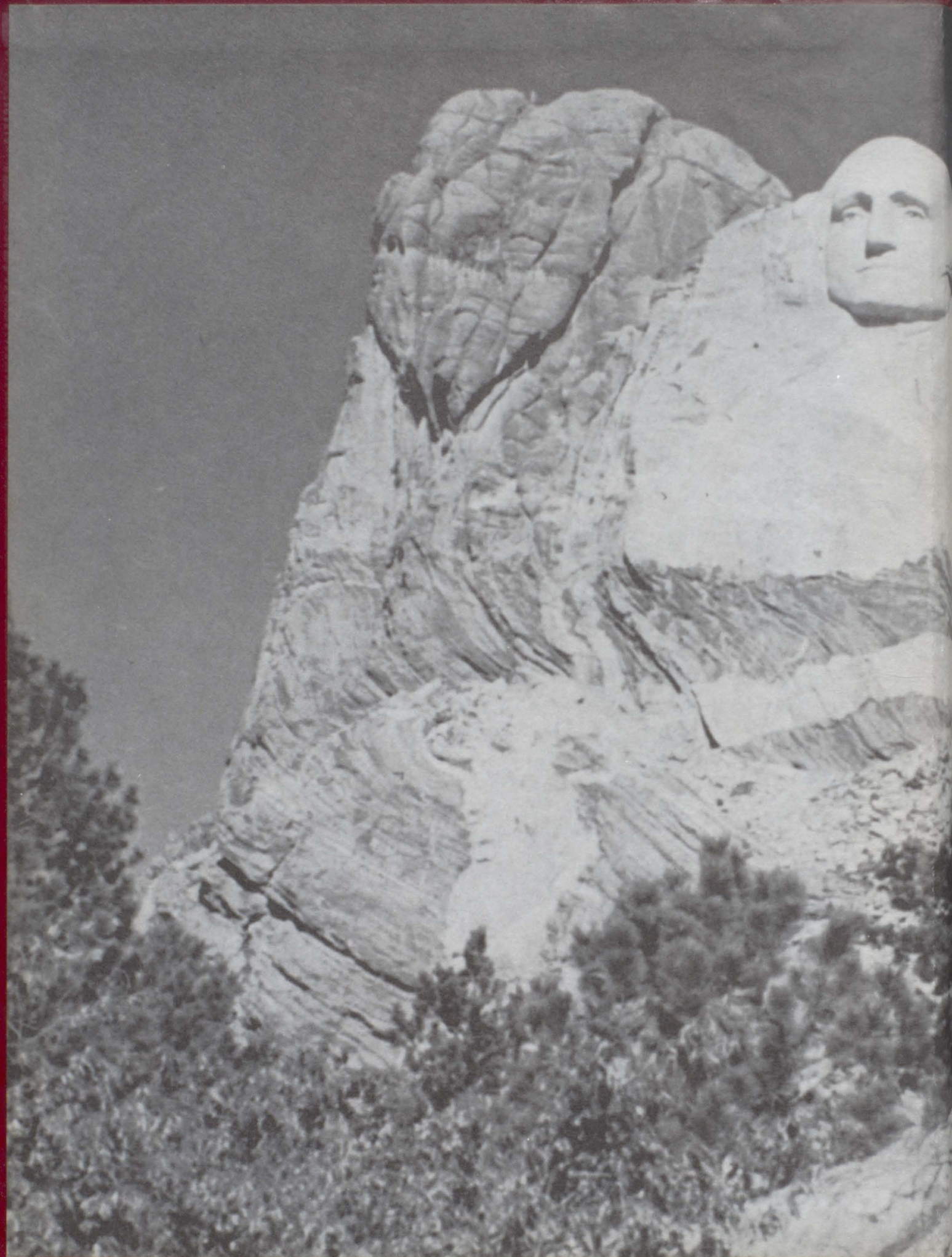
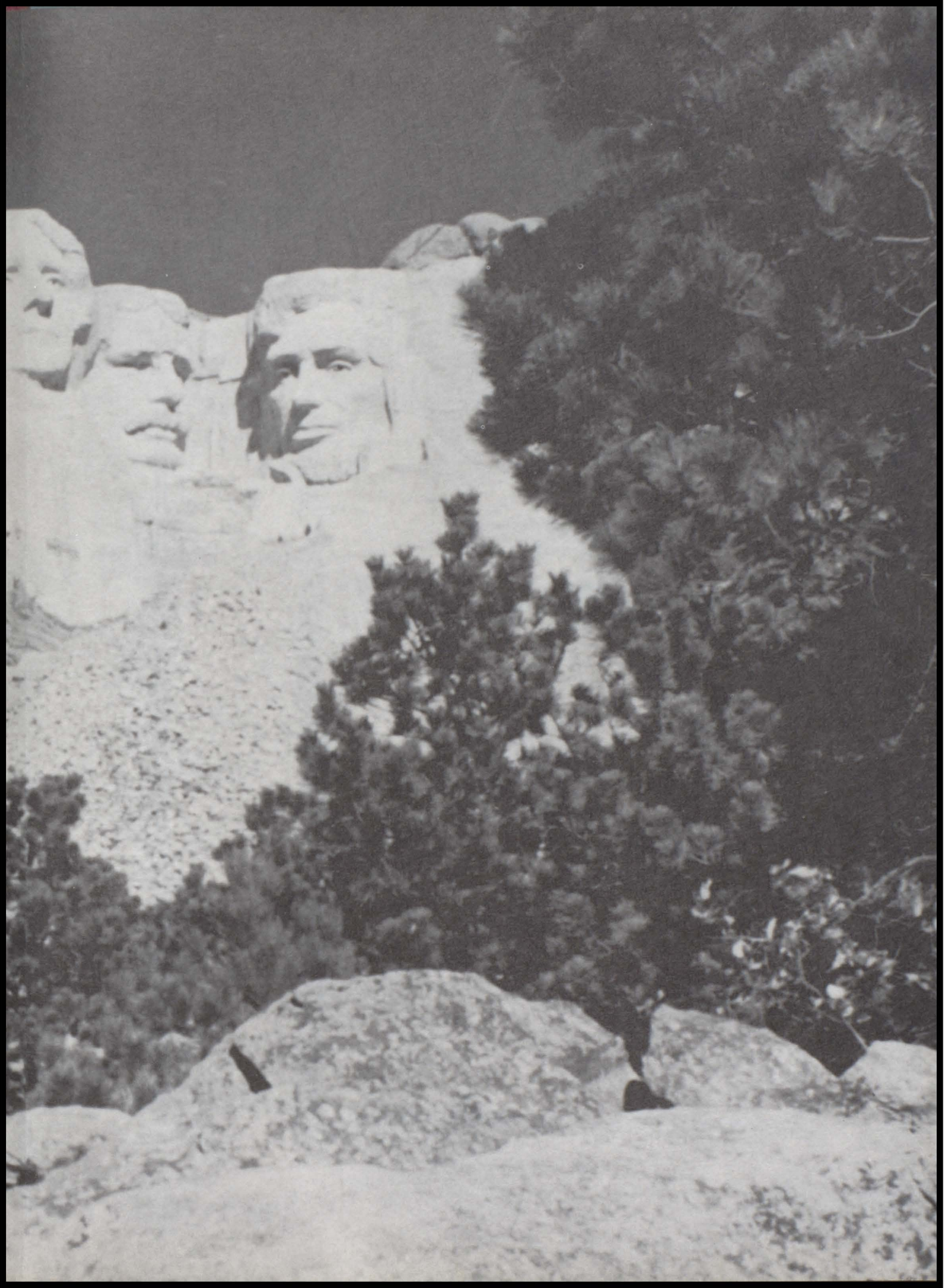
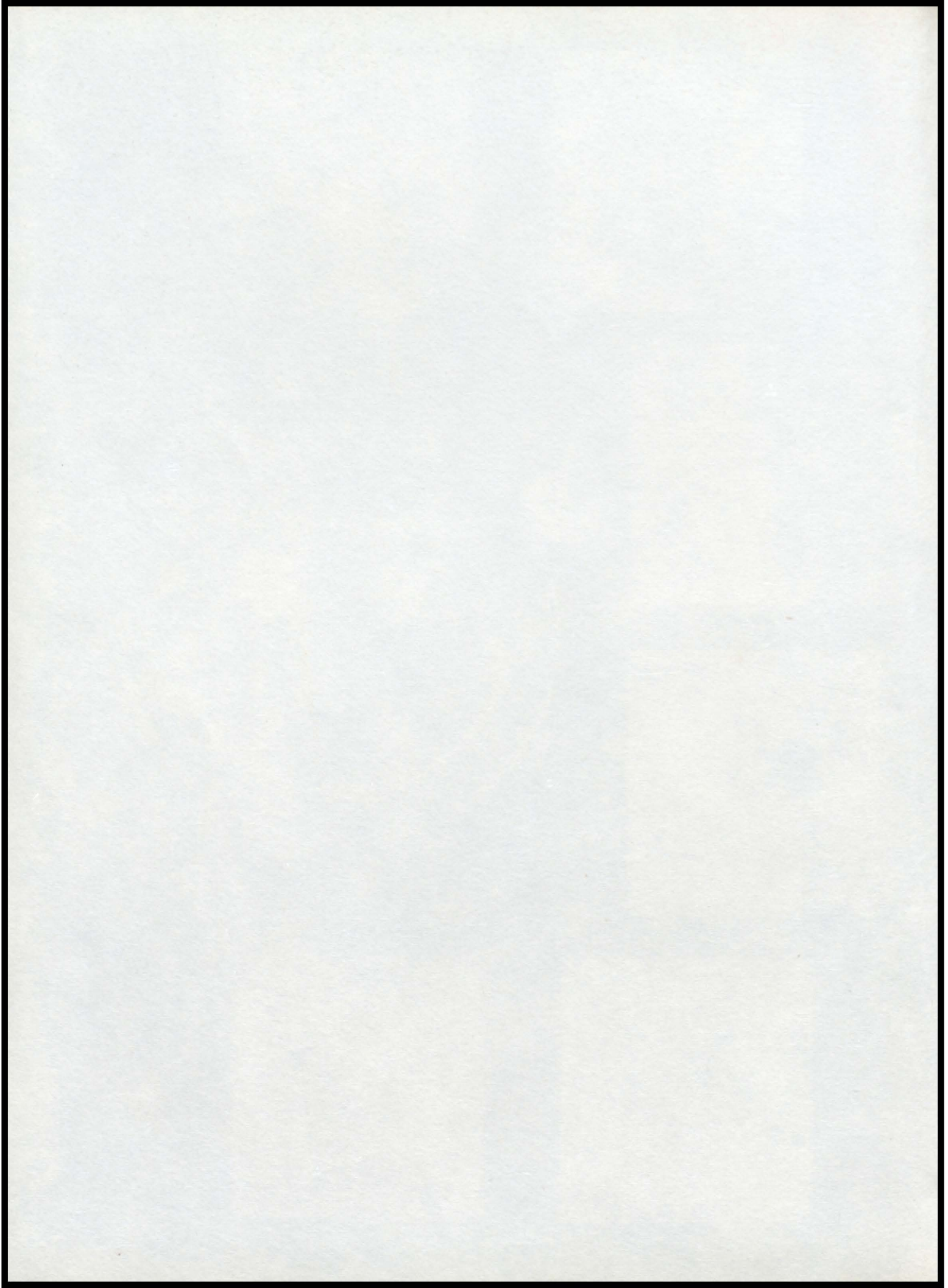




