesley Drake Frederick Shores Kenneth Gould Robert Sylvester Virgil Coffin			Massachusetts Waterville Portland Albion Albion Portland New York	Telephone Operator Thomas Business College Maine Vocational Technical Institute Farming Dairy Farming Maine Vocational Technical Institute Caretaker at Schoon Manor Hotel
<b>CLASS OF '52</b> Stephen Fowler	Beverly Dinsmore		Albion	Working at McCormick's Filling Station, Unity
Althea Hendsbee George Gould Allen Higgins Barbara Quimby Lawrence Reynolds Harold Crosby Maurice Scribner, Jr.			Albion Albion Albion Albion Bath Albion Florida	Staying at Home Hauling Pulp Wood Raising Broilers Staying at Home Manager of a store Cutting Pulp Serving in the Navy
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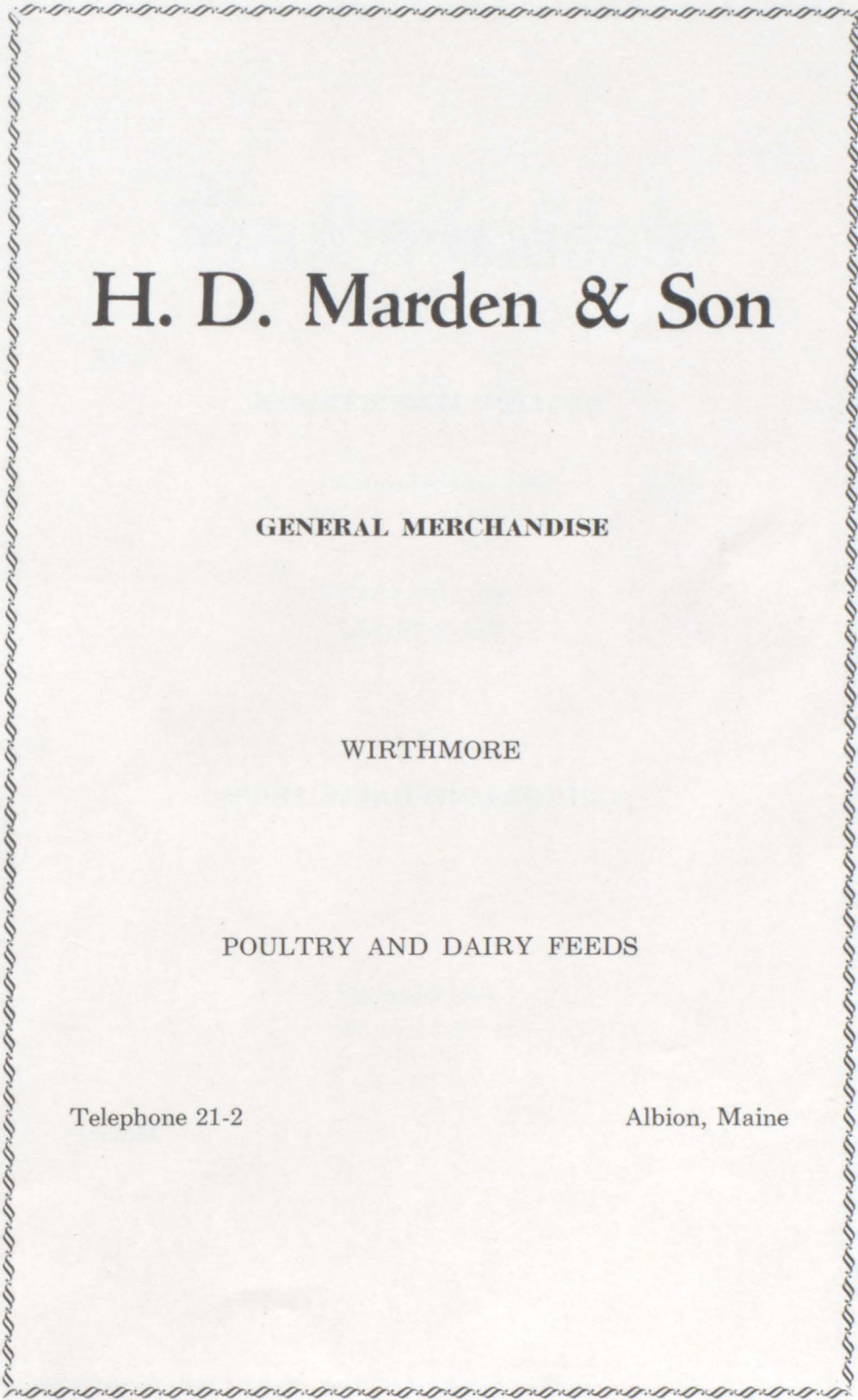
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