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JOHN A. WALDEN
Social Studies - Math
Farmington Teachers College B. S. Degree

Boston Univ., M. A. Degree Lewiston Junior High 1954-55
Besse High School 1957-58

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French - English
Colby College
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Social Studies - English Boston University
Higgins Classical 1934-43
Besse High School 1943-58
Principal 1953-57



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Commercial - Night School
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Husson College
Belgrade 1955
Besse High School 1955-58
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Math - Social Studies
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University of Maine
B. S. Degree

Rockland 1952-55
Besse High School 1955-58



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Superintendent
Farmington Teachers College
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Graduate work U. of M.
Rumford 1949-51
Besse High School 1951-58


ERNEST JOHNSON Principal
Math - Science
Univ. of Me., B. A. Degree
Litchfield Academy 1955-56
Aroostook State Teachers College 56-57
Besse High School 1957-58

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Nelson Robinson John Wallace Havilla Rowe

## P. T. A. OFFICERS

President -* - FLORA CHAMPLAIN
Vice President - - -VIRGINIA DOW
Secretary - VIRGINIA BRADSTREET
Treasurer - . - - META FOWLER

## Yearbook Stafb



Seated, left to right: Mary Fuller, Alice McKiel, Everett Drake, Dorothy Pottle, Jean Littlefield. Standing: Miss Roberts, Advisor; David Rowe, Christine Rackleff, Carleton Brann, Ronald Marks, Horace Robinson, Scott Dow.

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SENIORS

| Alice McKiel 1 | Alice McKiel 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Everett Drake 2 |  |

JUNIORS

Mary Fuller 2 | Scott Dow 1 |
| ---: |
| Marilyn Emerson 2 |
| Christine Rackleff 2 |

SOPHOMORES

| Marie Alexander 1 | Marie Alexander 1 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Jean Littlefield 1 | Elisabeth Keay 1 |
| Hilda Robbins 1 | Joy Waddell 1 |

FRESHMEN

Terry Hodges 1 Carroll Quimby 2
Raymond Pottle 1

1957 AWARDS

| Scholarship | Mary Fuller |
| :--- | :--- |
| Science |  |
| Social Studies |  |
| Mathematics |  |
| English |  |
| French |  |
| Activities | Judith Meader |
| Public Speaking | Alice McKiel |
| Citizenship | Menetta Meader |
| Commercial Award | Menetta Meader |
| Music Award |  |
| Reader's Digest Award |  |
| DAR Award |  |
| Candidate to Boys' State | Judith Meader |
| Danforth Award |  |
| Curtis Circulation Co. | Everett Drake <br> Jean Littlefield |
| Perfect Attendance | David Mason <br> Mayo Cookson |
|  | Janet Fletcher <br> Gloria Higgins |
|  | Donald Shores |

Everett Drake Mary Fuller Alice McKiel Everett Drake Mary Fuller Mary Fuller Menetta Meader Everett Drake Ronald Lee Menetta Meader Carleton Brann Judith Meader
Menetta Meader
Everett Drake
Ronald Lee Gloria Higgins
Ronald Marks Raymond Pottle

Jennie Cole Athene Harding

Mary Rowe Lynda Willette



## Seniars

CLASSROLL

Everett Drake
Ronald Marks
Betty Fletcher
Alice McKiel

CLASS OFFICERS



COMMENCEMENTEXERCISES

Senior Assembly
Baccalaureate
Last Chapel
Graduation

June 6, 1958
June 8, 1958
June 9, 1958
June 13, 1958


Benton, August 29, 1940

College
SALUTATORY
CLASS GIFTS
"You are the Author of your Fate"
Editorial Board 1, 2, 3, 4; Assistant Business Manager 1; Humor Editor 2; Advertising Manager 3; Editor-inChief 4; State Student Council 2,3; Student Council 1,2,3,4, Treasurer 3, 4; Class Treasurer 1, 2, President 3,4 ; Basketball 1,2,3,4, Co-Captain 4; Baseball 3, 4, Manager 1, 2; Prize Speaking and Regional Prize Contest 3; Graduation Usher 3; Boys' State 3; Manager of Magazine Drive 2, 3; Class Captain 2,4; Christmas Play 3; Play Contest 4; Science Club 4, President 4; Monitor 4. Awards: Curtis Circulation 1, 2, 3,4; Math 2,3; Science 2; Scholarship 2, 3; Public Speaking 3; Declamation 3; National Essay Certificate 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4 .

BETTY LOU FLETCHER

Winslow, February 20, 1940
"Betty"

Commercial
ADDRESS TO UNDERGRADUATES CLASS WILL
"It is better to learn late
than never"
Student Council 3,4; Class Reporter 3,4; Commercial Club 3, 4 ; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4 ; Prize Speaking 3; Graduation 3 .