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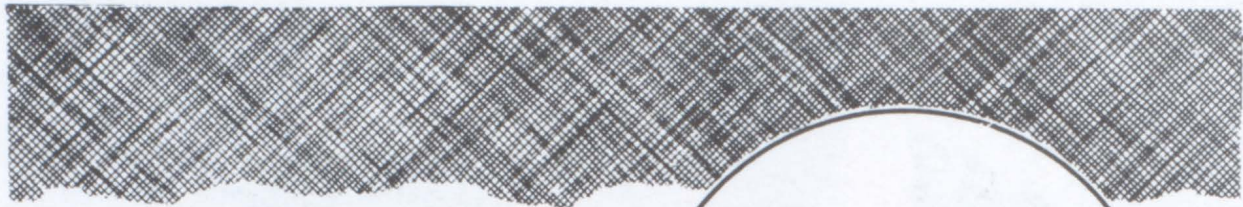
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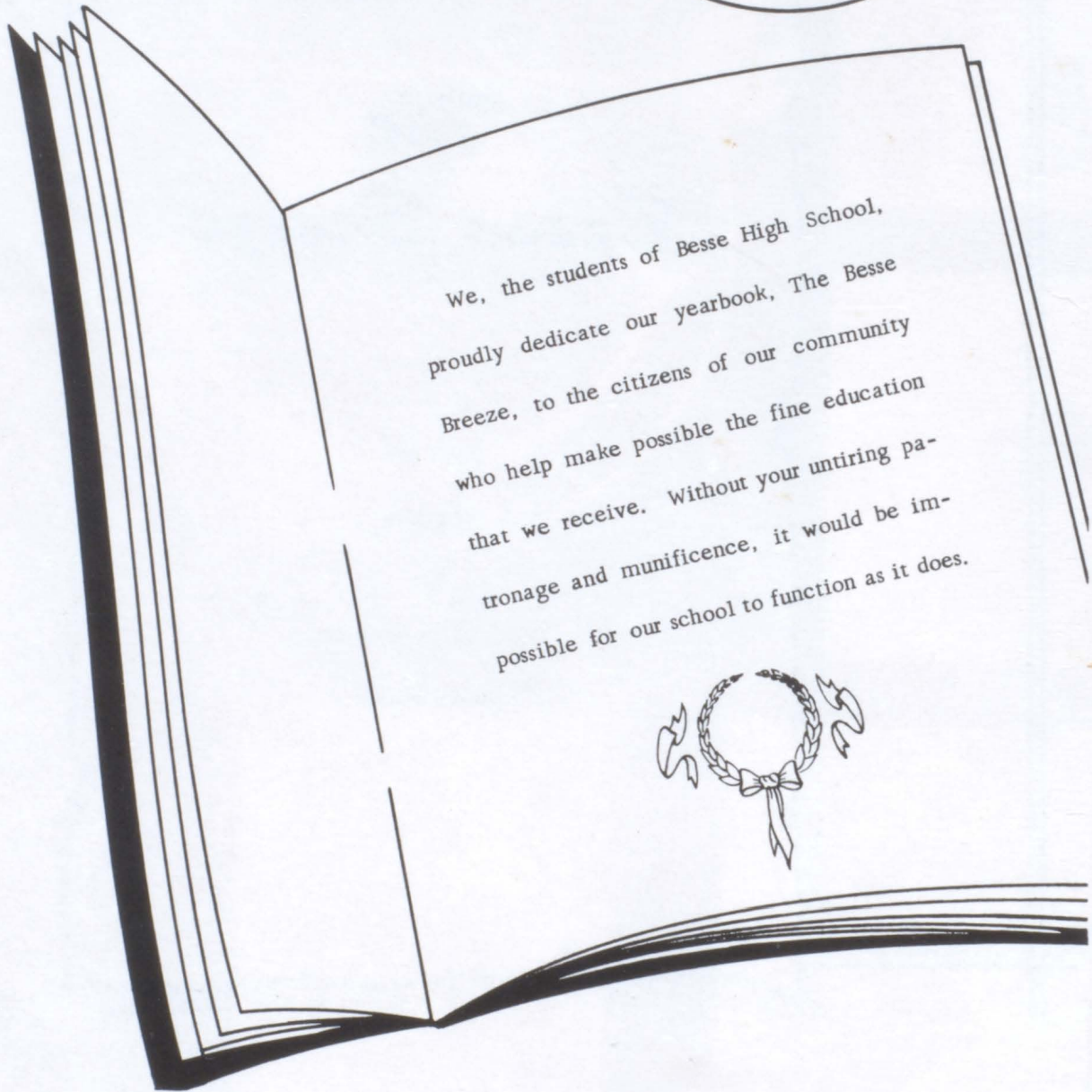
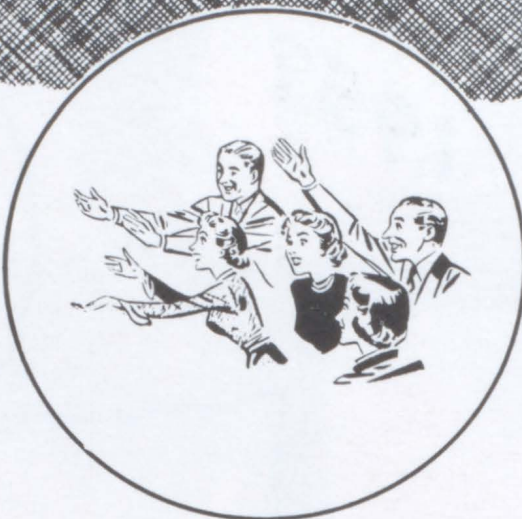
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Albion, Maine

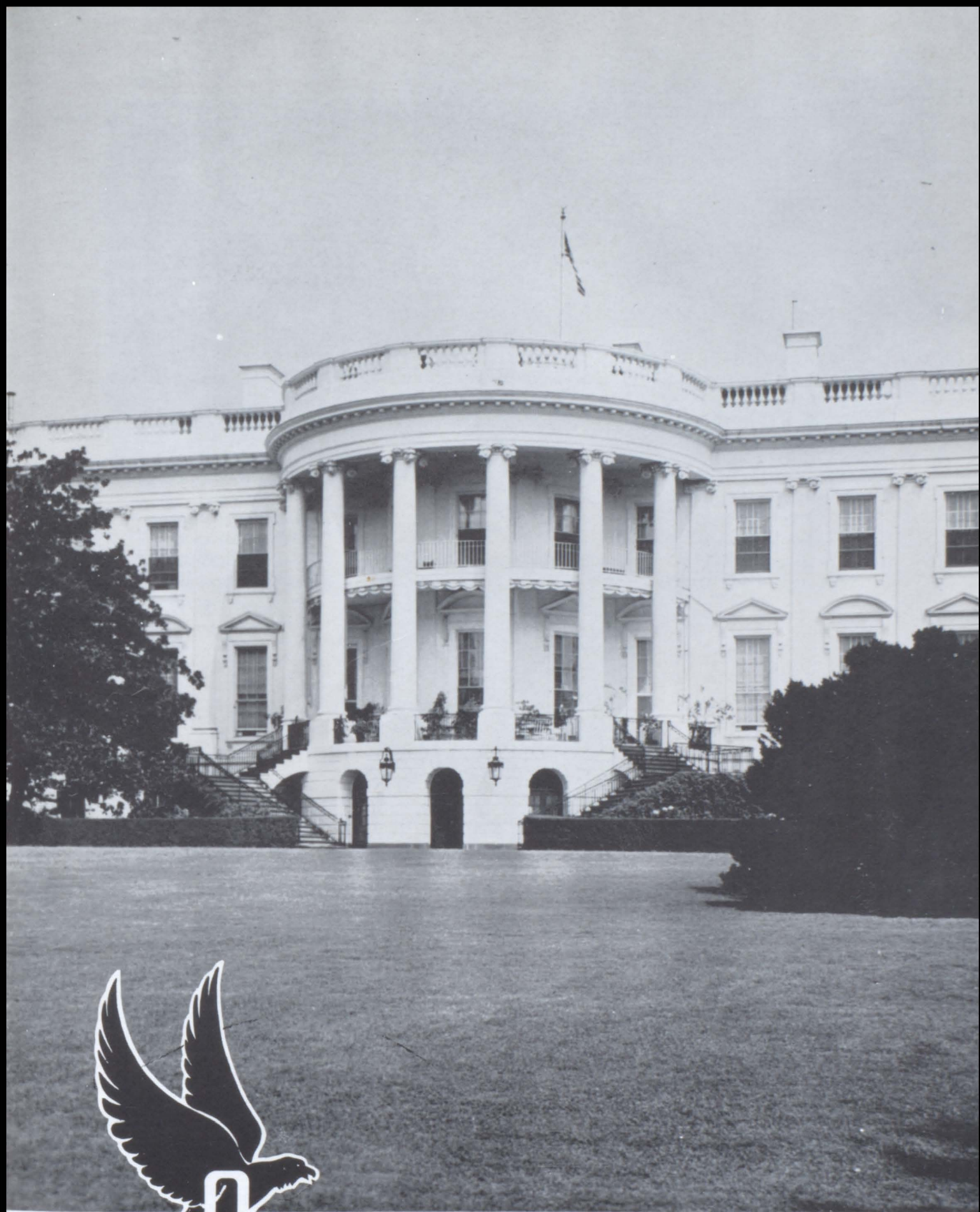


Dedication



We, the students of Besse High School,
proudly dedicate our yearbook, The Besse
Breeze, to the citizens of our community
who help make possible the fine education
that we receive. Without your untiring pa-
tronage and munificence, it would be im-
possible for our school to function as it does.





Administration

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BARBARA MCGOWAN
Commercial - Night School
Softball Coach
Husson College
Belgrade 1955
Besse High School 1955-57



MISS LEOLA A. MITCHELL
Principal
Social Studies - English
Boston University
Higgins Classical 1934-43
Besse High School 1943-57
Principal 1953-57

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Math - Social Studies
Basketball Coach
University of Maine
B. S. Degree
Rockland 1952-55
Besse High School
1955-57



FRANK P. HARRISON
Mathematics - Science
Baseball Coach
University of Maine
B. S. Degree
Navy 1953-55
Besse High School 1955-57

CHARLENE A. ROBERTS
French - English
Colby College
B. A. Degree
Besse High School 1956-57





ASA A. GORDON
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 Farmington Teachers College
 B. S. Degree
 Graduate work U. of M.
 Rumford 1949-51
 Union No. 65 1951-57



MRS. DONNA BESSEY
 Superintendent's
 Secretary
 Williams High School
 Thomas Business
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 John Wallace
 Havilla Rowe

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 Secretary - - - - - KATHERINE BOIVIN
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Yearbook Staff



Seated, left to right: Judith Meader, Alice McKiel, Ronald Marks, Menetta Meader, Ronald Lee, Dorothy Pottle, Mary Fuller. Standing: Scott Dow, Walter Robbins, Christine Rackleff, Miss Mitchell, Jean Littlefield, Barbara Rowe, Carleton Brann, Everett Drake.

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Advisor - - - - -	MISS LEOLA MITCHELL



Highest Honors

Menetta Meader 1
Judith Meader 2

High Honors

Seniors

Menetta Meader 1

Honors

Ronald Lee 1

Juniors

Everett Drake 2
Alice McKiel 2
Ronald Marks 2

Sophomores

Mary Fuller 2
Christine Rackleff 2

Scott Dow 2

Ronald Hayward 2
Ronald Young 2

Freshmen

Marie Alexander 1
Jean Littlefield 1

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Jean Littlefield 1

Elizabeth Keay 2
Nancy Rowe 2
Hilda Robbins 2
Joy Waddell 2

1956 Awards

Scholarship
Math and Science
Social Studies
English
Activities
Public Speaking
Citizenship
Reader's Digest Award
Commercial Award
Music Award
Librarian
Student Council
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National Essay
Certificates
Danforth Award

Alice McKiel

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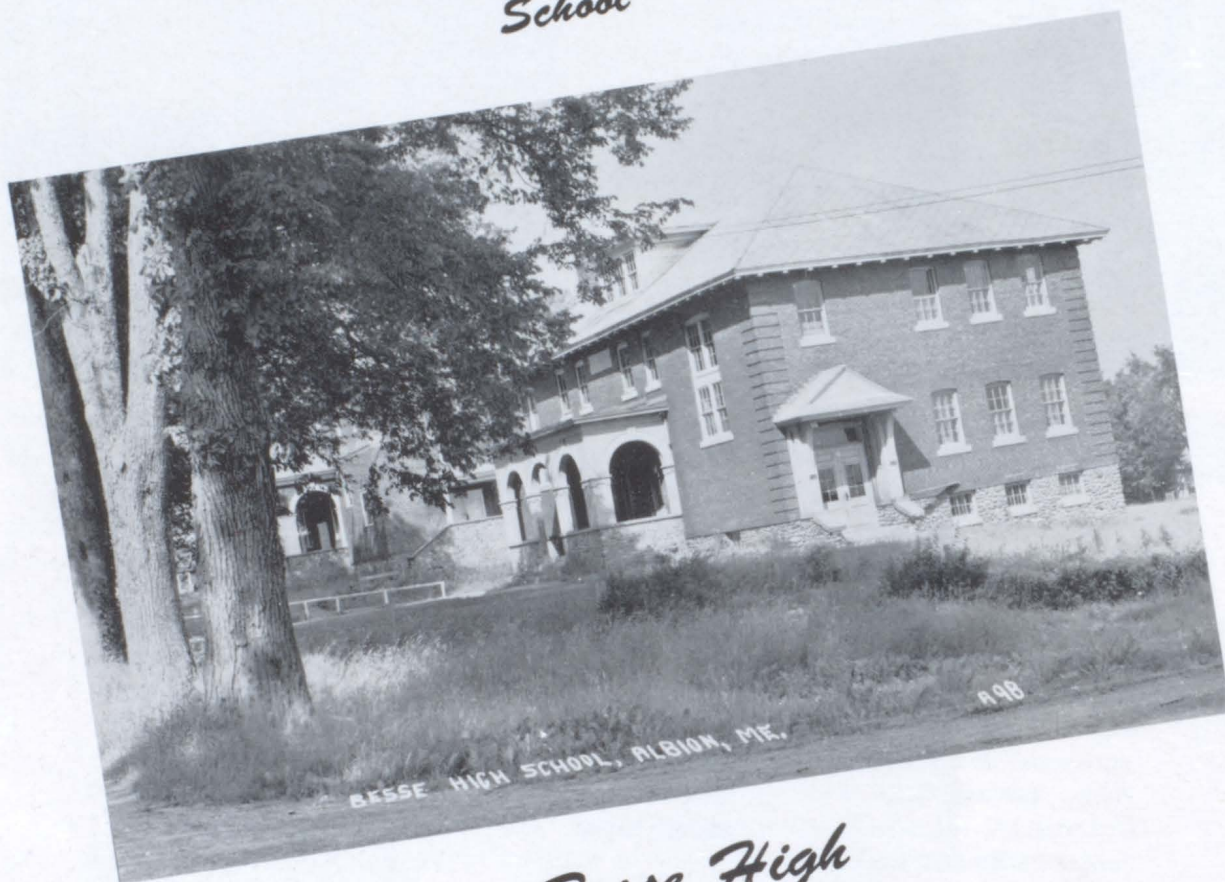
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Menetta Meader
Maxine Harding
Raymond Marks
Ronald Littlefield
Dorothy Bastarache
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Robert Littlefield
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Ronald Hayward
John Sylvester
Alice McKiel
Mayo Cookson
David Rowe
Lorraine Overlock
Mary Wriglesworth
Raymond Marks

