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DEDICATION



Mrs. Dorothy Sortore

We, the Reflector Staff, sincerely dedicate this 1955 Reflector Annual to Mrs. Dorothy Sortore with gratitude and appreciation for outstanding service as a teacher and as advisor to the Reflector.

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Looking Back

As the Senior Class of '55 looks back on its twelve years in Belmont Central School, our four exciting years in high school stand out most vividly.

When we entered high school in 1951 "fresh" out of eighth grade we were excited with the idea of being in high school because it was supposed to mean that we were almost grown up, but the upper classmen wouldn't let us forget who we were the freshmen during the traditional initiation week.

With one year's experience behind us we became Sophomores with our inflated ego. After the tremendous success of the Sophomore-Freshman Assembly we realized that nothing could stop us and quietly awaited

our Junior year with the idea of showing the school just how good the Juniors were.

As we entered into our Junior year, we became so absorbed with our preparation for the Junior Square dance, Play and Prom that we soon forgot our important position and got down to work raising money for the Senior Trip, but as Juniors we could hardly wait for our ascension into the exalted position of Seniors.

As we entered into our Senior year with our self-assurance and ego once more restored to us, we now were in command of the situation and could take care of everything which crossed our path or so thought some of the Senior boys on the Washington Trip when catching sight of some Southern boys. As

Seniors we started to raise money, by holding Square dances, putting on the Senior Play, selling magazines and presenting our Senior Ball, but not with as much enthusiasm as we had had in our Junior year. Now as we look back on our four years of high school the seniors are filled with gladness—because of the fun we have had; with remorse—because we are now leaving four of the happiest years of our lives, and with hope—because the future looks bright to us and we aim to become useful citizens of our village and country. Our school days will soon be part of the past. TOM KYLE

Facing the Future

As each day brings the Seniors closer to the day of graduation, one hears a lot of discussion of what the future has in store. What does the future hold for us?

Most of us have realized, after spending twelve long years in school, the value of an education, and why we had to read this and study that. When diplomas are given to not only us, but to thousands of other youths in our vast country, there stands behind this diploma, an invitation from our nation to make use of its many opportunities and vast wealth. With our high school education behind us, we are expected to become worthwhile to the community and to our country.

We, in this country, realize the great privilege of free education, of being able to think and do things for ourselves. It is up to us to help guard these privileges and many others so that generations coming may have the same or better opportunities than we have had. Each one of us is to play a very important part — that of becoming a helpful citizen in our Democracy.

Several of us are planning to attend colleges and universities; some of the boys are joining the Armed Services and others getting jobs and going directly to work. We'll all be going separate ways now, but we're all glad we were able to attend Belmont Central School.

We'd all like to thank the faculty for having so much patience with us and for helping to guide us through some of our most important years. Now the class of 1955 takes its place among the alumni, bidding farewell to teachers and students.

AUDREY JACOBS

SENIOR LINE-UP

Seniors	Wants to Be	Should Be	Probably Will Be
Dale Benjamin	A Beef Farmer	Tree Planter	A Soldier
Bruce Caldwell	A General	Cannon Shooter at Gettysburg	Checker Pro
Shirley Clark	Model	Nurse	Wife
Bethel Cline	Secretary	Policeman's Wife	Taxi Driver in Washington D. C.
Wesley Cline	A Millionaire	A Driver-Training Teacher	Hobo With a Hot-Rod
Leland Converse	A Missionary	Poet	Army Man
Robert Dickens	A Ditch Digger	A Gold Digger	A Ditch Digger
James Gilliland	A Coach	A Bachelor	Auto Dealer
Janet Horn	Designer	Comedian	Waitress at Garvin's
Audrey Jacobs	Medical Secretary	Orchestra Leader	Wife
Eugene Johannes	Veterinarian	Principal of High School	Psychiatrist
Raymond Keenan	Steam-Fitter	Curator of Congressional Library	Bill Cullen's Standin
Thomas Kyle	Famous Director	Policeman	Proprietor of Sun-Bathing Camp
Terry Monroe	A Goat Farmer	A Goat Farmer	A Goat Farmer
Milford Matteson	Architectural Drafter	An Artist	A Bachelor
Richard Matteson	Chef	Waiter	Dish Washer
Carl Peterson	Design Engineer	Football Player	Car Washer
Michael Rems	An Actor (he loves ham)	Host of Hot Shoppe	Auto Dealer
David Ryan	Salesman	Typist	Waiter
Wayne Shawl	A Wrestler	Sailor	Store Clerk
Gary Tucker	Lawyer	Bell Hop	Commentator for Stein's
Diana Van Dyke	Secretary	English Teacher	Married
Leonard Watson	Rancher	Farmer	Dude
Gene Whitaker	A Bum	A Dairy Farmer	A Hermit

JUNIOR CLASS



Front Row: Mr. Howbridge, Advisor; Philip Walldorff, Harry Hale, Jr., Julianne Johnston, Marjorie Bassett, Donna Dickens, Joyce Clark, Kay Saunders, Judi Farwell, Jerry Jordan, Robert Rulison, Mr. Crowther, Advisor.

Second Row: Ralph Blackman, Eugene Gleason, Richard Shelley, Beverly Harvey, Bernita Benjamin, Marilyn Lewis, Philip Sortore, Lester Veley, Joe Kenyon.

Back Row: Jack Wallace, Ronald Baker, Marcia Frick, Shirley Baker, Mary Stedman, Patricia Knox, Beverly Bliven, Thomas Brown, Arthur Brooks.

In leaving we want to express our gratitude to the Faculty and the Student Body for making this the year it has been. We hope next year's Senior Class will have the co-operation of the townspeople that we have had and that their Senior year will be as eventful and as unforgettable as ours has been.

