

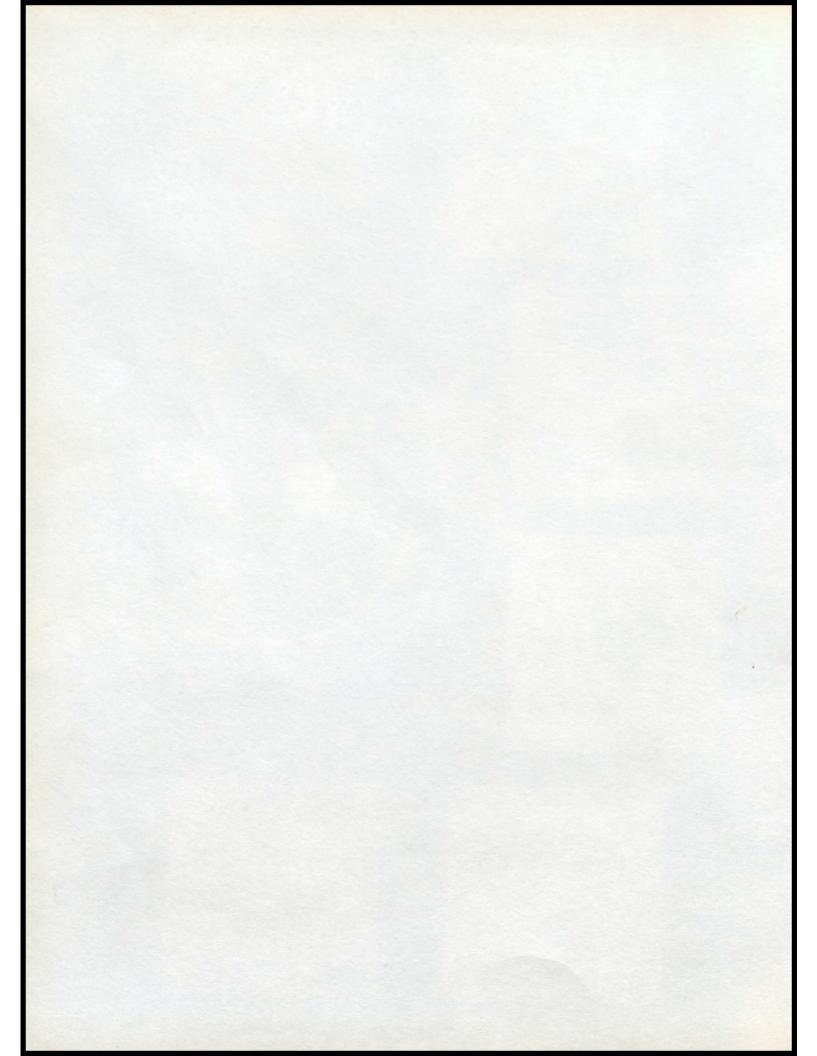
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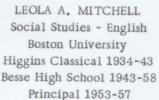
To you, we dedicate this book. Your sincere friendliness, your loyalty to our school, and your kindness have been an inspiration to us all. We honor you as a teacher, coach and friend and to you, we dedicate with deep appreciation and respect, our yearbook, the Besse Breeze.



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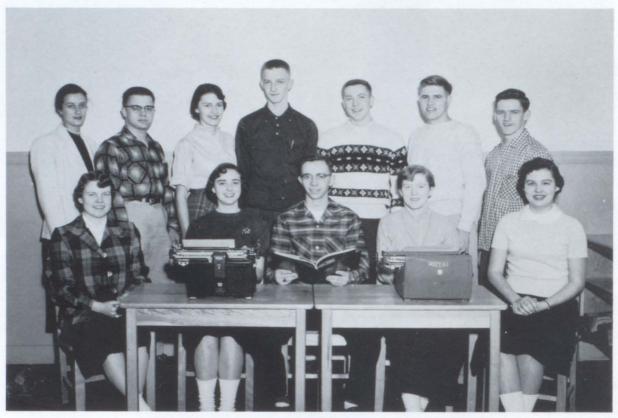
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Terry Hodges 1 Raymond Pottle 1

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Everett Drake

1957 AWARDS

Mary Fuller

Scholarship Science Social Studies Mathematics English French Activities Public Speaking Citizenship Commercial Award Music Award Reader's Digest Award DAR Award Candidate to Boys' State Danforth Award Curtis Circulation Co.