Freedom, September 28, 1940
"Ronnie"

College
FIRST HONOR ESSAY CLASS HISTORY
"The reward for a thing well done is to have done it"

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Student Council 1,2,3,4, Vice President 3, President 4; Class Vice President 1, President 2, Treasurer 3,4; Editorial Board 2,3,4; Boys' Sports Editor 2; Subscription Editor 3; Business Editor; Class Marshal 3; Christmas Play 3; Prize Speaking 3; Class Captain of Magazine Drive 3; Curtis Publishing Co. Certificate 2,3; Monitor 4; Science Club 4, Vice President 4; Honor Roll 1,2,3.

## ALICE IRENE McKIEL

Albion, April 8, 1940
"Alice"


College
VALEDICTORY PROPHECY
"Strive to realize a state of inward happiness independent of circumstances"

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleading 1,2 ; Head Cheerleader 3,4 ; Class Secretary 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1,2,3,4, Reporter 2, 3, Secretary 4; Editorial Board 1, 2, 3, 4, Local Briefs 1, Literary Editor 2, Feature Editor 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; KVC 4; All-State 4; Librarian 2, 3; Science Club 4, Secretary 4, Monitor 4; Junior Play 1; Play Contest 2, 3, 4; First Prize Junior and Regional Prize Speaking Contest 3; Graduation Pianist 1,2,3; Scholarship award 1,2; Declamation 3; Public Speaking 3; Social Science 1; English 1; Social Studies 2; History 3; National Essay Certificate 2; DAR 4;
Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4.

## Semior Class History

September 8, 1954, ten boys and girls enrolled in the Freshman Class of Besse High School hopeful of obtaining their diplomas on Graduation Day. We were sorry to lose Maynard Boivin and Gene Reynolds. During the year we sold refreshments at two basketball games and placed second in the intramural race for the Salesmanship Award. Three of our class participated in sports. Our class advisor was Mr. George Ayes.

The class of 1958 started its sophomore year with eight members, but during the year our number dwindled to five as we lost Lawrence Gordon, Ilene Fitch and Patricia Emery. We initiated the Freshmen at the Freshman Reception, presented a Christmas play with the Freshmen under the direction of Miss Ruth Aaskov. Three of our classmates won prizes in the annual magazine drive. At the end of the year there was about $\$ 80$ in our treasury. Our advisor was Mr. Frank Harrison.

We started our junior year with five members, but about half way through the year Norris Willette left us. Some of our activities for that year were 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. Our year was interrupted by the burning of our school building and we finished the year at Unity High School. Our class advisor was again Mr. Harrison.

At last came September, 1957, and our last step toward our high school goal seemed within our reach. Miss Charlene Roberts became our class advisor. We have the smallest graduating class that Besse High has had in many, many years with two boys and two girls. The first few weeks of school we attended halfday sessions at the Elementary School while our building was being rebuilt. To earn money for our class trip to New York and Washington we sponsored a roast chicken supper, and cleared over $\$ 100.00$.

We hope that our class has been a success and even though we shall not be remembered for quantity, perhaps we have made up for it with quality.


## Seniars



Seated, left to right: Alice McKiel and Betty Fletcher. Standing: Everett Drake and Ronald Marks.

Our high school career is near its completion. . . we remember our teachers. . .
friends. . . studies. . . those hard fought games. . . we think of the future. . . success, happiness or failure, despair. . . we, as Seniors, make our own choice and we are reminded of our class motto. . . "Nothing succeeds like success. "

To you undergraduates and friends,

Farewell

Class of 1958


## Guniors



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

At the beginning of the year the Junior Class elected the following officers:
 Vice President …....................................................
Secretary ................................................................. DAY
Treasurer ......................................................................
Class Reporter ......................................................
Thus far, our activities of the year have been: two food sales, the selling of refreshments at the Searsport and Winterport basketball games, a supper prepared for the Lions' Club and two one-act plays presented at Christmas time.

April 26, is the date set aside for Junior Prize Speaking. This contest is a compulsory activity fulfilling a part of the Junior English course.


## Sophomare Class



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

Our class has nineteen members, two of which go to Unity. Our class advisor is Mr. Johnson. At the beginning of the year we elected the following officers:


We held a Freshman Reception October 18, at which the Freshmen were initiated by performing stunts. It was followed by a record hop which netted the class about thirty dollars.

Our class rings were purchased from the Balfour Company.
Among our other activities we have sold refreshments at two basketball games.
Two members of our class sang in the Kennebec Valley Chorus, Elisabeth Keay and Jean Littlefield.


## Freshmen



Seated, left to right: J. Cole, M. Rowe, C. Quimby, T. Hodges, M. Wriglesworth, B. Fish. Standing: R. Pottle, E. Walcott, L. Emery, R. Higgins, D. Mason, B. Crosby, W. Meader, M. Rowe, Miss Mitchell.

The freshman class has been very active in school activities and sports. Members of our class have been in Glee Club, softball, baseball and basketball.

On September 20, 1957 we held our first class meeting and elected the following officers:

> President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Advisor

Our class has sold refreshments at the Brooks and Clinton games and made a good profit.

A reception was held for us at the beginning of the year by the sophomores.