*In Memory
of
Our Dear Old
School*



Besse High

*Built: 1913
Destroyed: 1957*



Seniors

Seniors Class Roll

ERIC WIGGIN
MAYO COOKSON
GLORIA SHORES
NANCY FLETCHER
JOHN SYLVESTER

MAXINE ROWE
BARBARA ROWE
JUDITH MEADER
WALTER ROBBINS
MENETTA MEADER

RONALD LEE

Class Officers

President - - - - - MENETTA MEADER
Vice President - - - - - RONALD LEE
Secretary - - - - - JUDITH MEADER
Treasurer - - - - - WALTER ROBBINS
Reporter - - - - - BARBARA ROWE
Advisor - - - - - MISS MITCHELL

CLASS FLOWER - - - - - Red and White Roses
CLASS COLORS - - - - - Maroon and White
CLASS MARSHAL - - - - - Ronald Marks
CLASS PIANIST - - - - - Alice McKiel

Commencement Exercises

Baccalaureate	June 2, 1957
Last Chapel	June 3, 1957
Graduation	June 5, 1957





MAYO ALLEN COOKSON

Albion, January 22, 1939

"Cookie"

GENERAL

CLASS GIFTS

"Single ever, Married never"

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

NANCY ANN FLETCHER

China, November 12, 1938

"Nancy

COMMERCIAL

PROPHECY

"Do everything to the best of your ability"

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Eastern Maine Composite Chorus 3; Softball 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Junior Prize Speaking 3; Graduation Usher 3.



RONALD HENRY LEE

Albion, December 27, 1938

"Lee"

GENERAL

CLASS WILL

"Actions speak louder than words"

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball Captain 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Commercial Club Play 3; Second Place Prize Speaking 3; Librarian 4; Student Council 3, 4; Student Council President 4; Class Vice President 3, 4; BAA 2; Graduation Usher 3.



JUDITH ANN MEADER

Unity, July 31, 1939

"Judy"

COLLEGE

VALEDICTORY

"Laugh and the world laughs
with you."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4;
Second Place Prize Speaking 3; BAA 2; Graduation
Usher 3; Librarian 2, 3, 4; One Act Play Contest 3;
Editorial Board 2, 3, 4; Alumni Editor 3; Literary Edi-
tor 4; Exchange Editor 2; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4;
S. C. Secretary 4; Class Treasurer 1; Class Secretary
2, 3, 4; Junior Class Play 2; Commercial Play 3.



MENETTA JANE MEADER

Benton, November 4, 1937

"Pussy"

COMMERCIAL

SALUTATORY

"Variety is the spice of life."

Class President 4; Class Reporter 1, 2, 3; Softball 1, 2,
3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; DAR 4; Editorial
Board 1, 2, 3, 4; Alumni Editor 2; Sports Reporter 3;
Editor-in-Chief 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Commer-
cial Club Play 3; Commercial Club Secretary 4;
Commercial Club Treasurer 3; Student Council 2, 3,
4; S. C. Bookkeeper 4; First Prize Junior Speaking 3;
Junior Play 2; Minstrel Show 1, 2, 3; Librarian 3, 4;
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club President 4; All-State
Chorus 2, 3, 4; Kennebec Valley Chorus 2, 3, 4;
Eastern Maine Chorus 3; Christmas Play 4.



WALTER ALTON ROBBINS

Albion, March 24, 1939

"Walt"

GENERAL

SECOND HONOR ESSAY

"Whatever is worth doing at all
is worth doing right."

Commercial Club President 3; First Place Prize
Speaking 3; Class Treasurer 3, 4; Graduation Usher
3; Commercial Club Play 3; Student Council 4; Edi-
torial Board 4; Librarian 4.





BARBARA JEAN ROWE

Vassalboro, January 8, 1939

"Barb"

COMMERCIAL ADDRESS TO UNDERGRADUATES

"Do unto others as you would
have them do unto you"

Basketball 2, 3; Softball 2, 3, 4; Basketball Manager 1;
Commercial Club 3, 4; Class Reporter 4; Graduation
Usher 3; Prize Speaking 3; Commercial Club 3, 4;
Class Reporter 4; Student Council 4; Commercial Play
3; BAA 2; Girls' Sports Reporter 4.

MAXINE ELAINE ROWE

Waterville, July 6, 1937

"Maxine"

COMMERCIAL

PROPHECY

"Why advertise your troubles -
there's no market for them"

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Prize Speaking 3; Commercial
Club 3; Commercial Club Play 3; Graduation Usher 3.



GLORIA JEAN SHORES

Albion, January 21, 1939

"Glo"

COMMERCIAL

CLASS HISTORY

"We must seek greater knowledge
in every walk of life"

Basketball 2, 3; Basketball Manager 4; Softball Man-
ager 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Commercial Club Play
3; Commercial Club Secretary 4; Glee Club 1; Prize
Speaking 3; Graduation Usher 3; Christmas Play 4.



JOHN ADELBERT SYLVESTER

Farmington, October 13, 1938

"Jack"

COMMERCIAL

PROPHECY

"Time will pass, will I?"

Class President 2, 3, Vice President 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Prize Speaking 3; Graduation Usher 3; Glee Club 1; Commercial Club 3, 4; Commercial Club Play 3; Variety Show 3; One Act Play Contest 3; BAA 2; Commercial Club President 4.



ERIC ELLSWORTH WIGGIN

Albion, May 10, 1939

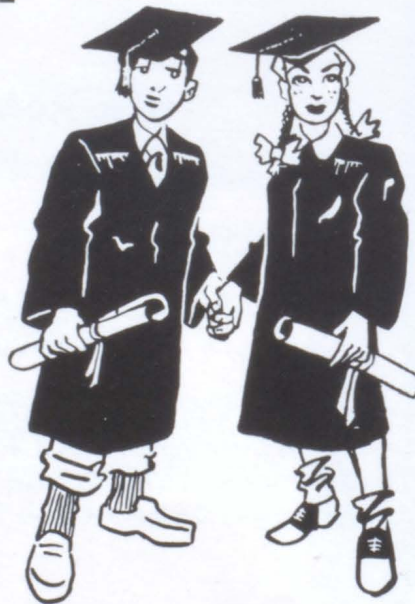
"Junior"

GENERAL

FIRST HONOR ESSAY

"Learn to do well; seek judgement
relieve the oppressed. "Isaiah 1:17"

Baseball 2; Prize Speaking 3; Graduation Usher 3.



Class History

We, the Senior Class of 1957, began our high school career in September, 1953, with nineteen members. To earn money for our Senior class trip, we sold refreshments at basketball games. Ten out of the nineteen in our class went out for sports. During this year, we were sorry to lose Ilene Fitch, Maynard Boivin, Faylene Emery, Marlene Bennett, and Gene Reynolds. Mr. Ayers was our class advisor.

At the beginning of the second year of our career, our class membership had dwindled down to fifteen members. Of these fifteen, nine participated in sports. This year we sold refreshments at basketball games to earn money. We also won third prize in an achievement contest among the four high school classes. Our class advisor this year was Miss Aaskov.

Our Junior year saw us with but fourteen members on opening day. This year we lost two more members, Joan Waddell and Helen Pottle. Again, we sold refreshments to earn money. This year our class advisor was Mr. Audet.

This, the final year of our high school career, we have just eleven members, we lost Beverly Cole at the beginning of the year. Miss Mitchell is our class advisor. Our class officers are: President, Menetta Meader; Vice President, Ronald Lee; Secretary, Judith Meader; Treasurer, Walter Robbins; and Reporter, Barbara Rowe.

We picked potatoes for Mr. Bradstreet and made approximately \$250, the hardest earned money in our lives. We have sponsored a chicken supper with all the fixings, and cleared about \$110. Later we sponsored a meat loaf supper, making about \$50. We plan to have another chicken supper before our class trip. The boys are also having a paper drive. All of these projects bring our dream of visiting Washington nearer reality.

Early Monday morning, January 28, most of us had the surprise of our lives, finding our school building afire. Most of us had never realized just how much the High School meant to us. The hardest thing for us to believe is that we won't be able to graduate from the same building where we have always gone. The loss of the high school is not only the loss of a school, but also the loss of a friend. This building was as much a part of us and as dear to each of us as our own parents and friends.

On April 12, the event we have long waited for will happen. We will leave on our class trip to Washington, D.C. We wish to thank everyone who has helped us make this trip possible.

Seniors



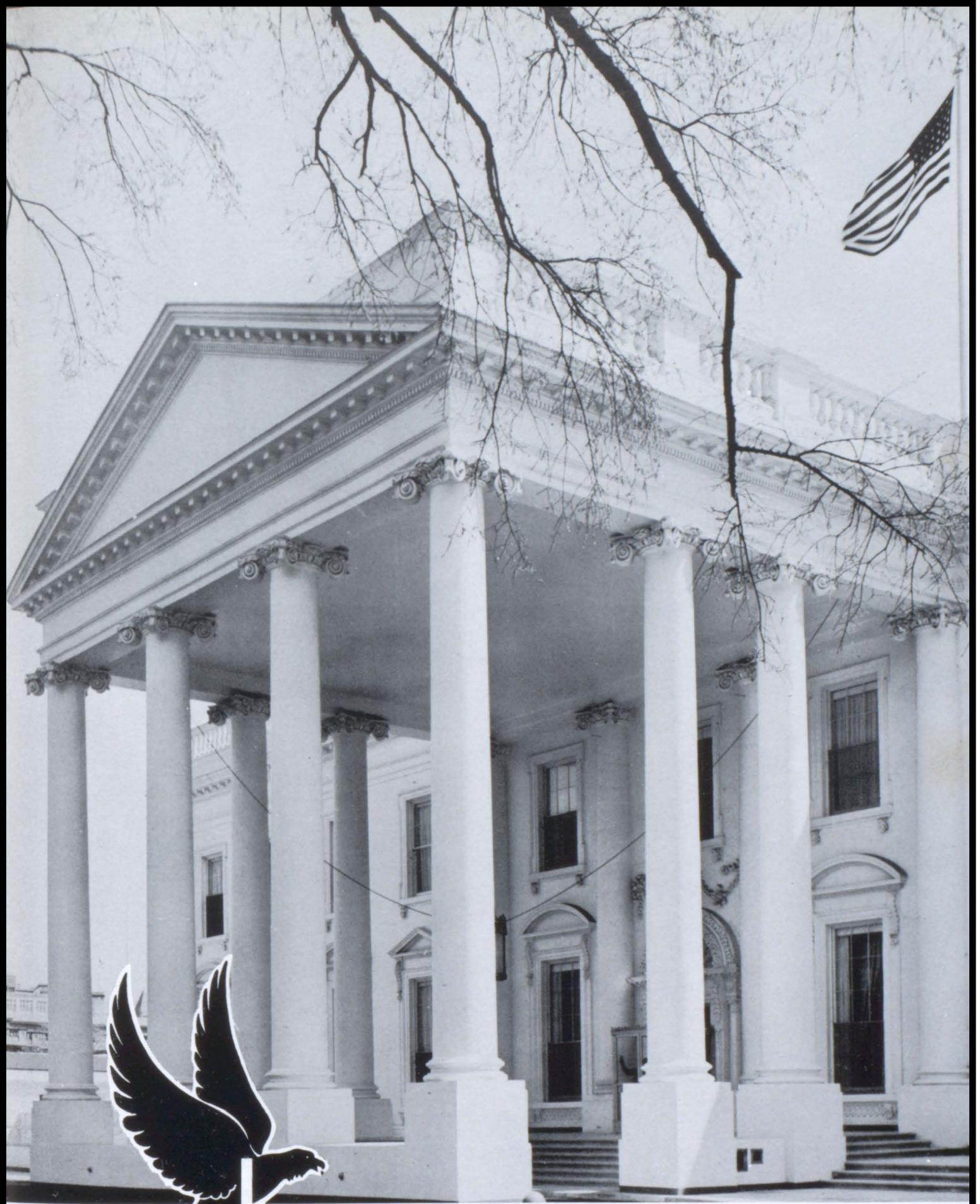
Seated, left to right: Nancy Fletcher, Menetta Meader, Judith Meader, Gloria Shores.
Standing: John Sylvester, Maxine Rowe, Eric Wiggin, Walter Robbins, Ronald Lee,
Barbara Rowe, Mayo Cookson.