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seniors

Seniors

CLASS ROLL

Everett Drake Betty Fletcher Ronald Marks Alice McKiel

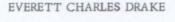
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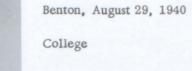
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CLASS MARSHAL Scott I	
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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Senior Assembly	June 6, 1958
Baccalaureate	June 8, 1958
Last Chapel	June 9, 1958
Graduation	June 13, 1958







"Ducky"

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-in-Chief 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.



RONALD PAUL MARKS

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.



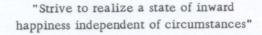
ALICE IRENE McKIEL

Albion, April 8, 1940

"Alice"

College

VALEDICTORY PROPHECY



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.

Senior 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 half-day 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.



Seniors



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



juniors

Juniors



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 begin	ning of the year the Junior Class elected the following officers:
Presid	ent SCOTT DOW
	President CARLETON BRANN
Secre	tary NANCY DAY
Treas	urer DOROTHY POTTLE
Class	Reporter CHRISTINE RACKLEFF

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.



sophomores

Sophomore 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:

President JEAN LITTLEFIELI	D
Vice President HILDA ROBBIN	
Secretary MARIE ALEXANDE	R
Treasurer ELISABETH KEAN	Y
Reporter NANCY ROW	E
Advisor MR IOHNSON	N

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

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			- '	TE	RR	Y	H	OD	GE	S
Vice Presi	id	en	t	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	M	A	RY	R	DW	E
Secretary																														
Treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	C	A	RR	O	LL	Q	UII	MB	Y
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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.

junior high

Junior High



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.

At the first meeting of Student Council the following officers were elected:
President RONALD MARKS
Vice President SCOTT DOW
Secretary ALICE McKIEL
Treasurer EVERETT DRAKE
Bookkeeper CHRISTINE RACKLEFF
Reporters JEAN LITTLEFIELD
ELISABETH KEAY
Advisor MR. ERNEST JOHNSON

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 Club



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:

President			DOROTHY POTTLE
Vice President			- LORRAINE TRULL
Second Vice Presid	ent		MARILYN FITCH
Treasurer			LYNDA WILLETTE
Secretary		1	MARILYN EMERSON
Advisor			- MISS McGOWAN

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 - - - - - - - - - EVERETT DRAKE

Vice President - - - - - - - - - - - - RONALD MARKS

Secretary - - - - - - - - - - - - ALICE McKIEL

A movie was shown about trees which was interesting.





The Big 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 If

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. Waldon bought himself a good car Ronald Marks wasn't the best athlete Besse 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. Audet 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.

Alice McKiel '58

Can We Preserve Our Democracy

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 demogracy 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?

Marie Alexander '60

70 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

Some 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
Nickie Young
Everett Drake
Juniors
Seniors
Typing Students