## Vunior Figh



Seated, left to right: W. Marks, P. Wiggin, L. Dow, S. Rackleff, D. Blake. Second row: A. Harding, E. Crawford, M. Fletcher, Mr. Audet, G. Higgins, R. MacDonald, R. Giles. Standing: W. Fitch, E. Willette, L. Clark, R. Barton, C. Higgins, L. Ward, T. Cole.


Seated, left to right: A. Towers, M. E. Perkins, D. Littlefield, R. Hodges, B. Bradstreet, F. Edgerly. Second row: D. Richerson, L. Jones, P. Hayward, N. Stevens, Mr. Walden, J. Scribner, J. Emery, P. Robbins, D. Stuart. Standing: C. Higgins, K. Overlock, J. Rowe, B. Brockway, M. Shores, D. Littlefield, W. Fletcher, R. Richerson, G. Overlock, P. Dow.


## Student Council



Front row: D. Littlefield, W. Marks, R. Hodges, T. Hodges. Seated, left to right: J. Littlefield, A. McKiel, R. Marks, E. Drake, C. Rackleff, E. Keay. Standing: M. Rowe, M. E. Perkins, D. Pottle, H. Robbins, B. Bradstreet, Mr. Johnson, B. Fletcher, M. Alexander, N. Rowe, M. Wriglesworth, F. Edgerly. Second row: L. Dow, D. Blake, S. Rackleff, C. Brann, S. Dow, C. Quimby, P. Wiggin.


This year two students from Student Council are representatives in the Parent Teachers Association. They have no voting power, but may report to the organization the wishes or opinions of the student body. The representatives are Everett Drake and Alice McKiel with the alternates being Ronald Marks and Scott Dow.

The President appointed the following to plan Teen-Age Club and its policies: Carleton Brann, Marie Alexander, Betty Fletcher and Dorothy Pottle.

## Glee Club



First row, left to right: L. Dow, L. Clark, C. Brann, S. Dow, R. Hodges. Second row: H. Robbins, M. Fuller, A. McKiel, H. Robinson, J. Littlefield, E. Keay, C. Rackleff. Third row: M. Rowe, L. Willette, N. Dow, S. Tuttle, B. Bradstreet, M. Everson, J. Waddell, E. Wolcott, W. Meader, M. Alexander, M. Wriglesworth, R. MacDonald. Fourth row: M. E. Perkins, D. Stuart, P. Robbins, F. Edgerly, J. Scribner, P. Hayward, M. Fletcher, M. Fitch, B. Fletcher, J. Cole, N. Rowe, A. Towers.

The Glee Club's membership has been increased very much this year. The membership now is 36 . We also have a new director, Mr. Frederic Carleton. The Club meets usually on Thursday during activity period.

Kennebec Valley Concert was held during the month of January. There were four members chosen to participate. These were; Alice McKiel, Jean Littlefield, Elisabeth Keay, Sopranos; and Mary Fuller, Alto. Two concerts were held - one at Waterville on January 18 and one in Madison on January 25. These proved to be a valuable experience in music as well as a good time. Alice McKiel and Mary Fuller have been accepted to all State Music Festival which occurs in April.

We have been planning a trip to Bangor to sing in the State Hospital and also one to Togus. We are practicing some songs for graduation and for an exchange concert.

The officers are as follows: President, Alice McKiel; Vice President, Mary Fuller; Treasurer, Elisabeth Keay; Secretary, Jean Littlefield; Librarians, Horace Robinson, Christine Rackleff.

## Commercial Clule



Seated, left to right: L. Willette, M. Fitch, D. Pottle, M. Trull, M. Emerson. Standing: S. Bacon, D. Stevens, K. Libby, Miss McGowan, L. Trull, B. Fletcher, S. Tuttle.

The Commercial Club held its first meeting October 14, 1957. At this meeting we elected the following officers:


At the next meeting the Club decided to publish a monthly school paper, THE OWLS GAZETTE. The Commercial Club certainly hopes that the students have enjoyed reading this paper.

So far this year the Commercial Club has visited the offices of Keyes Fibre in Waterville and The First National Bank in Belfast. We members were very fortunate to have had this privilege.

For a last visit, the Club is planning to visit the office of The Waterville Morning Sentinel.

## Science Club



Kneeling, left to right: D. Stuart, F. Edgerly, M. E. Perkins, R. Hodges. Seated: L. Jones, A. McKiel, R. Marks, E. Drake, M. Fuller, A. Harding. Standing: P. Hayward, N. Rowe, J. Scribner, B. Bradstreet, Mr. Johnson, Advisor: J. Waddell, W. Meader, M. Alexander, M. Wriglesworth, J. Cole. Fourth row: G. Higgins, J. Littlefield, C. Rackleff, D. Hodges, C. Brann, G. Green, H. Robinson, S. Dow, E. Keay, H. Robbins, M. Fletcher.

A new organization at Besse High School this year is Science Club. Any student in the high school or seventh and eighth grades my join. Our advisor is Mr. Ernest Johnson. The purpose of the club is to stimulate interest in science and to preform experiments.