The seniors elected the following officers for the year:

President - - - - - MENETTA MEADER
Vice President - - - - - RONALD LEE
Secretary - - - - - JUDY MEADER
Treasurer - - - - - WALTER ROBBINS
Class Reporter - - - - - BARBARA ROWE

We have put on two suppers to earn money for our class trip and we have also picked potatoes. We are planning to have another supper before we leave on our trip.

We wish to thank everyone who has helped us to earn money for our class trip. We expect to go to Washington, D. C., the third week in April. Miss Mitchell has been our class advisor for the year.



U n i o r s

Juniors



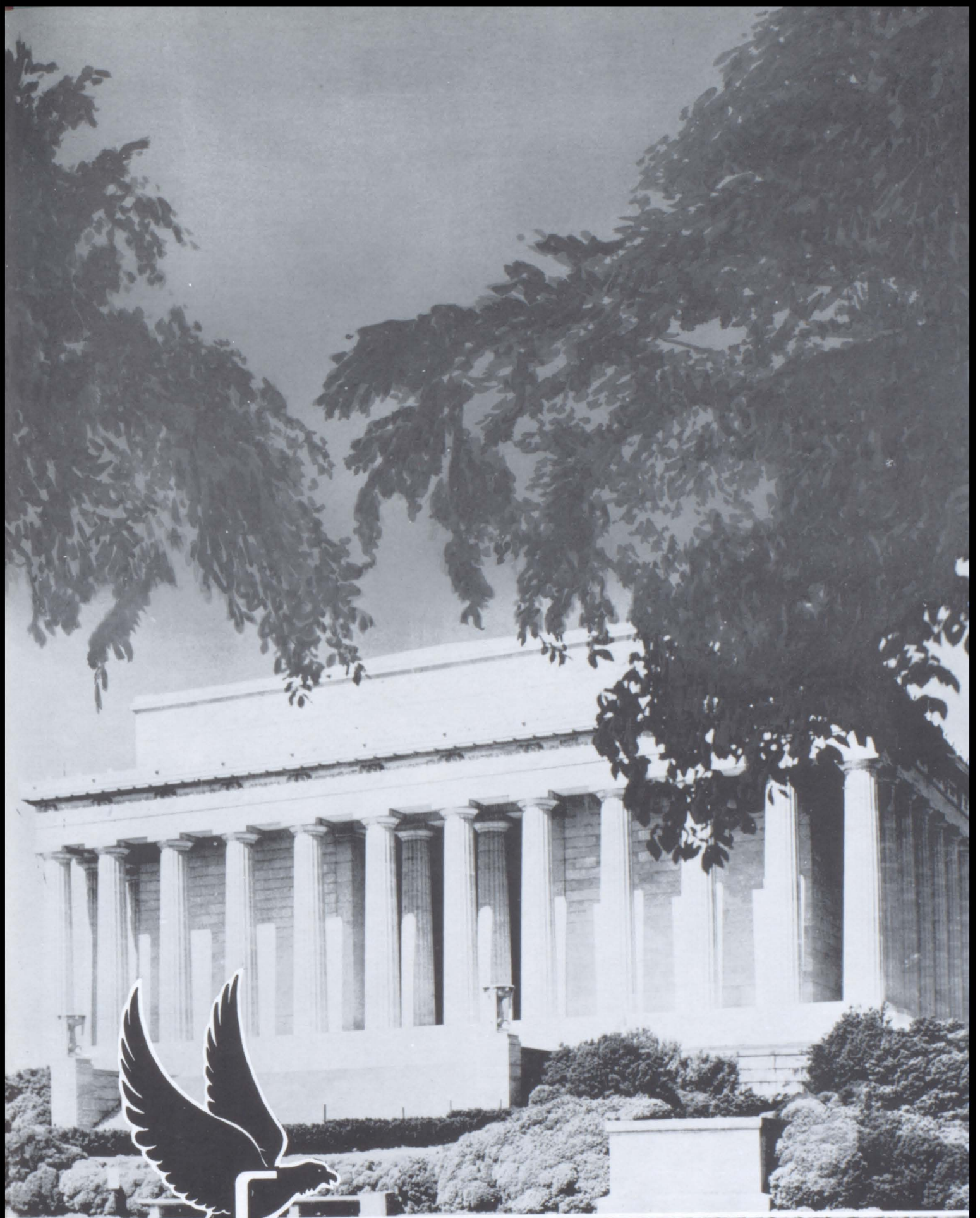
Seated, left to right: Betty Fletcher, Everett Drake, Alice McKiel. Standing: Ronald Marks, Mr. Frank Harrison, Advisor.

We, the Juniors, have the smallest class that Besse has had for some time. We were sorry to lose Norris Willette at midyear bringing our total membership down to four.

Our class officers are:

President - - - - -	EVERETT DRAKE
Secretary - - - - -	ALICE McKIEL
Treasurer - - - - -	RONALD MARKS
Reporter - - - - -	BETTY FLETCHER
Advisor - - - - -	MR. HARRISON

Some of our class activities for the year have been: selling refreshments at two basketball games, winning a prize of \$15 for selling more magazine subscriptions than any other class, and taking part in Junior Prize Speaking. Also, our members as individuals have been active in many school functions.



Sophomores

Sophomores



Seated, left to right: L. Willette, C. Rackleff, D. Pottle, R. Young, M. Fuller, C. Brann, M. Fitch. Standing: R. Hayward, H. Robinson, N. Young, M. Emmerson, G. Wiggin, Miss McGowan, Advisor; R. Fuller, R. Meader, S. Dow.

The Sophomore Class is composed of fifteen members. At our first meeting, we elected the following officers:

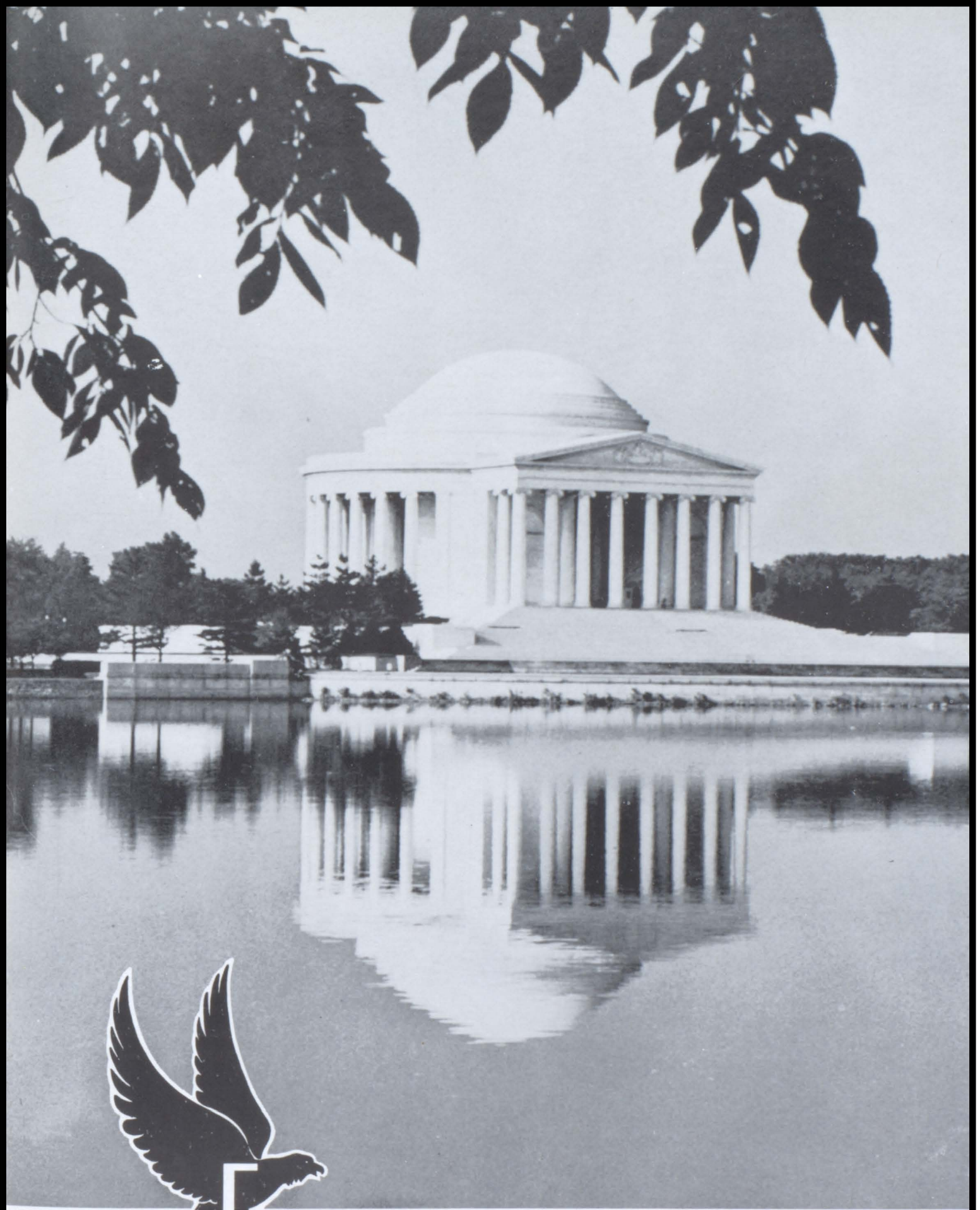
President - - - - -	RONALD YOUNG
Vice President - - - - -	CARLETON BRANN
Secretary - - - - -	MARY FULLER
Treasurer - - - - -	DOROTHY POTTLE
Reporter - - - - -	CHRISTINE RACKLEFF
Advisor - - - - -	MISS MCGOWAN

We held a reception for the Freshmen, September 28, with Carleton Brann as master of ceremonies.

Our class sold refreshments at the Freedom and Liberty basketball games this year.

We were happy to receive our class rings in the middle of February.





Freshmen

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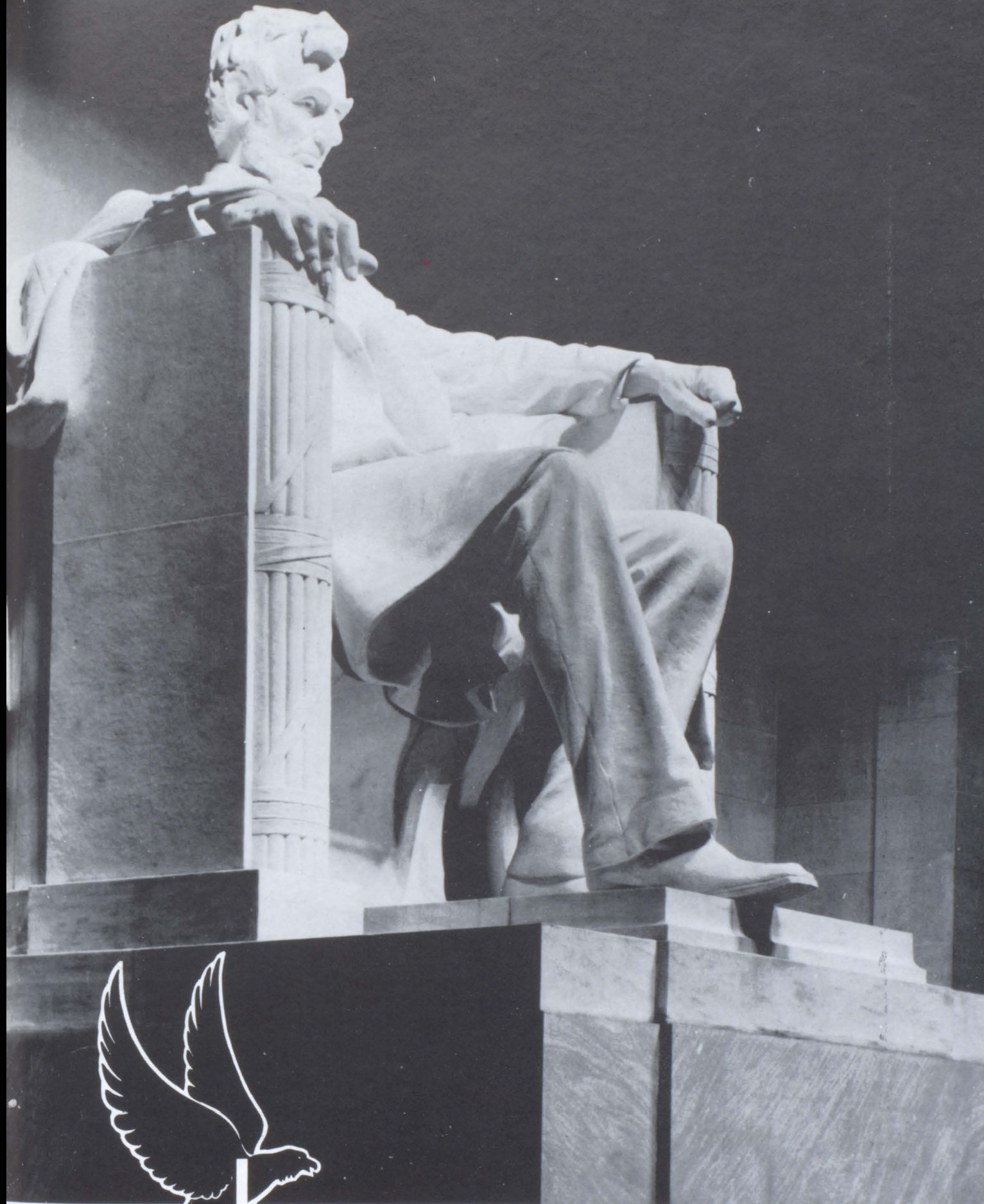
Seated, left to right: D. Raven, H. Robbins, J. Littlefield, M. Alexander, E. Keay, N. Rowe, J. Waddell. Second row: S. Harding, G. Green, J. Fletcher, Miss Roberts, A. Hendsbee, M. Fletcher, D. Shores, D. Hodges. Third row: K. Marks, D. Rowe, E. Harding, P. Crosby, E. Lee.