NAME	NICKNAME	EXPECTED TO BE	CAUSE OF DEATH
Alice McKiel	Нірру	Teacher	Dreaming
Ronald Marks	Ronnie	Coach	Girls
Betty Fletcher	Skip	Secretary	Baby Sitting
Everett Drake	Ducky	Engineer	Arguing
Christine	Rat	Teacher	Patience
Mary Fuller	Bruiser	Gossip Columnist	Boys
Carleton Brann	Brandy	Scientist	Trip to Moon
Dorothy Pottle	Dot	Secretary	Waiting
Scott Dow	Scottie	Farmer	Parking
Jean Littlefield	Jeanie	Milkdriver's Wife	Lifting Milk Cans
Marilyn Emerson	Pudgy	Housewife	Farm Work
Elisabeth Keay	Liz	Lady Wrestler	Staying Home
Raymond Meader	Ray	Helldriver	Patty
Enoch Young	Nickie	Pilot	Ford Car
Joy Waddell	Kip	Housewife	Kelvin
Ronald Hayward	Ron	Farmer	Brookside Grill
David Hodges	Dave	On Time	French Class
Gary Green	Stomper	Speedster	Big Feet
Kenneth Marks	Ken	Husband	Chasing Girls
Horace Robinson	Robbie	Loafing	Working
George Wiggin	Wig	Minister	Speeding
Ronald Young	Ronnie	Farmer	Drug Store
Dennis Littlefield	Den	Clown	Low Doorway
Dwight Littlefield	Dwight	Trumpet Player	Puckered Mouth
Mr. Walden	Jack	Married	New York
Miss Roberts	Robbie	Colby's Dean	Colby College

Jokes

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?"

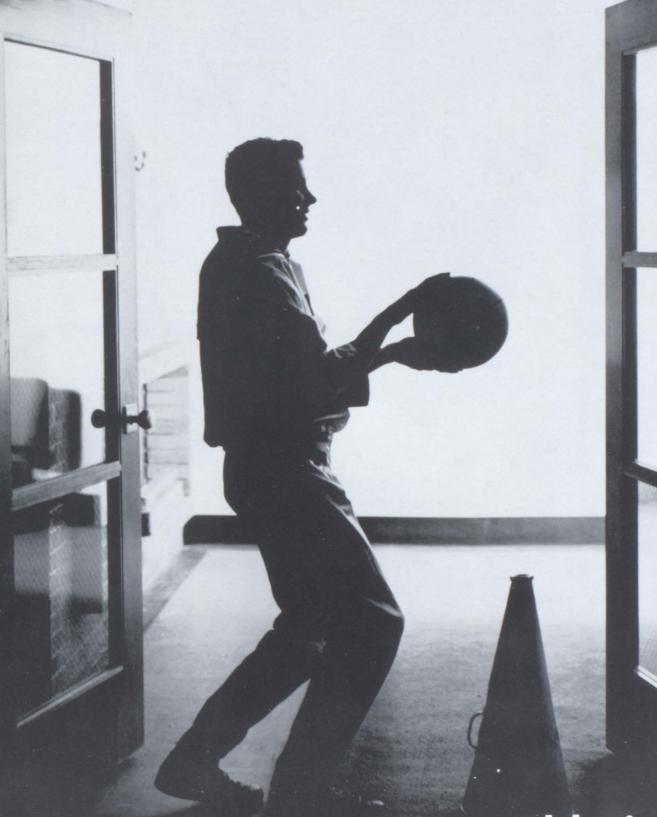
Mother: "Never mind the husband, just look for a handsome, young, single man."

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."

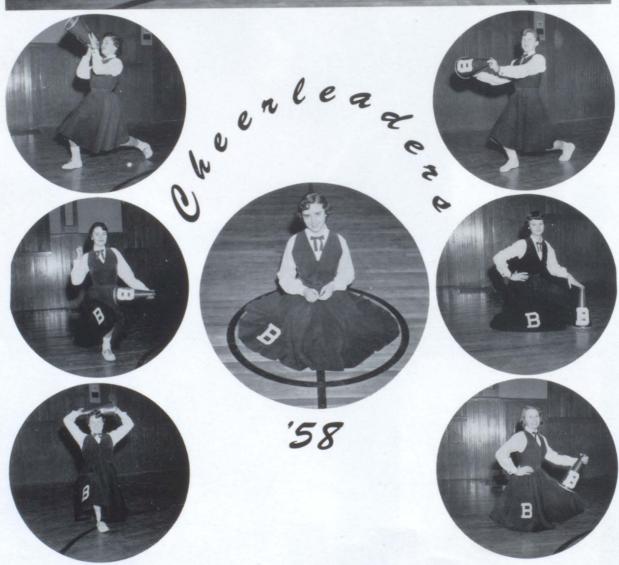
Hoping to get a rise out of Nickie working in the field by the road, Mr. Audet called: "Hey, did you see a truckload of monkeys go by here?"
"No," replied Nickie, "did you fall off?"