At the first meeting officers were elected as follows:
President ............................................................................. DRAKE



A movie was shown about trees which was interesting.


## The Biq Buck

My great-grandfather lived with us until he passed away, seven years ago. I would like to relate to you, in the first person, one of the many adventures he told. I was only eight at the time so I will tell the tale as well as I can remember it.

School started October 15 this particular year. We younger boys in the front rows of benches knew there was something strange going on among the five older boys, who sat in the back seats. Like most country schools at that time the pupils were of various ages, from four years to twenty-one years of age. It was the custom that the older girls and boys considering themselves entitled to the back seats, took possession of them. We who were younger had to be satisfied with the seats nearest the school master. At least, I can say we were nearer the stove on the chilly winter days than they were.

Something was going on among the five older boys which they didn't trust us to know. During one recess I overheard John tell Herb they were all to meet at seven o'clock that night, but where or what for I didn't know. These whispering and sly winks lasted well into the month of November.

Hunting season was now here. There were continual reports of a large buck having been seen at the edge of Perry Coomb's thick woods, one hundred yards from the road. Every day someone would stop by the roadside and take a shot at him. Each time the hunter would only see him disappear into the woods, as he had missed the deer when he had shot. There seemed to be no evidence that anyone had ever scratched the big fellow. Every morning the deer would be back standing at the edge of the woods again. This event went on for more than a week. Every person in town was betting on himself as the one to take the deer home some lucky morning.

Early Friday evening it snowed just enough to cover up the ground. It was only by chance, where cousin Ben and I were rabbit hunting early Saturday morning, that we were the first to have a shot at the big buck. Like everyone else we must have missed our target because it disappeared very quickly into the woods. With the new snow we were determined to track him down, but to our surprise there were no deer tracks. There were only five pairs of human tracks. Ben and I soon figured this must have been what all the whispering
and sly winks were about during the month of October. The foot prints seemed to be all around the bottom of an old high-stub beech tree which was hidden from view by a low hanging fir. At the top of the tree was the answer to everything. The older boys had constructed a deer which was hitched to a rope. The rope ran through a pulley at the top of the stub beech. Every time the deer was shot at it disappeared because it was hoisted by the pulley.

This is only one of the adventures told by my great-grandfather.

## Jean Littlefield '60

## What Would Happen

The Senior Class had more than four students The boys and girls sat together on the bus Miss McGowan couldn't type and read shorthand Everybody was present for a whole week The girls won Waldo County League Championship The Glee Club members got laryngitis Mr . Waldo bought himself a good car Ronald Marks wasn't the best athlete Base High School was completely silent The Chemistry class made some alcohol The French class learned some French Christine didn't get teased all the time Everett didn't like to argue with the girls The girls team won more games that the boys The Senior Class didn't have a class trip Miss Mitchell didn't teach Social Studies Scott didn't see Marilyn once a week The cooks didn't serve Hot Lunch The Senior Class didn't graduate Alice didn't cheer for Ronnie Miss Roberts gave everyone A's We didn't get to school on time Peter didn't have a green truck
Mr . Auden had the biggest car in town
Mr. Johnson got married
We had an area School

Everett Drake

## The Besse Cheerleaders

The Besse Cheerleaders consist of seven, But we hope we sound more like eleven. I would like to name them, one by one, So you'll understand when I'm done, Why it is we have so much fun.
First comes Alice leading us all, We must agree she's quite a doll. Second is Jean, whom we missed for a game, Because while playing basketball, she got quite a sprain. Next is Mary, who really can cheer, But whose mind is on something else, I fear. Then we have Liz, walking on air, This kid never seems to have a care. Here comes Dot, right in step. Where does that girl get so much pep? It seems that Marilyn can always be caught Cheering loud and clear, expecially for Scott. Here is Christine, last of all, Without her glasses! I'd think she'd fall. Well, here we are with just one thing to say, The team we cheer for is really okay.

## Christine Rackleff '59

## Ode to Besse

O Besse High School! good old days! We will so fondly them recall. The studies hard, the sports and plays They were so pleasant all in all.

Now as Seniors we have to go
O Bess High this makes us sad; Don't dare to say it is not so Commencement will not make us glad.

O Besse High we sing your song! Although we often did complain Of tough exams and lessons long You know we loved it just the same.

We worked so hard, we were so gay Is this the end? Is it all past? No, Besse's schooling I must say Will help us on until the last.

This is good bye to Besse High
Four happy years we've spent with thee
We will not cry, we will not sigh
But carry on for all to see.

## Can We Preserve Our Demacracy

When AMERICANS first settled this rich land of yours and mine, they were looking for freedom and independence in order to express themselves. Then their new way of life was threatened by the mother nation. The spark of hope had been lighted in them when they had first tasted freedom. They were determined to keep that much sought-after freedom that they had just discovered. They proved this when they put up a vigorous struggle, the Revolutionary War, in which they gained their independence against great odds. They suffered many hardships thereafter, but still that divine spark kept burning brightly. Americans treasured their gains, which were the things that they had acquired and for which they had Life, Resources, and People. These people, from the beginning of our nation to the present day, made America great.