The officers for the year are:

President	-----	MARIE ALEXANDER
Vice President	-----	NANCY ROWE
Secretary	-----	ELISABETH KEAY
Treasurer	-----	JEAN LITTLEFIELD
Reporter	-----	HILDA ROBBINS
Advisor	-----	MISS ROBERTS

We have sold refreshments at two basketball games, making \$52.66 in our treasury at the present time.

Our class is separated from the rest of the Besse students, for we are now attending Freedom Academy Community School. The Freedom students are very friendly and we participate in many of the school's activities.

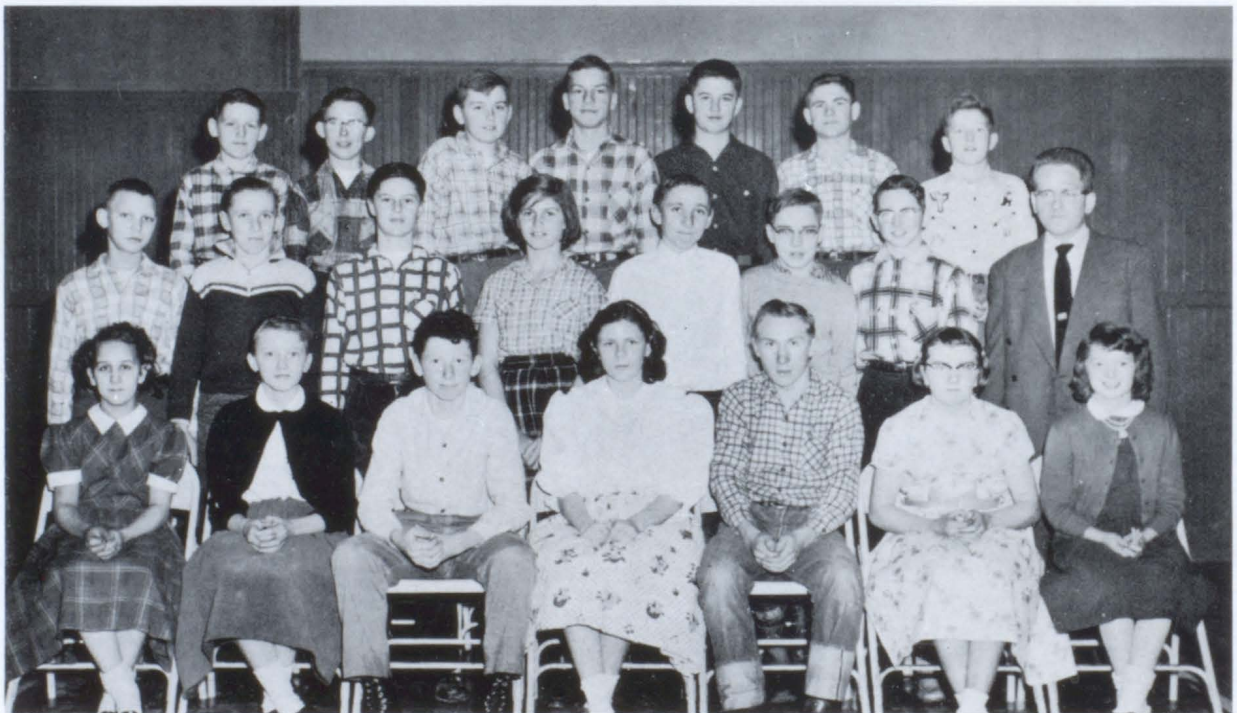


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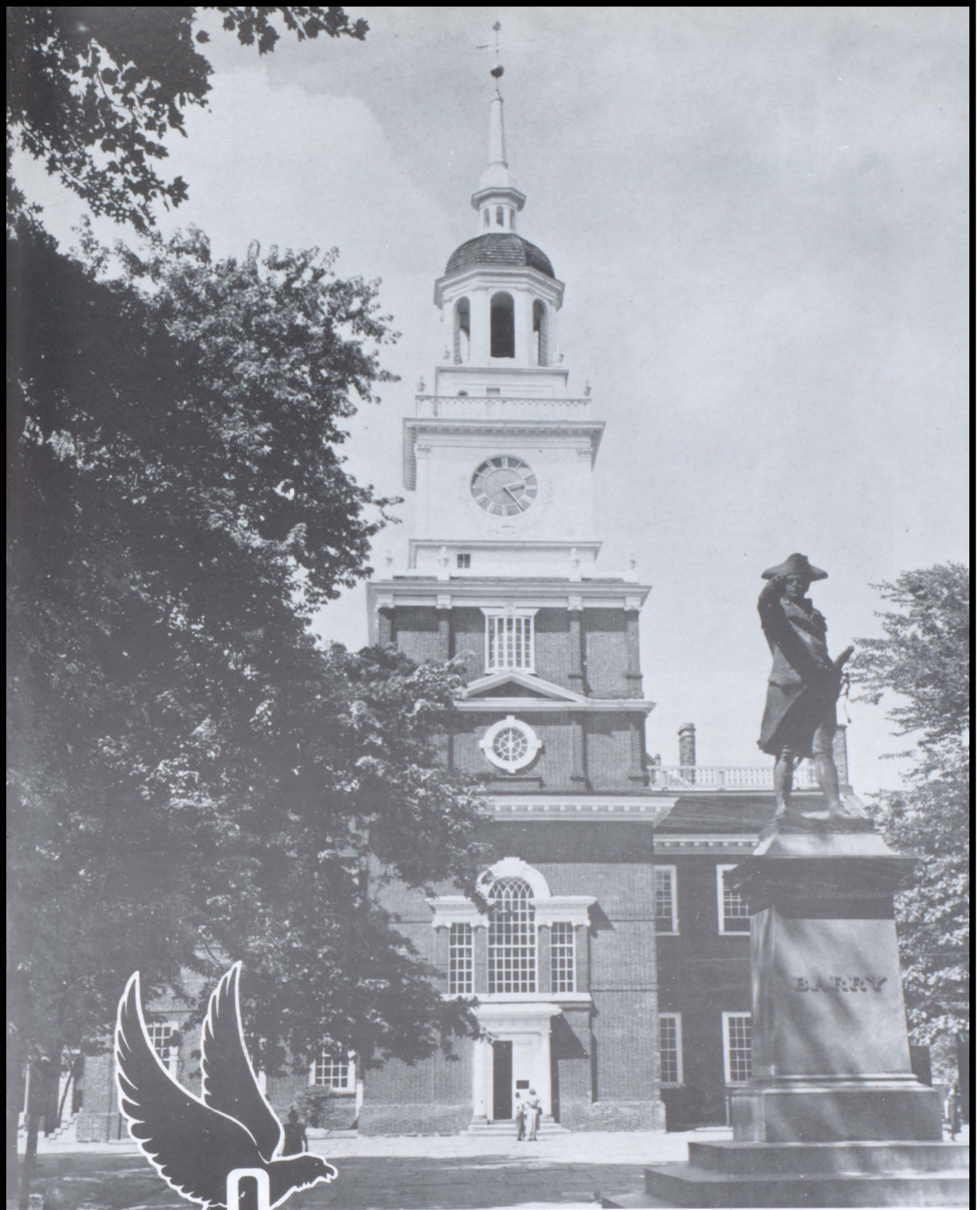
Junior High



Seated, left to right: Crosby, Rowe, Hodges, Meader, Emery. Standing: Fish, Walcott, Mr. Audet, Advisor; Cole, Wriglesworth. Third row: Higgins, Overlock, Mason, Quimby, Pottle.



Seated, left to right: Giles, Donahue, Clark, Higgins, Brockway, Crawford, Harding. Standing: Willette, Higgins, Rackleff, Fletcher, Higgins, Copeland, Cole, Mr. Audet. Third row: Dow, Boivin, Wiggin, Ward, Blake, Fitch, Marks.



Organizations

Student Council



Seated, left to right: M. Fuller, E. Drake, M. Meader, R. Lee, J. Meader, R. Marks, A. McKiel. Second row: J. Littlefield, C. Rackleff, Miss Mitchell, Advisor; E. Keay, D. Pottle, B. Rowe. Third row: B. Fletcher, H. Robbins, W. Robbins, R. Young, C. Brann, M. Alexander, N. Rowe.

At the first meeting, the Student Council chose the following officers: President, Ronald Lee; Vice President, Ronald Marks; Secretary, Judith Meader; Treasurer, Everett Drake; Bookkeeper, Menetta Meader; Reporters, Alice McKiel and Mary Fuller.

Those attending the State Student Council Convention at Bangor were Ronald Lee, Ronald Marks, Everett Drake, Alice McKiel, Christine Rackleff and Jean Littlefield.

The Student Council this year has made several donations to worthy causes.

Menetta Meader was chosen to attend the County Teachers Convention held in Belfast. She was one of a panel of students which discussed Student Conduct.

At Christmas time, the Student Council presented a Christmas Program in the school assembly.



Glee Club



Seated, left to right: J. Waddell, J. Littlefield, M. Fuller, M. Meader, A. McKiel, E. Keay, H. Robbins. Second row: C. Rackleff, N. Fletcher, M. Rowe, B. Fletcher, M. Rowe, M. Alexander. Third row: L. Willette, M. Fitch, B. Crosby, W. Meader, K. Donahue, M. Wriglesworth, J. Cole.

The Besse High Glee Club has twenty members this year. They are: sopranos, Menetta Meader, Alice McKiel, M. Alexander, Elisabeth Keay, Waneeta Meader, Jennie Cole, Kathy Donahue; altos, Nancy Fletcher, Christine Rackleff, Mary Fuller, Marilyn Fitch, Lynda Willette, Joy Waddell, Hilda Robbins, Mary Wriglesworth, Mary Rowe, and Bonnie Crosby; pianist, Jean Littlefield.

Officers for the year are: President, M. Meader; Vice President, M. Fuller; Secretary and Treasurer, A. McKiel; Librarians, E. Keay and J. Littlefield.

We had two girls, M. Meader and M. Fuller, who were chosen to be in the Kennebec Valley Chorus. Carleton Brann played in the Kennebec Valley Band. M. Meader has been selected to be in the Maine All-State Chorus.

Since the fire, January 28, the Freshmen have been in with the Freedom Academy Glee Club and the Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors have been in with the Unity Glee Club.

We, the students, would like to take this opportunity to thank our instructor, Miss Regina Conroy, for her splendid work with us this year.

Commercial Club



Seated, left to right: G. Shores, M. Meader, J. Sylvester, B. Rowe, N. Fletcher.
Standing: M. Rowe, R. Lee, Miss McGowan, B. Fletcher.

The Commercial Club at Besse hasn't been very active as yet this year. We elected the following officers for the year:

President - - - - -	JOHN SYLVESTER
Vice President - - - - -	BARBARA ROWE
Secretary - - - - -	GLORIA SHORES
Treasurer - - - - -	MENETTA MEADER
Advisor - - - - -	MISS MCGOWAN

The club is now making plans to take a trip that will be educational and interesting. Anyone may join the Commercial Club that takes two or more commercial subjects.



Librarians



Seated, left to right: M. Meader, A. McKiel, M. Fuller, J. Meader. Standing: R. Lee, Miss Roberts, Advisor; W. Robbins.

A growing part of Besse High School in the past few years has been the library. Every period of the day, a student librarian is in charge of the library to keep order, to help the students locate books, and check books in and out of the library. All of the library books were saved from the fire and are suitable for further use.

At Unity and Freedom, we Besse students have access to their libraries in which we have placed some of our reference books.

The library is a room where a student may explore and discover many facts necessary for assignments and for his own personal achievement.

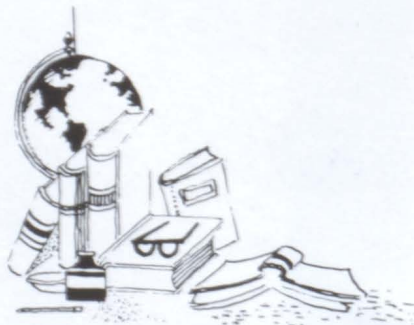
Thank you, Miss Roberts, for being our library advisor this year.