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."



athletics





Girls' Basketball



Standing, left to right: B. Fish, M. Rowe, N. Rowe, W. Meader, H. Robbins, J. Little-field, 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.

OUR CPATAINS



on i	for all the time ar	nd work he	e has spent with us.	
*	Besse	31	Monroe	34
	Besse	57	Unity	60
*	Besse	88	Stockton Springs	49
*	Besse	37	Freedon	58
	Besse	63	Winterport	55
	Besse	54	Brooks	58
	Besse	43	Searsport	65
*	Besse	35	Unity	51
*	Besse	61	Winterport	43
	Besse	78	Stockton Springs	42
	Besse	53	Freedon	55
	Besse	66	Liberty	49
*	Besse	48	Brooks	44
	Besse	73	Monroe	69
*	Besse	48	Searsport	65
*	Besse	76	Liberty	49
*	Besse	42	Clinton	30
	* denotes home	games		

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:

·I	and losting the second.	THE SCORES OF	Circ Builde Heart III	
	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 Besse Snaps Long Streak Vin Over Liberty, 87-52 By Searsport In League

igh rolled up its highest point rty wit 18 points. al of the season with an 87. The Besse girls defeated the win over Liberty here to- Liberty girls 87-52 in the opener. tal of the season with an 87-

Ronnie Marks, who is second to pace the winning attack San-mong Central Maine Class S dra Rhodes was high for Liberty corers, added to his seasonal with 28. with a 25-point performnce for Besse.

The Owls rolled up a 21-7 first riod and Coach Jerry Audet egan to send his reserves with 1 13 players entering the scorng column before the shooting

Following Marks in the scorig for Besse were Everett rake, George Wiggin and Terry were Everett odges, all with 10 points.

Jean Littlefield scored 34 points

WICH LO.		2000	7000 10
Besse (87)	Fg	F	Pts
Drake, lf	5	0	10
Meader	1	0	2
Robinson	3	0	6
Hodge, rf	0	5	5
Mason	1	1	3
R. Marks, rg	12	1	25
Green	1	0	2
T. Hodges	3	2	10
K. Marks, lg	3	0	6
Dow	1	2	4
Quimby	1	0	2
Total	38	11	87
Walker (52)	Fg	F	Pts
Stan Jewett, If	8	3	18
Harriman	0	0	0

Davidson, rf

High of Albion came from be- ster tied it again with a pair of Robinson, If hind with a 24-point final period foul tosses for Searsport, to edge previously unbeaten to edge previously unbeaten bearsport 49-48 in a spine-ting topped in a rebound to give Besse topped in a rebound

game conference winning streak for the Searsport five and handed and running out the clock. 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 Brooks.

Trailing by eight points, 33-25, going into the final period, Ronnie Marks and Everett Drake sparked a Besse comeback that Besse girls 65-43 in the opener. finally knotted the count at 45-

DRAKE'S SET shot put Besse

SEARSPORT, Jan. 3-Besse in front by two but John Wel- Besse (49)

throws for Searsport and made THE DEFEAT snapped a 24- the first but missed the second with Besse taking the rebound

> Marks had 10 of 12 from the foul line plus two buckets for 14 Curtis, rf points in the final eight minutes while Drake had five buckets for 10 points in the final frame.

Marks led all scorers with a Andrews, lg 31-point performance for the Total game. Drake had 12, John Len-Score by Periods fest had 21 for Searsport. Besse 10

The Searsport girls downed the Searsport

Goals Fouls 1 D. Hodges, rf Wiggin, c Drake Dow, rg R. Marks, lg Total Searsport Goals Fouls Staples, If Day J. Lenfest, c Webster, rg K. Curtis 19 10 6 12 15 15-Referees: Dalton, Mathieu.