But too much of a good thing is bad when it isn't put to good use. Americans, 175 years after the Revolution, were living a good life and began taking life easy. They began to lag in the upkeep of their defenses. They became over confident. While Americans were buying many luxuries, Russians were busy building up their military.

When Russia threatened the United States and the rest of the free world with the launching of the first Sputnik, Americans were dazed. They hadn't suspected that Russia has been doing anything so powerful and advanced in science. With all of Russia's threats to the "free world, " the spark of hope in millions of people became almost extinguished. Many countries that had leaned toward the "West, " now became doubtful of its superiority and started leaning toward the Soviet Union. The hopes of people in many countries, who had wished someday to have freedom, came crashing down when the news of the Soviet's accomplishment was heard. They feared that they would come under the "Communist System" again.

The American people realized not any too soon that they were far behind and that they needed to do some fast catching up. The United States is determined to preserve its demoeracy and it will put forth much resistance in order to keep it. We need to organize our forces in science as well as other fields to keep up with Russia in the race for missile superiority. We Americans are a freedom-loving people and we aren't going to sit back while someone snuffs out our candle, are we?

## Ta Our Teachers

When you came back to school in September We wonder if your hopes were built high. As you yearned for a perfect classroom With no arguments, complaints, or sighs.

Did you dream of a day yet future When we students would be out in life Seeing each of us happy, successful Triumphant in many a strife?

Sometimes it's so hard to be patient We students just don't seem to care Patience and courage aren't easy When your interests we don't seem to share.

In the future we'll always remember Many times we'll recall with regret The trials and heartaches we caused you But your help we will never forget.

We realize there's little time left
The weeks come and go so fast We'll try from now on to co-operate And work harder in every class.

## Mary Fuller '59

## Same Belated Resolutions

To receive a diploma
To stop giggling
To grow up
To get along with Scott
To get to school on time
To stop chewing gum in school
To stop quarreling with each other
To go first at Hot Lunch
To type 40 words per minute

Seniors
Sophomores
Freshmen
Mary Fuller
Nickle Young
Everett Drake
Juniors
Seniors
Typing Students

| NAME | NICKNAME |
| :--- | :--- |
| Alice McKiel | Hippy |
| Ronald Marks | Ronnie |
| Betty Fletcher | Skip |
| Everett Drake | Ducky |
| Christine | Rat |
| Mary Fuller | Bruiser |
| Carleton Brann | Brandy |
| Dorothy Pottle | Dot |
| Scott Dow | Scottie |
| Jean Littlefield | Jeanie |
| Marilyn Emerson | Pudgy |
| Elisabeth Keay | Liz |
| Raymond Meader | Ray |
| Enoch Young | Nickie |
| Joy Waddell | Kip |
| Ronald Hayward | Ron |
| David Hodges | Dave |
| Gary Green | Stomper |
| Kenneth Marks | Ken |
| Horace Robinson | Robbie |
| George Wiggin | Wig |
| Ronald Young | Ronnie |
| Dennis Littlefield | Den |
| Dwight Littlefield | Dwight |
| Mr. Walden | Jack |
| Miss Roberts | Robbie |
|  |  |

EXPECTED TO BE
CAUSE OF DEATH

Teacher
Coach
Secretary
Engineer
Teacher
Gossip Columnist
Scientist
Secretary
Farmer
Milkdriver's Wife
Housewife
Lady Wrestler
Helldriver
Pilot
Housewife
Farmer
On Time
Speedster
Husband
Loafing
Minister
Farmer
Clown
Trumpet Player
Married
Colby's Dean

Dreaming
Girls
Baby Sitting
Arguing
Patience
Boys
Trip to Moon
Waiting
Parking
Lifting Milk Cans
Farm Work
Staying Home
Patty
Ford Car
Kelvin
Brookside Grill
French Class
Big Feet
Chasing Girls
Working
Speeding
Drug Store
Low Doorway
Puckered Mouth
New York
Colby College

## Zakes

Miss Roberts: "All students should live and learn. "
George: "Which should we do if we don't have time for both?"
Scott: "Are you the barber who cut my hair last time?"
Barber: "I don't think so, I've only been here six months. "
Miss McGowan and her boy friend are riding down a narrow country road. Miss McGowan has just learned to drive. Miss McGowan screamed "Quick, take the wheel, darling, here comes another tree!"