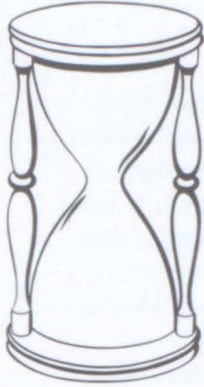


INDECISION

"A piece for the yearbook," the editor said
As she looked at me and nodded her head.
When I thought of that, I gave a deep sigh.
But she said, "The least you can do is try."
So I tried to think before going to bed,
Should I write in prose, or poetry instead?
Should I write about English class, with its verbs and nouns -
And literature which so easily could get us down?
With us, Miss Roberts sometimes gets peeved
But we're glad we studied, when our ranks we've received.
Could I write about French, the first class of the day
Where Miss Roberts finds us both bright and gay?
In this class which isn't easy by far,
What we usually hear is "Je ne sais pas."
How about Geometry, with Mr. Harrison?
With this class there is no comparison.
We learn about triangles and mathematical views -
And also catch up on the latest sports news.
Should it be Miss Mitchell, who teaches World History;
Whose patience with us is really a mystery?
We learn about Rome and Alexander the Great
And kingdoms and powers at a really fast rate.
And how about biology, where we do our best
To answer the questions on every test
About plants and animals, their habits and ways -
I could write about this for days and days.
Or maybe music - Miss Conroy you've met,
Or it could be sports with Mr. Audet.
Or how about class meetings? With Miss McGowan's aid
We try to raise money, and our class plans are made.
"A piece for the yearbook," the editor said,
As she looked at me and nodded her head.
Well, I've tried my best and will stop right here -
And will try again another year.

Mary Fuller '59





BESSE HIGH SCHOOL

January 28, 1957

Monday morning is a typical day at our house, we are trying to get ready for school. The morning is sunny and the wind is not blowing very hard.

We walk down to our turn and wait for the bus. The bus comes on time as it always does. The kids on the bus are laughing, shouting, and teasing one another as usual. As we are entering the town of Albion, we see smoke and we wonder where it is coming from. Suddenly someone yells, "The school's on fire!" We can hardly believe our eyes, but there it is, our school is on fire.

No one was at the school when the fire started. Soon after the Albion Firemen arrive the fire trucks start arriving from Unity, China, South China, and Fairfield.

The Besse High boys go into the building and help get the books and desks out. Teachers help too, carrying things out of the flaming school building. Most of the things are saved, Thank God!

January 29, 1957

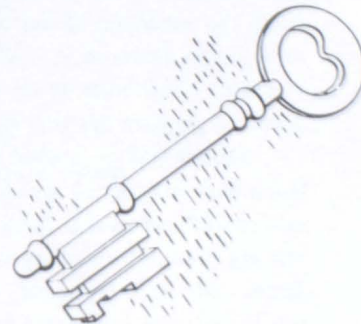
Tuesday there is no school for the Besse High Students.

January 30, 1957

Wednesday the Besse students are transferred to Unity and Freedom schools. The students of Unity and Freedom are very kind and generous, but it is not like going to our own high school.

The memories of Besse High School lie in the hearts of many students and parents alike. We shall remember the good times we have had at Besse. This was the town's school, because almost all of the citizens attended this school. We all have fond memories of our school -- Besse High.

Janet Fletcher '60



TAKE A LOOK, GIRLS

Let's take a look, girls! What does that mean? Look at ourselves. All right we have looked and what we saw didn't surprise us. We look at ourselves fifty times a day, more or less. We have to be sure our lipstick is straight, our hair is combed just right and our face is sparkling clean. And what is more important than that good clean look? Nothing, my dear girls, nothing if that clean look comes from the bottom of your heart.

Girls, we may be born beautiful or homely, but neither beauty nor homeliness is going to make or break us. What we need to do is develop a sound personality and wholesome attitude. In order to acquire these it takes time and lots of practice. We must learn to be honest with ourselves and others, to work hard with our future in mind, and be true to our religion and ideals. In our daily living we should be friendly, helpful and full of good cheer. It is necessary in our work and play to use common sense and apply the knowledge that we possess to the best advantage. We should respect our parents, teachers, and friends. The above is only a small part of developing a sound personality, but I am sure if we try hard we will become much more useful people in our families, communities and country.

So the next time we look in the mirror, let's take a good long look and remember that physical beauty alone does not account for a well-rounded personality.

Alice McKiel '58

SUDDENLY IT'S GONE

As we go to school each day, we don't stop to think of how lucky we are that our town has a high school where its young citizens are able to get their start in life. If we plan to go to college in the future, this is where we receive our preparation. In high school we develop both mentally and socially.

A high school education is very important in the development of our democracy. Youth must at least go to high school before they fully understand the meaning of our democracy; how it was brought about, and what they must do to preserve it. After all, the nation will be in our hands some day. We must know what to do when this day comes; and where is there a better place to prepare for this than in high school?

Albion was presented with a high school 44 years ago by Frank Besse, who knew that his money was going into a worthwhile project. Now we find ourselves with no school house. Besse High School has been destroyed by fire! We all realize now what an important asset it was to the town and to us students. We are, however, thankful that we had surrounding high schools willing to let us come into their buildings to finish the rest of the school year of 1957.

Christine Rackleff '59

PEPPER'S REWARD

It was a cold, snowy day, as Pepper Jones started to pack a few clothes and some food into an old leather bag. Pepper was a little, twelve-year-old boy and the only child of a very poor family.

To you and me, a twelve-year-old is quite young to have to look for a job. But Pepper had to, since his father had had an accident. Mr. Jones had worked in the woods until a big tree, which he had been cutting fell and crushed both his legs.

As Pepper was walking through the snow, which was getting deep now, he said to himself, "If Dad could have an operation, he might be able to walk again. I've just got to earn some money." Suddenly he saw a light from an old tumbled-down shack in which he knew no one had lived for years. He was very curious, so he crept up the path and looked through the crack in the wall. There he saw a man sitting at an old table counting a large pile of bills.

Pepper's mind flew back to the evening before when he had heard a news broadcast over the radio. A robber had gotten away with seventy-five thousand dollars. Immediately he ran back to the first house he came to and telephoned the police. After Pepper told the police what he had seen, the people of the house asked him to stay there the rest of the night.

Pepper awoke in the morning to the ringing of the doorbell. He dressed and rushed downstairs. It was a policeman. He explained how they had captured the robber in the shack and then handed Pepper an envelope with a five thousand dollar reward in it.

Pepper cried with joy and thanked God for the miracle. Now his father could have the operation.

Jean Littlefield '60

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF

Mayo couldn't go to South Freedom
Barbara sneezed
Jackie didn't drive fast
Walter and Mayo didn't fight
Alice didn't have knots in her shoes
Jean didn't play the wrong notes on the piano
Everett didn't argue
Liz didn't giggle all the time
Carleton gained weight
Christine didn't get teased
Mary didn't get all A's
Gary's feet grew larger
Menetta didn't sing
Mr. Harrison got married
Miss Mitchell didn't worry
Miss McGowan couldn't type
Miss Roberts car would go
Mr. Audet had a limousine

SENIOR CLASS

Mayo Coo S on
Menetta M E ader
Maxi N e Rowe
Eric W I ggin
Barbara R O we
Walte R Robbins

Nancy Flet C her
Rona L d Lee
Judy Me A der
Gloria S hores
John Sylve S ter

WHAT MAKES UP BESSE

Lee, but no Confederacy
Marks, but no erasers
Alice, but no Wonderland
Rackleff, but no University
David, but no Goliath
Harrison, but no President
Boys, but no men
Girls, but no ladies
Marilyn, but no Monroe
Ruth, but no Babe
George, but no Mikan
Emerson, but no poet
Walter and Scott, but no Sir
Shores, but no water
Brann (dy), but no Whisky
Mary, but no lamb
Full (er), but no empty
Jack, but no Beanstalk
Winston, but no Churchill
Lizzie, but no Ford
Joy, but no happiness
Guys, but no dolls
Teachers, but no Professors
Meadar, but no author
Singers, but no stars
Clark, but no Gable
Alexander, but not the Great
Donald, but no Duck
Fitch and Tonie, but no hair
Cook (son), but no food
School, but no house

WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S WHAT

NAME	NICKNAME	FAVORITE PASTIME	AMBITION
Ronald Lee	"Ronnie"	Going to Freedom	Graduating
Menetta Meader	"Menetta"	Writing letters??	Opera singer
Judith Meader	"Judy"	Staying out late	Nurse
John Sylvester	"Jackie"	Dancing	Dancing teacher
Eric Wiggin	"Junior"	Eating	Farming
Everett Drake	"Democratic"	Talking	Math teacher
Ronald Marks	"Ronnie"	Sports	Coach
Alice McKiel	"Shrimp"	Listening to hit tunes	Politician
Christine Rackleff	"Kerosene"	Watching comedians	Teacher
Mary Fuller	"Bruiser"	Studying	Doing everything
Carleton Brann	"Brandy"	Fooling	Scientist
Dorothy Pottle	"Cris"	Boys	Movie Star
Marilyn Emerson	"Pudgy"	Scott	Scott
Scott Dow	"Scottie"	Marilyn	Marilyn
Jean Littlefield	"Jeanie"	Cooking	Piano tuner
Elizabeth Keay	"Liz"	Feeding chickens	Woman wrestler
Marie Alexander	"Tiny"	Combing hair	Private secretary
Walter Robbins	"Walt"	Talking	Have a new Ford
Raymond Meader	"Ray"	Driving	To pass English
Enoch Young	"Nickie"	Visiting	Not to have any cows
Ronald Young	"Ronnie"	Looking cute	Grow up
Joy Waddell	"Kip"	Parking	Housewife
Ronald Hayward	"Ron"	???	Farmer
Barbara Rowe	"Barb"	Doing up hair	Beautician
Gloria Shores	"Glow"	Picking potatoes	Farmer's Wife

JOKES

Principal: "This is the fifth day this week you've been sent to me. What do you have to say for yourself?"

Raymond: "I'm sure glad it's Friday."

Scott: (In court) "Good morning, your honor, how are you?"

Judge: "Fine - Sixteen Dollars."

Horace: "Do you think kissing is unhealthy?"

Mary: "I dunno, I never..."

Horace: "You've never been kissed?"

Mary: "I've never been sick."

Quiz Master: "For 64 thousand dollars what is the Gaza Strip?"

George: "You don't mean to tell me one of the Gabor sisters has gone into burlesque."

Addressing the Physics class, Mr. Harrison explained: "The slightest degree of error in this experiment and we all are liable to be blown through the roof. Now kindly come a little closer so you can follow me better."

Ronnie and Nickie were trying to awaken their father who was taking a snooze on the sofa. They hallooed and pushed him, but he didn't budge. Finally one of the boys lifted one of his dad's eyelids. "I don't know why he doesn't answer," he said. "He's in there."

Money isn't everything, but it's way ahead of whatever may happen to be in second place.

Miss Roberts: "You can't sleep in my class."

A Senior: "I know, you talk too much."

Mr. Audet: "You say haircuts are \$.75?"

Barber: "That's right and shaves are \$.30."

Mr. Audet: "Well, then, shave my head."

Eric: "Your cook must really love food."

Waiter: "Why?"

Eric: "He's so reluctant to part with any sizable amount."

EXPERT: A man who is seldom in doubt, but often in error.



Athletics

Cheerleaders



'57



Girls' Basketball



Standing, left to right: M. Fuller, M. Fletcher, M. Meader, H. Robbins, J. Meader, M. Emmerson, E. Keay, J. Littlefield, A. McKiel, D. Pottle, N. Rowe. Kneeling: Gloria Shores, Manager; Mr. Audet, Coach.

The Besse girls didn't have a very good season this year, winning only six games out of the sixteen played. We are sorry to be losing Menetta Meader and Judith Meader through graduation. We'll miss you, girls. We would like to thank Mr. Audet for all the time and work he has spent with us.

Our Captains



Stockton	42	Besse	56
Liberty	21	Besse	32
Freedom	54	Besse	20
Brooks	39	Besse	36
Unity	34	Besse	49
Monroe	36	Besse	35
Searsport	53	Besse	21
Winterport	49	Besse	51
Stockton	68	Besse	78
Liberty	29	Besse	52
Freedom	37	Besse	20
Brooks	64	Besse	30
Unity	51	Besse	45
Monroe	33	Besse	31
Searsport	39	Besse	37
Winterport	63	Besse	62

Softball



Seated, left to right: J. Littlefield, D. Pottle, J. Meader, A. McKiel. Second row: M. Fuller, M. Emmerson, M. Fletcher, E. Keay, B. Rowe, L. Willette, M. Meader. Third row: J. Fletcher, H. Robbins, Miss McGowan, coach; G. Shores, N. Fletcher, M. Fitch, C. Rackleff.

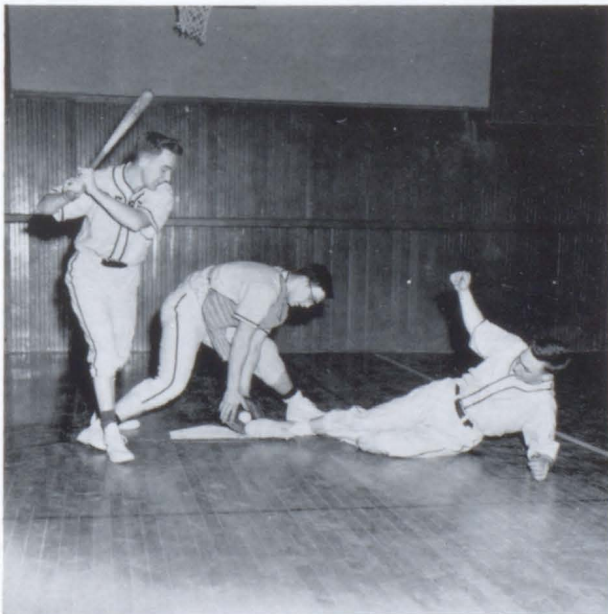
Brooks	34	-----	Besse	7
Freedom	13	-----	Besse	4
Unity	13	-----	Besse	12

We had fourteen girls out for softball. Beverly Cole left soon after the season began. We haven't won any games so far, but we are hoping to win some this spring. We would like to thank Miss McGowan for her time spent in coaching us.