Brooks In 61-55 Win Over Besse

Besse In 45-38 Over Freedom Club

FREEDOM, Jan. 21-Besse High of Albion snapped a fourame losing streak by downing reedom 45-38 in a Waldo County eague contest here tonight.

Besse took an early lead and eld its advantage all the way vith period advantages of 8-5, 20-3, and 33-23.

The win kept Besse's dimming itle hopes alive as the Owls still have an opportunity to tie Brooks or the league crown.

George Wiggin paced the winning 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 55-3. Marlene Huard was tops for he winners with 30 points while Alice McKiel had 27 for Besse.

Besse (45)	Goals	Fouls	Pts
Robinson, lf	0	1	
Mason	0	0	1
Drake, rf	2	2	-
Brann	0	0	
Wiggin, c	5	7	1
Marks.	0	0	
Dow, rg	0	0	- 0
Hodges	3	0	
Marks, lg	4	7	1
Hodges	0	0	
Total	14	17	4
Freedom (38)	Goals	Fouls	Pts
Doughty, lf	1	2	
Raven	0	0	
Ingraham, rf	3	0	

	Total	14	17	4
	Freedom (38)	Goals	Fouls	Pts
	Doughty, lf	1	2	-
	Raven	0	0	1
	Ingraham, rf	3	0	
	Allen, c	2	3	
	McKenney, rg	5	3	1
	Kelles	0	0	
	Downes, lg	2	4	
	Total	13	12	3
	Besse 8	12	13 12	-4
	Freedom 5	8	10 15	-3
	Referces: Dat	sis, Re	eed.	
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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 club.

Clinton broke away in the second period with a '1-point outburst after leading only 18-16 3 after one period of play The Ti-0 gers continued to roll in the third 8 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 free throws.

Dick Proctor was high for the wniners with 26 points while teammate John McKenney had 14 and Norris Braley had 15.

In a preliminary contest, the Clinton Grammar School defeated the Fairfield Grammar 41-31. Goals Fouls Pts

Clinton (69)		Cours	Lonis	
Proctor, rf		12	2	26
McKenney, lf		6	2	14
Weymouth		0	0	0
Fuller, c		3	2	8
Watson		2	0	4
Braley, rg		7	1	15
Goodwin, lf		1	0	2
Hanscom		0	0	0
Totals		31	7	69
Besse (51)		Goals	Foul	s Pt
Robinson, rf		0	1	1
Drake, If		2	0	4
Green		0	0	0
Wiggin, c		0	6	(
D. Hodges, rg		1	0	2
Dow		2	0	4
R. Marks, lg		7	20	34
T. Hodges		0	0	(
Totals		12	27	5
Clinton	18	21	21	9-6
Besse	16	13	14	8

Victory Over Besse a 21-point first period but had to stave off a last ditch Besse rally

to preserve the victory Brooks was in front 21-8 after the first period but Besse rallied to cut the bulge to 33-26 at half The Morse five spurted time. again the third frame to take a 48-37 lead but again had to hold off a Besse rally in the fina period.

Wayne (Robin) Hood paced the winning attack with 27 points while Shute followed with 11.

Ronnie Marks, in contention for the Central Maine Class S scoring title, added to his chance with a 34-point performance for

Clinton Rides To 69-51 lorse High of Brooks clinched County League title with a 61might.

> the by a 48-44. Jean Littlei ity paced the winners with 27 pe vhile Marilyn Welch had 26

0	Morse (61)		Goals	Fouls
y	Brown, If		4	1
	Shorey, rf		3	6
Γ	Smith		3	2
d			13	1
-	Ryan, rg		0	0
d	Shute, lg		5	1
a	Totals		28	5
d	Besse (55)		Goals	Fouls
1	R. Marks, If		0	0
	Robinson, rf		1	0
е	Drake		3	3
S	Wiggin, c		2	2
	R. Marks, rg		15	+
n	Dow, lg		0	0
	D. Hodges		2	0
	T. Hoodges		0	0
	Totals		23	9
	Morse	21	12	15 13
		-		

Besse Wins Third Straight WCL

ALBION, Dec. 11-Besse High rolled to its third straight Waldo County League victory, downing Stockton 40-37 here last night.