Clerk: "Sir, my wife told me to ask you for a raise."
Boss: "All right, I'll ask my wife if I can give it to you. "
Everett: "Why did you encourage your girl to quit playing the piano and start playing the clarinet?"
Horace: "Because she can't sing when she's playing the clarinet. "
One night at the movies, I heard this conversation between Mr. Waldon and his date.
"Can you see all right?" he asked.
"Yes"
"Are you in a draft?"
"No"
"Does the man in back of you have his feet on your seat?"
"No"
"Mind trading places?"
Defendant: "Your honor, I admit I may have been driving a bit fast, but I was thinking of getting married and. . .
Judge: "Fifty dollars fine, insanity is no excuse. "
Mary: "What kind of husband should I look for, mother?"
Mother: "Never mind the husband, just look for a handsome, young, single man."
During the night two burglars entered the office. One approached the safe, sat down on the floor, took off his shoes and socks and started to turn the dial of the safe with his toes.
"What is the matter?" said his'partner, "Let's open this thing and get out of here."
"Naw, it'll only take a minute longer and we'll drive them finger experts crazy."
Hoping to get a rise out of Nickie working in the field by the road, Mr. Audet called:
"Hey, did you see a truckload of monkeys go by here?"
"No," replied Nickie, "did you fall off?"
Wife to husband: "I scratched the front fender of our car a little, dear. If you want to look at it, it's in the back seat. "



## Girls' Basketball



Standing, left to right: B. Fish, M. Rowe, N. Rowe, W. Meader, H. Robbins, J. Littlefield, E. Keay, M. Emerson, A. McKiel, D. Pottle, M. Fuller, J. Cole, M. Wriglesworth. Kneeling: C. Rackleff, Manager; Mr. Johnson, Coach.

The Besse girls had a winning season this year with nine wins and eight losses. Our most important victory was our win over Brooks, thus handing the Waldo County League Title to Searsport. High scorers were: A. McKiel 353 points, J. Littlefield 310, D. Pottle 147, E. Keay 111. We are sorry to be losing Alice McKiel through graduation. We would like to thank Mr. Johnson for all the time and work he has spent with us.

| * | Besse | 31 | Monroe |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| * | Besse | Besse | 57 |
| * Unity | 34 |  |  |
| * | Besse | 88 | Stockton Springs |
| Besse | 37 | Freedon | 49 |
| Besse | 63 | Winterport | 58 |
| Besse | 54 | Brooks | 55 |
| * | Besse | 43 | Searsport |

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## Softball



Kneeling, left to right: D. Pottle, A. McKiel, H. Robbins, J. Littlefield, M. Fuller. Standing: M. Wriglesworth, N. Rowe, M. Emerson, C. Rackleff, Miss McGowan, Coach; E. Keay, M. Alexander, W. Meader, M. Rowe.

We played three softball games last fall, but they were all unofficial because of the many conflicts in the schedule.

Our first game was at Freedom and we lost 6 to 2. The next game was played at Brooks and they won quite easily. Our last game was played at home with Unity. The Besse girls held the lead winning by nine points.

We hope that we will have better luck this Spring and have a winning team. Our thanks go to Miss McGowan for the time and effort she has spent.


## Baseball



Front row, left to right: S. Dow, M. Rowe, T. Hodges, S. Rackleff. Standing: Mr. Walden, Coach; G. Green, R. Marks, C. Brann, G. Wiggin, D. Hodges, H. Robinson, K. Marks, E. Drake.

The boys had a very successful season last year winning seven of the nine games played during the regular season. We had to play the tie off with Brooks at Belfast for the league championship, this was won by Brooks.

We played Belgrade in our only non-league game, winning the first game with a no-hitter and losing the second. The scores of the games were as follows:

| Besse High School | 10 | Belgrade | 6 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Besse High School | 5 | Brooks | 3 |
| Besse High School | 10 | Liberty | 0 |
| Besse High School | 8 | Freedom | 7 |
| Besse High School | 11 | Unity | 1 |
| Besse High School | 8 | Belgrade | 12 |
| Besse High School | 3 | Brooks | 19 |
| Besse High School | 3 | Freedom | 6 |
| Besse High School | 8 | Unity | 3 |
| Besse High School | 1 | Brooks | 19 |

Besse played two games last fall winning both. The first was a 4 to 1 victory over Brooks and the second a 15 to 12 win over Unity.

# Besse In High Point <br> Besse Snaps Long Streak Vin 0ver Liberty, $07-52$ By Searsport In League 

 Goals Fouls PLIBERTY, Jan. 23 - Besse Stan Jewett was


# Besse In 45-30 Win Over Freedom Club 

FREEDOM, Jan. 21-Besse Besse (45) Goals Fouls Pts. ligh of Albion snapped a four- Robinson, if ame losing streak by downing reedom $45-38$ in a Waldo County Besse took an early lead and Wiggin eld its advantage all the way Marks, reld its advantage all the way
vith period advantages of $8-5,20$ - Dow, rg 3 , and $33-23$
The win kept Besse's dimming Marks, $1 \mathbf{g}$ itle hopes alive as the Owls still have an opportunity to tie Brooks or the league crown.
George Wiggin paced the win-
hing attack with 17 points, followed by Ronnie Marks who dunked 15. McKenney was high for Freedom with 13.

> In the opener, the Freedom girls downed the Besse girls 55- Total 53. Marlene Huard was tops for
the winners with 30 points while $\qquad$ Besse
Freedom

Drake, Mason


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ingraham, Allen, c
McKenney
Kelles club.