Baseball



First row: D. Hodges, K. Marks, R. Hayward, G. Green, S. Dow. Second row: E. Drake, H. Robinson, J. Sylvester, M. Cookson, R. Marks, G. Wiggins, Mr. Harrison, Coach.



The report of Besse High's baseball activity may have a few errors because the scorebook isn't available; but Mr. Harrison, our coach, has a good memory so we will try to get somewhere near the scores. Last spring we had four wins and two losses. With all due apologies to our opponents for any errors herein, the approximate scores were as follows: B. H. S. 10, Brooks 7; B. H. S. 6, Brooks 1; B. H. S. 16, Freedom 7; B. H. S. 4, Freedom 5; B. H. S. 7, Unity 9; B. H. S. 7, Unity 1.

In the fall of '56 we played Freedom, Brooks and Erskine just for the sport.

tion club with 22 points, while Wiles of the winners had a point total. In the opening game the boys girls rang up their 36th straight over the past three seasons by edging out the Besse

Besse Stops Liberty

ALBION, Jan. 4—The Owls of Besse High School won their 10th straight victory in 10 games by downing Liberty 48-40.

The Owls won the opening game of the season by a 4-2 lead at the end of the first half. Besse scored every quarter and a total of 48 points.

Ron Mark led the attack with 17 points. Stan Jewett and K. Marks were also in the game.

In the previous game, Besse girls defeated Liberty 49-40.

McKiel led the attack with 15 points. Besse (70) defeated Liberty (40) 49-40. R. Marks, lf; S. Dow, rf; G. Green, c; K. Marks, rf; C. Brann, lf; E. Lee, c; R. Meader, lf; G. Cookson, rg; D. Hodge, lf; G. Wiggins, lg; H. Robinson, lf.

Player	Goals	Fouls	Pts
Palmer, rf	0	1	0
Colby	0	0	0
Cram, lf	2	0	4
Pease	1	0	2
S. Jewett, c	11	5	22
Total	31	8	70

Besse Wins Fourth, Stops Unity 48-40

ALBION, Nov. 30—Besse High School won its fourth victory in five games by downing Unity 48-40 in a Waldo County League affair here tonight.

The Besse club raced to a 13-6 lead in the opening period and increased the advantage to 25-14 at the end of the first half. Besse continued to lead in the third period, holding a 27-12 lead at that point. Four of the Owls five starters were in double figures as Ronnie Lee led the attack with 14 points. Mayo Cookson scored 12, and Ronnie Lee had 11 and George

The win kept the Besse crew close on the heels of Morse High of Brooks for the top spot in the WCL race.

In the opening game, the Besse girls downed Unity 49 to 37.

Player	Goals	Fouls	Pts
R. Marks, lf	6	2	14
K. Marks	0	0	0
Drake, rf	0	1	1
Dow	0	0	0
Lee, c	5	1	11
Meader	0	0	0
Wiggins, rg	2	6	10
Robinson	0	0	0
Cookson, lg	6	0	12
Total	19	10	37

Monroe Edges Besse, 49 To 48

Player	Goals	Fouls	Pts
R. Marks, lf	5	4	10
Hodge	0	1	0
Green	0	0	0
Drake, rf	2	0	4
Total	7	5	14

Standing, left to right: J. Sylvester, K. Marks, H. Robinson, E. Drake, C. Brann, R. Meader, G. Wiggins, G. Green, D. Hodges, R. Marks, S. Dow, R. Hayward. Kneeling: R. Lee, Mr. Audet, Coach; M. Cookson.

The Owls were unable to withstand the attack of the Liberty girls.

Freedom actually won the game from the foul line, outscoring the Owls 17 to 7 in free throws.

Ronnie Lee led Besse in the scoring column with 15 points while teammates Marks and George Wiggins each tallied 10 points.

Bob Mitchell was high scorer with 23 points followed by Bud Laurentis who tallied 10. The Freedom girls outscored Besse girls 47-30 in the opening period.

high Owls dropped their first 51 to 30. game of the season here last night, bowing to the league lead-early and standing Morse high team of Brooks, end of the first

Ronnie Collins and John Lenfes weach with 11 points. Ronnie Le had 19 for the losers. Besse's record is now 4-3

Besse Trips Winterport Besse 39

WINTERPORT, Feb. 9—Besse High of Albion coming up with one of its best games of the season defeated highly regarded Winterport, 52 to 47 here tonight in a Waldo County league affair.

Besse had to come from behind to take the game with a last period spurt, outscoring the

led at the half 22 to 20. But coming into the final frame Besse was down, 38 to 40.

Leading the winning attack was Lee with 18 points. Grevall had 15 for the losers.

In the opening game the Winterport girls defeated Albion 62 to 20.

Unity 37

UNITY, Jan. 22—Besse High of Albion held off a last period rally to down Unity High 39-37 here tonight. It was the eighth win in 13 starts for Besse this



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Besse Wins Easy, 46-29

ALBION, Dec. 11—Besse High of this community defeated Winterport, 46 to 29 here tonight in a Waldo County league contest. Ronnie Lee and Ronnie Marks were the high point men for the winners the former with 15 and the latter with 10. Besse had little trouble in wrapping this one up as they were out in front 15 to 7 at the

Besse 49 Liberty 22

LIBERTY, Nov. 13—Besse High School of Albion chalked up its second straight hoop win of the season by downing Liberty High 49-22 here tonight.

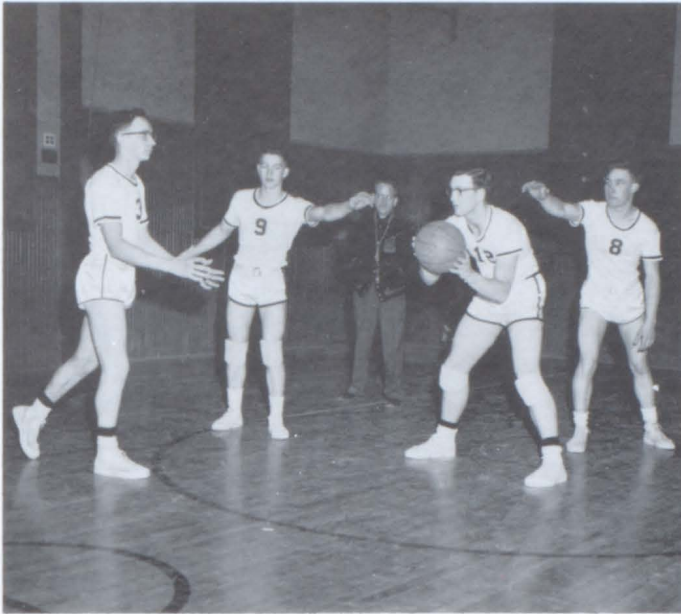
Besse's two sharpshooters, Ronnie Lee and Ronnie Marks again led the point parade, scoring 14 and 12 points respectively while Freshman Dave Hodge and George Wiggins chipped in with eight points each.

Center Ken Jewett tallied eight points to lead the Liberty attack.

Besse took the lead from the opening whistle and was in command throughout the contest, holding period leads of 14-2, 22-9 and 40-19.

In the opener, the Besse High

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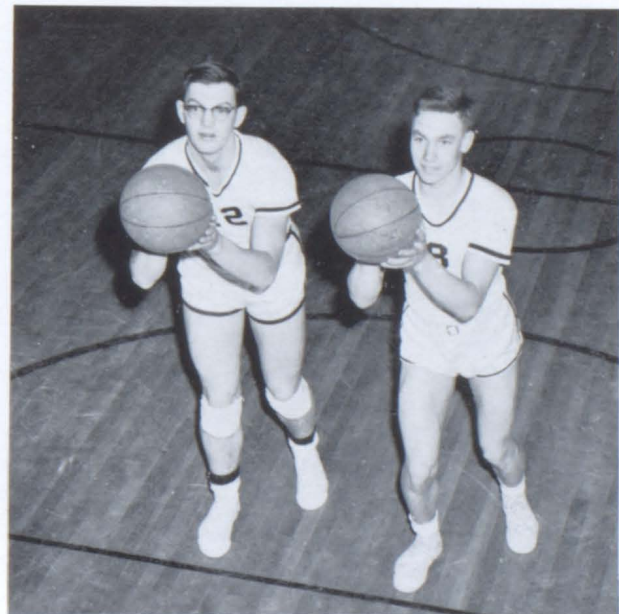
We basketball boys at Besse think that we have had a fairly good season. Our record shows that we have won nine games and lost seven in the Waldo County League competition. We wish to thank Coach Audet for his words of advice and his fortitude in working with us. Thanks, too, go to our cheerleaders and fans who have so faithfully followed us. We also appreciate Mr. Harrison's great help at practices and on trips.

In the Upper Kennebec Valley Conference Tournament Unity showed us that the third time never fails. We were downed by a great group of boys and sportsmen by a score of 53 to 34. We appreciate the kind way that they treated us when we went back to school with them the next day.

Our total number of points for the year was 762.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Ronald Lee	275 points
Ronald Marks	207 points
George Wiggin	80 points
Mayo Cookson	67 points
Everett Drake	57 points
Rest	80 points



Junior High Basketball



Seated, left to right: G. Overlock, L. Dow, J. Rowe, P. Dow, K. Overlock. Second row: T. Hodges, S. Rackleff, D. Mason, R. Overlock, M. Boivin. Standing: W. Marks, Mr. Marr, P. Wiggin, C. Quimby, D. Littlefield, L. Clark, Dw. Littlefield, D. Blake, R. Hodges, Mr. Harrison.

Junior High Cheerleaders



Our record this year was not so good, but we had lots of fun playing. Mr. Marr and Mr. Harrison have been our coaches.

We have had two games with the following teams: Unity, Benton, and West Clinton. We also played Unity as a preliminary game for the All Star game and participated in the Junior High Tournament.

Our cheerleaders are, left to right: Mary Helen Wriglesworth, Mary Rowe, Kathy Donahue. Second row: Waneeta Meader, Jill Scribner, Linda Jones, Bonnie Crosby.



Activities

Prize Speaking



Menetta Meader - Ronald Lee - Walter Robbins - Judith Meader

The Junior Prize Speaking of 1956 was held in the Albion Elementary School in April. The twelve members of the junior class took part. Their names and selections were:

Beverly Cole	-----	My First Date
Barbara Rowe	-----	Now Abideth Faith
Menetta Meader	-----	Miss Rush Leaps at Leap Year
Maxine Rowe	-----	The Gettysburg Address
Nancy Fletcher	-----	Let's Say Something About Ourselves
Gloria Shores	-----	Letters From Far Away
John Sylvester	-----	You Try It
Mayo Cookson	-----	Eighteen
Walter Robbins	-----	Jimmy Jones Studies Geography
Ronald Lee	-----	Why
Eric Wiggin	-----	No Room For Mother
Judith Meader	-----	Old Soldiers Never Die

Menetta Meader won first place in the girls' division, and Judith Meader took second place. Walter Robbins won first place in the boys' division, and Ronald Lee took second place.