Leading 37-27 going into the inal period, the Owls cooled off 9, 25-19, and 37-27. and Stockton came back strong points at the finish.

WCL Brooks and Searsport

Ronnie Marks one of the top scorers in Central Maine Class ranks, kept his hot streak gong by pouring in 17 points to ace the winning attack.

Larry Libby hooped 17 and Harold Seekins scored 16 for the Stockton five.

Besse held period leads of 11-

In the preliminary contest, the o close the margin to three Besse girls walloped the Stockton girls 88-43. Alice McKiel was The victory kept the Owls in high scorer with 47 points for deadlock for first place in the Besse.

Besse (40)	Goals	Fouls	Pts.
Dow, If	1	0	2
Marks, rf	7	3	17
Wiggin, c	4	1	9
Hodges, rg	4	1	9
Prake, lg	1	1	3
Totals	17	6	40
	(0.8)		

Stockton	Springs	(37)		
		Goals	Fouls	Pts.
Johnson,	1f	1	0	2
Warner.	rf	0	0	0
Libby, c		8	1	17
Bennett,		1	0	2
Seekins,		7	2	16
Totals	-	17	3	37

Score by periods: 11 14 12 3-40

Besse Stops Unity 38-35, Second Wi

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.

Coach Jerry Audet's Owls took scored 42 points for Besse a two-point edge after one peri- Diana Harris tallied 30 points od of play but fell behind 18-17 Unity. at halftime.

In the third frame, the Owls next league test a week came from behind to take a 31- today and Besse also faces 30 three-quarter lead which they terport Friday in its next le held the rest of the way.

Unity went all the way with Unity (35 five men while Besse used one substitute during the torrid contest.

George Wiggin and Ronnie Marks paced the Besse victory with 27 points between them. Wiggin, 6-2 center, pushed in 14 points while Marks, 5-8 guard, tallied 13 points.

Unity, which walloped Liberty in its opener and has since dropped a close decision to Brooks, was paced by Lee Getch- Hodges, rg ell who dunked 12 points. Brian Marks, lg Mishou had 10 markers. contest, Besse In the preliminary

Total

Unity faces Winterport i

Myrick, lf Mitchell, rf Getchell, c Mishou, rg Daigle, lg Total Fg Besse (38) Robinson, 1f Drake, rf Dow, rf Wiggin, c

6

13

18

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. Sow, 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 second 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
T.	Oost	51	

Junior 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.

activities



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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	The Button
BETTY FLETCHER	The Least of These
RONALD MARKS	The Torch
ALICE McKIEL	Alameda

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





ALICE

RONALD

Alumni

CLASS OF '57	MARRIED TO	CHILDREN	WHERE	OCCUPATION
Mayo Cookson	Edith Overlock	Mayo Jr.	Albion	Farming
Nancy Fletcher			Waterville	Lincoln's Store
Ronald Lee			Albion	Working for Lee Bros.
Judith Meader			Albion	Keyes Fibre
Menetta Meader			Albion	Sears, Roebuck and Co.
Walter Robbins			Albion	Farming
Barbara Rowe			Albion	Chicken plant, Winslow
Maxine Rowe			Albion	Home
Gloria Shores			Albion	Chicken plant, Winslow
John Sylvester			Albion	Yeaton's Garage
Eric Wiggin			New Brunswick	Bible Institute
CLASS OF '56				
Shirley Barton			Albion	Chicken plant, Winslow
Dorothy Bastarache			Albion	Home
Audrey Drake			Albion	Secretary, Keyes Fibre
Carolyn Fowler	Arthur Blaisdell		Albion	Secretary, Keyes Fibre
Maxine Harding			Albion	Laboratory Tech.
Russell Hayward			Massachusetts	Mill Worker
Robert Littlefield			Albion	Colby College
Ronald Littletield			Albion	Colby College
Raymond Marks			Farmington	Teachers' College
Clayton Mason			Georgia	Army
Gerald Mason			Albion	Farming
Charles Spearrin			Oklahoma	Air Force