SEARSPORT, Jan. 3-Besse
High of Albion came from be-
hind with a 24 -point final period
to edge previously unbeaten
Searsport 49-48 in a spine-ting-
ling Waldo County League con-
test here tonight.
THE DEFEAT snapped a 24 .
game conference winning streak
for the Searsport five and handed
them their first loss in seven
starts this season.
The victory, sixth in seven
starts for Besse, threw the WCL
race into a three-way tie among
Besse, Searsport and Morse High
of Books.
Trailing by eight points, $33-25$,
going inta the final period, Ron-
nie Marks and Everett Drake
sparked a Besse comeback that
finally knotted the count at 45 .

## DRAKE'S SET shot put Besse

## ster tied it again with a pair of Robinson,

foul tosses for Searsport.
With 40 seconds to go, Marks topped in a rebound to give Besse a $49-47$ lead. Day a pair of free
throws for Searsport and marle the first but missed the second with Besse taking the rebound and running out the clock.

Marks had 10 of 12 from the foul line foul line plus points in the final eight minutes J, Lenfest. while Drake had five buckets for Webster, rg 10 points in the final frame. K. Curtis Marks led all scorers with a Andrews, Ig 31 -point performance for the Total game. Drake had 12. John Len- Score by Periods fest had 21 for Searsport Besse The Searsport girls downed the Searsport

## CLINTON, Jan. 7 -The Tigers

 of Clinton High rolled to their eighth victory in 10 starts this season, downing Besse High of Albion 69-51 here tonight.The defeat was only the second in eight games for the Besse

## Clinton broke away in the

Clinton broke wiway in period with a $\% 1$ point outburst after leading only 18-16 after one period of play The Tigers continued to roll in the third stanza, building up a 60-43 lead.

Ronnie Marks of Besse was the game's high scorer with 34 points, 20 of them coming from the foul line as he hit on 20 of 27

## Dick Proctor was high for the

 wniners with 26 points whileteammate John McKenney had 14 and Norris Braley had 15 . In a preliminary contest, the Clinton Grammar School defeat-
ed the Fairfield Grammar
$41-31$. Clinton (69) Goals Fouls Pts.

## Proctor, rf McKenney, if

## Weymouth

## Watson

## Watson Braley,

## Goodwin, 1

## Hanscom

21-point first period but had to Horse (61) Goals Fouls to prescrve the victory. Brown. If Brooks was in front 21-8 after Smith the first period but Besse rallied Hood. to cut the bulge to $33-26$ at half- Ryan, rg time. The Morse five spurted Shute. Ig again the third frame to take a Totals 48-37 lead but again had to hold Besse (55) off a Besse rally in the final R. Marks,
$\qquad$ Wayne (Robin) Hood paced the Drake winning attack with 27 points Wiggin while Shute followed with 11 . R. Marks, rg Ronnic Marks, in contention Dow, ig for the Central Maine Class S D. Hodges scoring tulle, added to his chances T. Hoodges with a 34 -point performance for Totals

## Besse Stops Unity $38-35$, Second Wir

UNITY, Dec. 3-Besse High of Albion scored its ond straight Waldo County League victory, downing U High 38-35 in a sizzler here tonight.<br>$\qquad$ two-point edge after one peri- Diana Harris tallied 30 point od of play but fell behind<br>In the third frame. the Owls came from behind to take a 31 wheh they today and Besse also faces terport Friday in its next

## Basketball



Standing, left to right: C. Quimby, K. Marks, M. Mason, D. Hodges, R. Meader, C. Brann, G. Wiggin, G. Green, H. Robinson, E. Drake, R. Marks, S. So v, T. Hodges. Kneeling: Mr. Audet, Coach; M. Rowe.

Besse had a winning season this year with an eleven and five record in the Waldo County League. Becuase of the good record, our team tied for seconr. place with Winterport.

Ronald Marks was high scorer in Class " S " school in central Maine with a 21.8 average for 18 games.

Listed below are the scores for the 1957-58 season:

| Stockton | 37 | Besse | 40 | Unity | 45 | Besse | 35 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Stockton | 46 | Besse | 42 | Monrow | 40 | Besse | 58 |
| Liberty | 87 | Besse | 58 | Monroe | 40 | Besse | 55 |
| Liberty | 32 | Besse | 73 | Searsport | 48 | Besse | 49 |
| Freedom | 55 | Besse | 57 | Searsport | 36 | Besse | 47 |
| Freedom | 38 | Besse | 45 | Winterport | 60 | Besse | 62 |
| Brooks | 49 | Besse | 34 | Winterport | 39 | Besse | 38 |
| Brooks | 61 | Besse | 55 | Clinton | 69 | Besse | 51 |
| Unity | 35 | Besse | 38 | Clinton | 59 | Besse | 43 |

INDIVIDUAL SCORES

| Ronald Marks | 392 | David Hodges | 101 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| George Wiggin | 138 | Horace Robinson | 67 |
| Everett Drake | 105 | Scott Dow | 55 |
|  | Rest |  | 51 |

## Vunior High Basketball



Kneeling, left to right: K. Overlock, W. Marks, J. Rowe, C. Marks, P. Dow. Second row: G. Overlock, R. Hodges, K. Hodges, A. McWilliams, L. Dow, Mr. Walden, Coach; D. Littlefield, L. Clark, D. Littlefield, S. Rackleff, L. Ward, D. Blake, Manager.

JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS


Our record this year was not very good, but we had fun playing. Mr. Walden was our coach.

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

Our cheerleaders are, left to right: B. Bradstreet, F. Edgerly, L. Jones, M. E. Perkins, P. Hayward. Kneeling in front are: J. Scribner and D. Stuart.



Typing class at work


Chemistry class at work


Monitors in hallways

Practicing basketball





## Prize Speaking



The Junior Prize Speaking of 1957 was held at the Albion Grange Hall in the spring. The four members of the junior class took part. Their names and selections were:
EVERETT DRAKE
BETTY FLETCHER
RONALD MARKS
ALICE MCKIEL

Alice McKiel won first place in the girls' division and Everett Drake was first in the boys' division. At the regional contest between Albion, Unity, Brooks, and Freedon held at Brooks, Alice McKiel won first in the girls' division and Everett Drake was second in the boys' division.

## Band



Seated, left to right: J. Rowe, M. Wriglesworth, L. Jones, J. Cole, T. Cole. Standing:
R. Hodges, D. Littlefield, H. Robinson, C. Brann, L. Clark, T. Hodges, L. Dow.


Seniors


EVERETT


BETTY


RONALD

| CLASS OF '57 | MARRIED TO |
| :--- | :--- |
|  |  |
| Mayo Cookson | Edith Overlock |
| Nancy Fletcher |  |
| Ronald Lee |  |
| Judith Meader |  |
| Menetta Meader |  |
| Walter Robbins |  |
| Barbara Rowe |  |
| Maxine Rowe |  |
| Gloria Shores |  |
| Johr Sylvester |  |
| Eric Wiggin |  |
| CLASS OF '56 |  |
| Shirley Barton |  |
| Dorothy Bastarache |  |
| Audrey Drake |  |
| Carolyn Fowler |  |
| Maxine Harding |  |
| Russell Hayward |  |
| Robert Littlefield |  |
| Ronald Littleneld |  |
| Raymond Marks |  |
| Clayton Mason |  |
| Gerald Mason |  |
| Charles Spearrin |  |


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|  | Albion | Chicken plant, Winslow |
|  | Albion | Home |
|  | Albion | Secretary, Keyes Fibre |
|  | Albion | Secretary, Keyes Fibre |
|  | Albion | Laboratory Tech. |
|  | Massachusetts | Mill Worker |
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|  | Farmington | Teachers' College |
| Georgia | Army |  |
|  | Albion | Farming |
| Oklahoma | Air Force |  |
|  |  |  |

## Alumni

| CLASS OF '55 | MARRIED TO | CHILDREN | WHERE | OCCUPATION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Floyd Blaisdell | Marie Cross | Joyce | Albion | Farming |
| Laurá Brockway | Arthur Rood | Arthur Jr. | Albion | Housewife |
| Gladys Brown | Richard MacDonald | Irlene | Limestone | Housewife |
| Leon Fowler |  |  | Albion | Farming |
| Kelvin Higgins |  |  | Albion | Farwell's Unity |
| Milton Higgins | Patricia Harding | Susan, Sandra | Albion | Broilers |
| Karl Keay |  |  | Maryland | U. S. Navy Academy |
| Roger Lawrence |  |  | Japan | Air Force |
| Richard MacDonald | Gladys Brown | Irlene | Limestone | Air Force |
| Harvey Quimby |  |  | Farmington | Newberry's Store |
| Rodney Reynolds |  |  | California | Bank |
| Arthur Rood | Laura Brockway | Arthur Jr. | Albion | Mill Work |
| Herbert Shores |  |  | Albion | Farming |
| Sherrill Spiller | Charles Wall |  | Puerto Rico | Housewife |
| CLASS OF '54 |  |  |  |  |
| Arthur Blaisdell | Carolyn Fowler |  | Albion | Keyes Fibre |
| Ralph Fuller | Viola Russell | Rocky | South China | Carpenter |
| W alter Gordon |  |  | California | Labor |
| Carroll Harding Jr. |  |  | Albion | Wyman Construction |
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| Lloyd Pottle |  |  | Augusta | State Hospital |
| Charles Scribner | Inez Chalker |  | Albion | Thomas Business College |
| Thelma Woodbury | Douglas Shores |  | Benton | Housewife |
| CLASS OF '53 |  |  |  |  |
| Nancy Blancnard | Wesley Drake | Timothy, Andrew | California | Housewife |
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| Kenneth Gould | Priscilla Harding | Drucilla, Dwight | California | Mill Worker |
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