Christmas Play

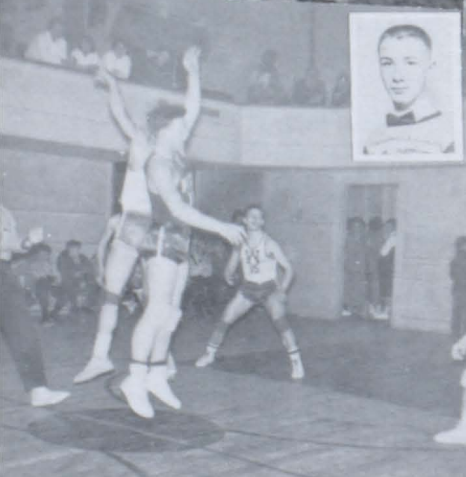
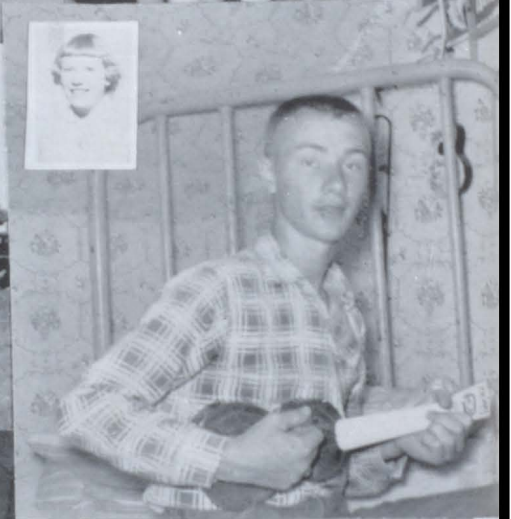
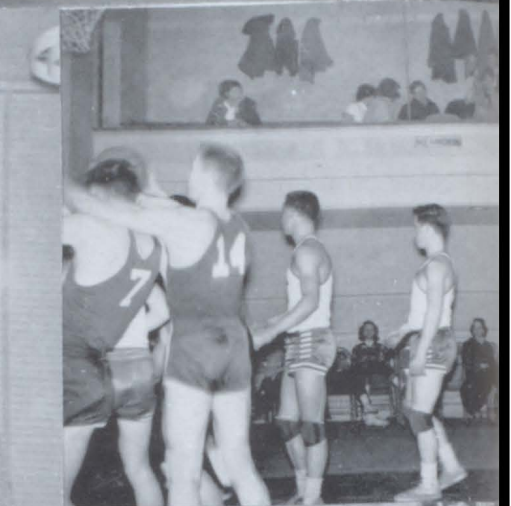
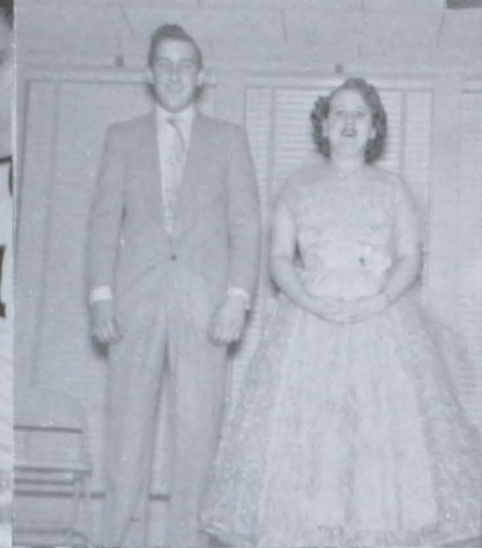


Seated, left to right: G. Green, M. Meader, G. Shores, Miss McGowan, Advisor;
G. Wiggin. Standing: R. Young, C. Brann, R. Marks, E. Drake, R. Fuller, S. Dow.

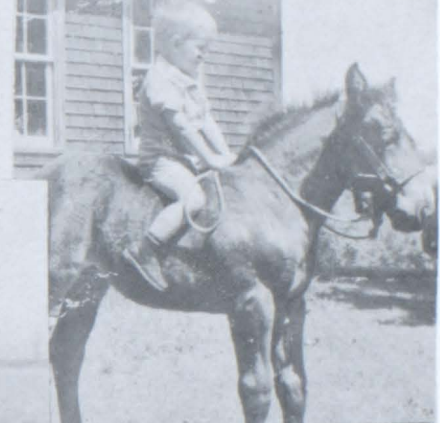
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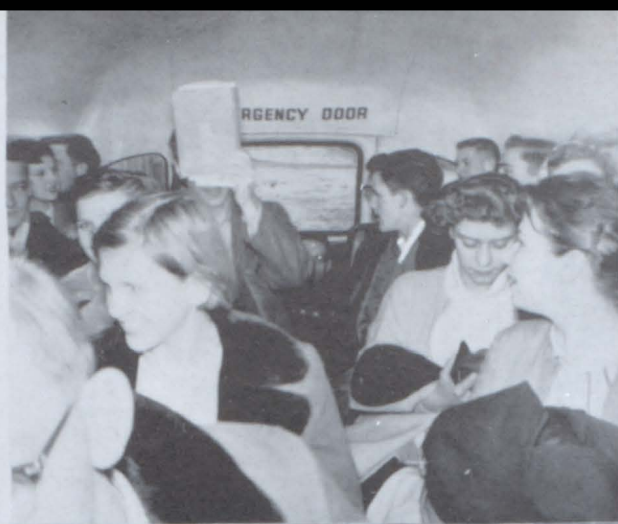


Seated, left to right: J. Rowe, R. Norton, J. Cole, L. Jones, M. Wriglesworth, S.
Norton. Standing: M. Boivin, R. Hodges, L. Clark, R. Copeland, C. Brann, T.
Cole, D. Littlefield.



Seniors??





Alumni

CLASS OF '56	MARRIED TO	CHILDREN	WHERE	OCCUPATION
Shirley Barton			Waterville	Chicken plant, Winslow
Dorothy Bastarache			Albion	Home
Audrey Drake			Albion	Secretary, Keyes Fibre
Carolyn Fowler			Albion	Secretary, Keyes Fibre
Maxine Harding			Waterville	Studying, Laboratory Tech.
Russell Hayward			Massachusetts	Mill Worker
Robert Littlefield			Albion	Colby College
Ronald Littlefield			Albion	Colby College
Raymond Marks			Farmington	Teachers' College
Clayton Mason			Albion	Working at home
Gerald Mason			Albion	Working at home
Charles Spearrin			Texas	Air Force
CLASS OF '55				
Floyd Blaisdell	Marie Cross	Joyce	Albion	Giguere's Store, Fairfield
Laura Brockway	Arthur Rood	Arthur Jr.	Albion	Housewife
Gladys Brown	Richard MacDonald		Limestone	Housewife
Leon Fowler			Albion	Sears, Roebuck and Co.
Kelvin Higgins			Albion	Farwell's Store, Unity
Milton Higgins	Patricia Harding	Susan	Unity	Poultry Farm
Karl Keay			Maryland	U.S. Naval Academy
Roger Lawrence			Japan	Air Force
Richard MacDonald	Gladys Brown		Limestone	Air Force
Harvey Quimby			Farmington	Newberry's Store
Rodney Reynolds			California	Employed in a Bank
Arthur Rood	Laura Brockway	Arthur Jr.	Albion	Working for Arthur Hoffman
Herbert Shores			Albion	Working at home
Sherrill Spiller	Charles Wall		Virginia	WAC's

Alumni

CLASS OF '54	MARRIED TO	CHILDREN	WHERE	OCCUPATION
Arthur Blaisdell			Albion	Carpenter
Ralph Fuller	Viola Russell		Albion	Carpenter
Walter Gordon			Germany	Army
Carroll Harding Jr.			Albion	Wyman Contractors
Faith Hendsbee			Bangor	Nurses' Training
Barbara Knight			Albion	Home
Ralph Meader	Mildred Bickford		Fairfield	Merrill & Mayo
Mary Lyn Nelson			Albion	Home
Lloyd Pottle			Germany	Army
Charles Scribner	Inez Chalker		Georgia	Army
Theлма Woodbury			Albion	Working Thayer Hospital
CLASS OF '53				
Nancy Blanchard	Wesley Drake	Timothy, Andrew	California	Housewife
Virgil Coffin	Shirley Lowell		W. Gardiner	Garage worker
Wesley Drake	Nancy Blanchard	Timothy, Andrew	California	Mechanic
Kenneth Gould	Priscilla Harding	Drucilla	California	Mill worker
Kathryn Keay	George Sawtelle	Georgette	Lincoln	Housewife
Frederick Shores	Lois Hunt		Winslow	Farming
Robert Sylvester			Albion	Creamery
CLASS OF '52				
Harold Crosby			France	Air Force
Stephen Fowler	Beverly Dinsmore	Anthony, Terri	Albion	McCormicks, Unity
George Gould	Charlene Smith	Cynthia	Albion	Farming
Althea Hendsbee	Warren Carter		Bucksport	Housewife
Allen Higgins			Albion	Raising Broilers
Barbara Quimby			Waterville	Working Thayer Hospital
Lawrence Reynolds	Evonne Henderson	Lawrence, Jr.	Bath	Bath Iron Works
Maurice Scribner Jr.	Betty Perro	Andrew, Patrick	Connecticut	Navy



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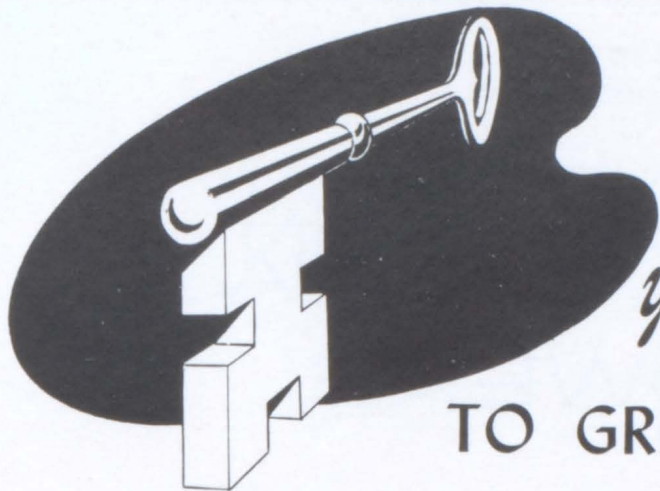
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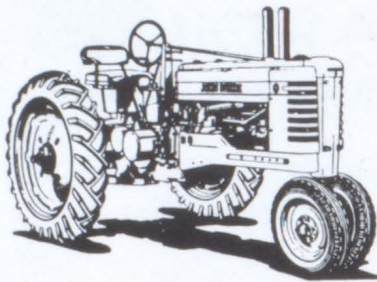


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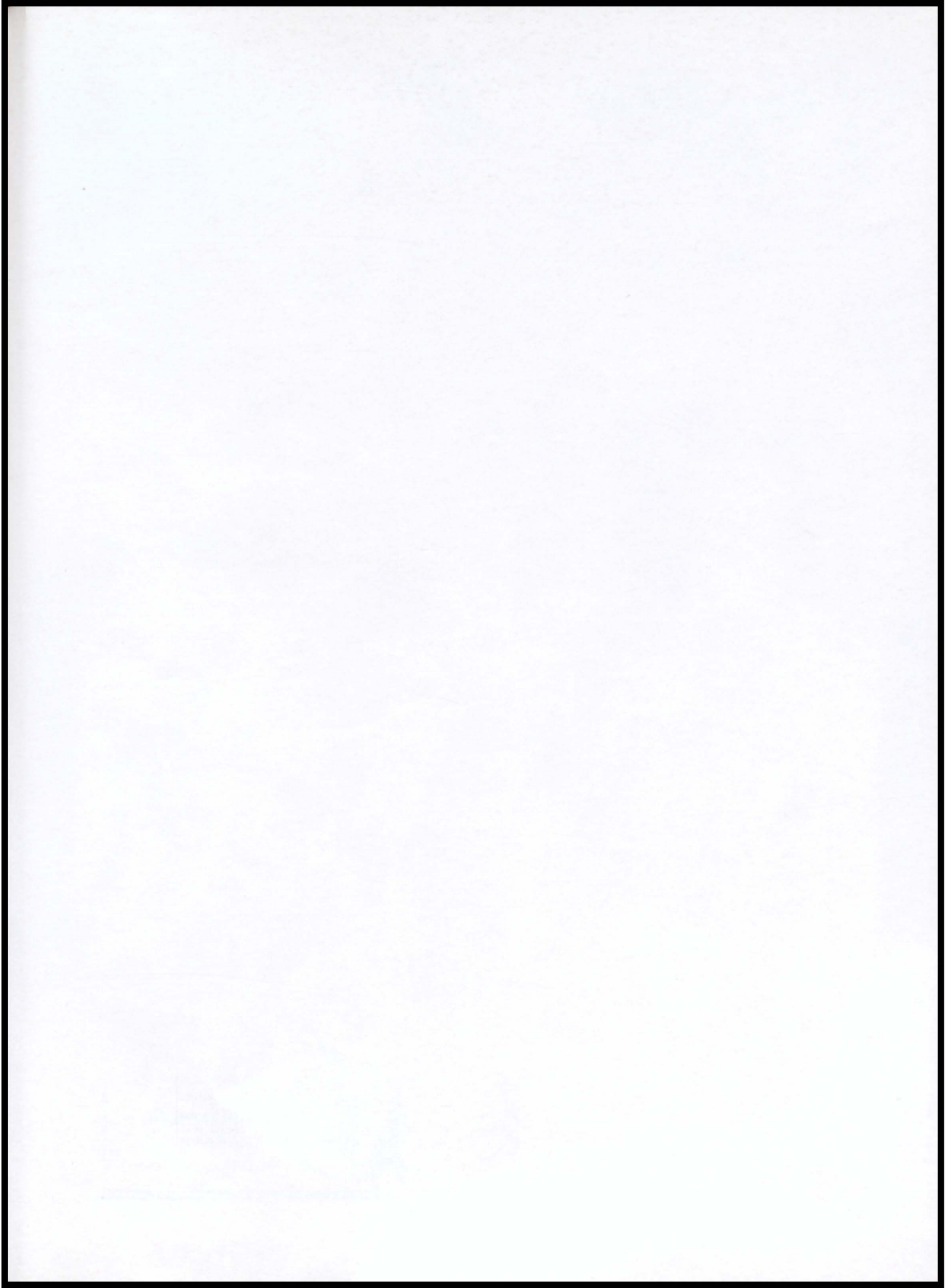
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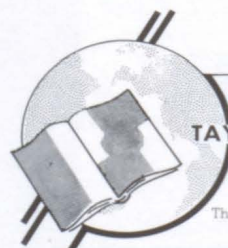
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