Alumni

CLASS OF '55	MARRIED TO	CHILDREN	WHERE	OCCUPATION
Floyd Blaisdell	Marie Cross	Joyce	Albion	Farming
Laura Brockway	Arthur Rood	Arthur Ir.	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	0		Maryland	U. S. Navy Academy
Roger Lawrence			Japan	Air Force
Richard MacDonald	Gladys Brown	Irlene	Limestone	Air Fórce
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
Walter Gordon			California	Labor
Carroll Harding Jr.			Albion	Wyman Construction
Faith Hendsbee			Waterville	Sisters' Hospital
Barbara Knight			Albion	J. E. McCormick & Son
Ralph Meader	Mildred Bickford		Fairfield	Wirthmore Feeds
Mary Lyn Nelson			Albion	Home
Lloyd Pottle			Augusta	State Hospital
Charles Scribner	Inez Chalker		Albion	Thomas Business College
Thelma Woodbury	Douglas Shores		Benton	Housewife
CLASS OF '53				
Nancy Blanchard	Wesley Drake	Timothy, Andrew	California	Housewife
Virgil Coffin	Shirley Lowell	Bruce	Farmingdale	Auto Supply Store
Wesley Drake	Nancy Blanchard	Timothy, Andrew	California	Mechanic
Kenneth Gould	Priscilla Harding	Drucilla, Dwight	California	Mill Worker
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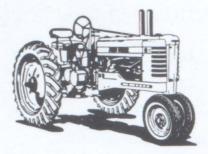
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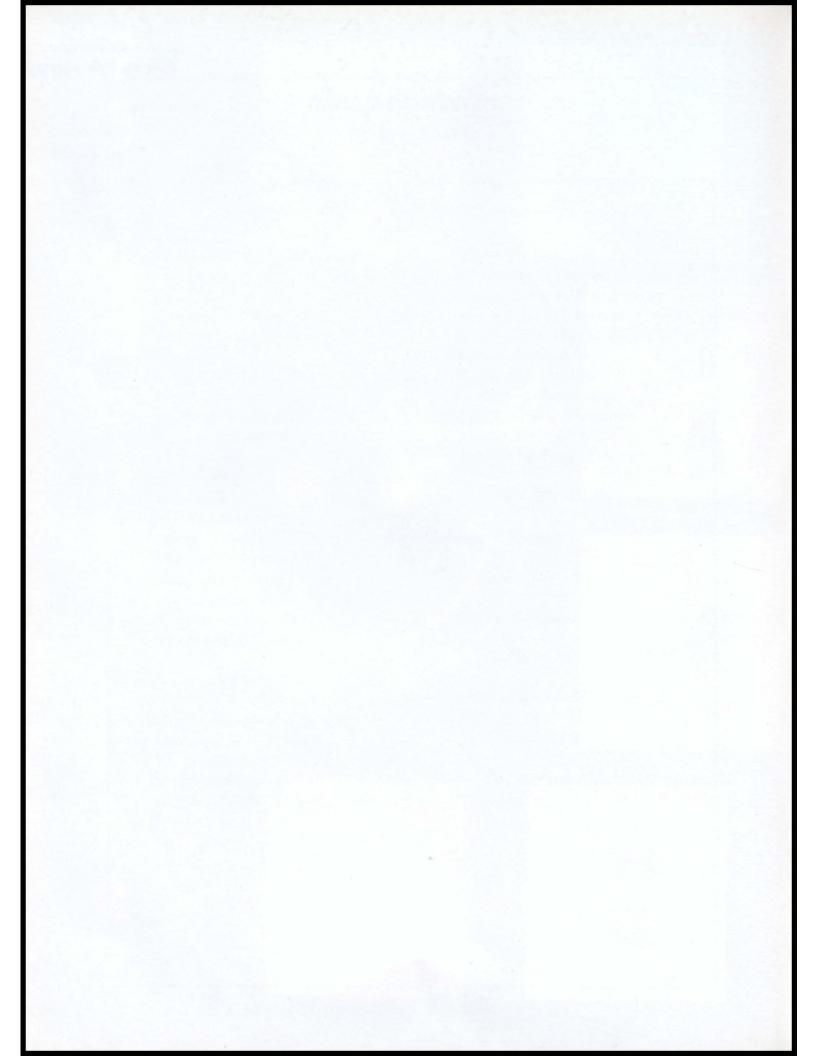
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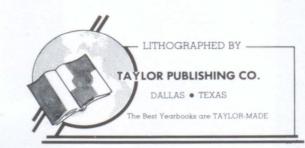
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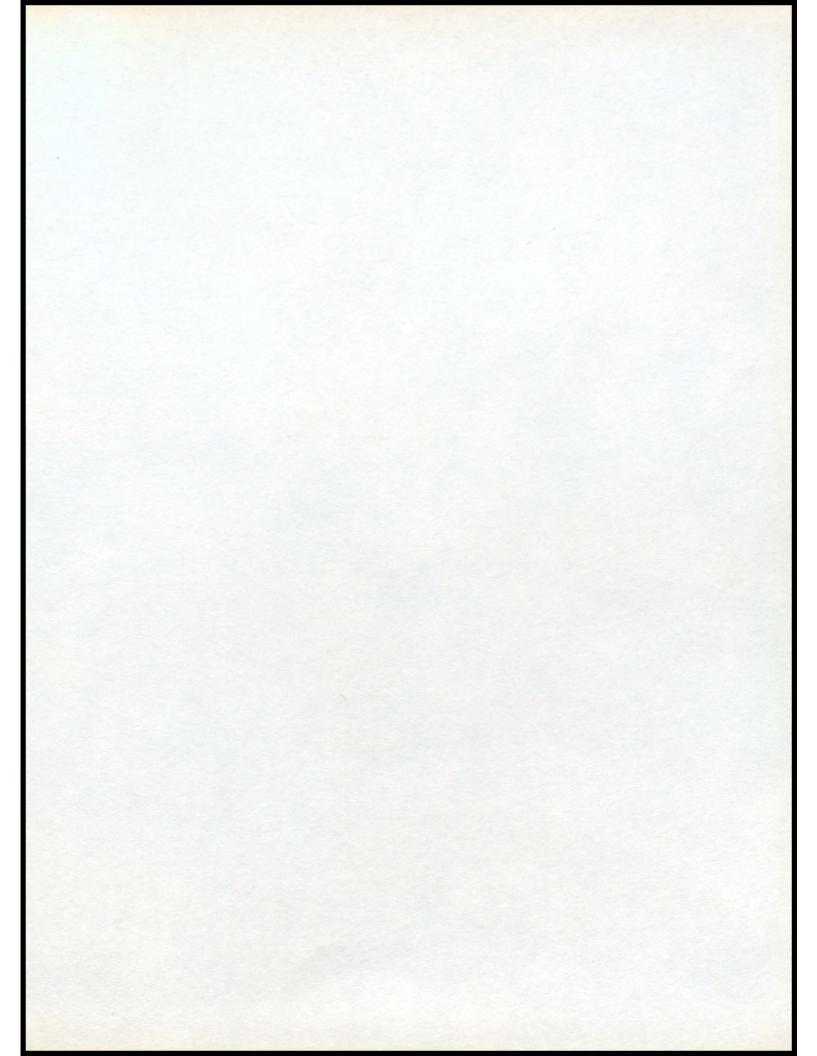
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