Let Us Admit It

Let us admit it fairly as high school Seniors should:

We've had no end of lessons, and they've done us no end of good.

We entered as timid Freshmen, we leave as graduates bold,

And we find it hard to realize the knowledge our young heads hold.

We've had our foolish notions knocked higher than Franklin's kite.

Our minds have been made over, and we know it served us right.

We've spent four years in labor hard to prove the fact once more

That life is quite confused, and two and two are seldom four.

We're crammed to the brim with learning, and now we must turn it to use,

And if one of us is a failure, he hasn't a single excuse.

The more we work and the less we talk the better results we shall get,

For we've had four years of training; it may make us successes yet.

Let us admit it fairly as high school Seniors should:

We're proud of Belmont High School; it's done us a lot of good.

* Popular Commencement Book by Preston

Junior Activities For 1954-55

The Junior Class, as a whole, has accomplished many things.

At our first class meeting in September, the following officers were elected:

President - Art Brooks
Vice-president - Beverly Harvey
Treasurer - Mary Stedman
Secretary - Marcia Frick

Also, at that meeting Joyce Clark, and Dick Shelley were elected as the Junior representatives to the Student Council. Then, too, the

amount of dues to be paid for this year by each Junior is five dollars.

During the basketball season several Junior boys played on the team. They were: varsity, Jerry Jordan, Phil Sortore, Ralph Blackman, and for the junior varsity, Dick Shelley, Art Brooks, and Phil Walldorff.

Also during the basketball season some of the Junior girls were cheerleaders. They were: varsity, Marcia Frick, Donna Dickens, and Shirley Baker. For junior varsity, Beverly Harvey.

This Spring the Juniors sponsored a bake sale at Criss' Market where a profit of \$64.42 was added to the treasury.

On May 10, the Juniors put on a play, "The Feudin' Mountain Boys" for the P.T.A. The cast was made up of Freddie Frump-Jack Wallace, Corey Mae Frump-Marge Bassett, Maw Frump-Julie Johnston, Paw Frump-Phil Sortore, Grandmaw Frump-Marilyn Lewis, Pappy Katz-feller-Art Brooks, and Effie Katz-feller-Marcia Frick. The parts of the younguns were portrayed by varied members of the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior classes. The directors were Mr. Harold Crowther and Mr. Howard Howbridge; the prompters were Beverly Bliven and Beverly Harvey; the stage manager was Bob Rulison, and the make-up directors were Mrs. Jane Barnes and Pat Knox.

On May 20 the annual Junior Prom was held in the school auditorium. The music was furnished by the "Statesmen" from Alfred University. At eleven o'clock the King and Queen were crowned. They were Mary Stedman and Art Brooks. Congratulations! The Juniors cleared a profit of \$100 from the Prom, thanks to the townspeople and students.

All in all the Juniors have had a very successful year and hope the senior year will be as successful.

BEVERLY HARVEY

Junior Favorites Of Yesterday and Today

Marge Bassett - Out Behind the Barn
Shirley Baker - Sincerely
Bernita Benjamin-Shake, Rattle, and Roll

Beverly Bliven - My Secret Love
Donna Dickens - Lonesome Polecat

Judi Farewell - Dance With Me, Henry

Marcia Frick - Something's Gotta Give

Beverly Harvey - The Hot Rod Racer
Julie Johnston - Someday

Marilyn Lewis - Crazy 'Bout Ya Baby

Phil Sortore - Love Me or Leave Me
Dick Shelley - If I Had My Way

Joyce Clark - I Hear Dim Wedding Bells

Kay Saunders - The High and the Mighty

Mary Stedman - True

Pat Knox - Hold That Tiger

Bob Rulison - Racing With the Moon

Joe Kenyon - I'm a Big Boy Now

Ronnie Baker - The Fish

Les Veley - Davie Crockett

Art Brooks - I'm Sitting on Top of the World

Beagle Jordan - If I Had My Way

Harry Hale - I'm in the Jailhouse Now

Tom Brown - Beer Barrel Boogie

Ralph Blackman - Most of All

Eugene Gleason - Dragnet

Phil Walldorff - Down in Bermuda

Jack Wallace - It's a Woman's World

BEV HARVEY

Sophomore's Favorite Sayings

Skip Keenan - Ah, I don't strike out so much

Toby Tucker - Want to bet against the Yankees?

Sue Snyder - Oh——Jim

Dick Barnhart - Yeh, something like that

Karen Rems - I can't, I'm going skating

Barb Tronetti - Oh, Harve

Lois Baker - You simple beak

Don Perham - Cool Man; Beautiful

Sis Brown - You Slob

Barb Mitchell - Ya dirty Bird

Rod Haynes - What?

Maureen Monroe - Oh boy, there goes one "——"

Marie Blackman - Oh, I don't care

Louella Pingrey - Look, here comes the Air Force

Fred Francisco - Something ill done once is done twice.

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Report Card Day

So the long awaited day has finally arrived. Everyone is hopefully or hopelessly awaiting the verdict of this six weeks.

Some of the students will be watching, waiting and hoping that they have brought their marks up. Of course there are always the ones who don't care and so to them report card day or their marks mean nothing.

Always during the last week or so the students are as busy as bees trying to bring their marks up or get their work done.

Of course the most awaited report card is the final one. This report card is the deciding factor in finding out whether you pass or not. Usually this is the one the students really sweat over. The girls give up dates and the boys stop borrowing dad's car.

If the report card arrives stating you have passed, you have a great

feeling of relief and achievement. Good luck to everyone on your final report card. May it be the best one yet!

DONNA L. BUNNELL

Who's Who In The Senior Class

DALE BENJAMIN - wrestling, 1 year.

BRUCE CALDWELL - President of Senior Class; Student Council, 1 year; Member of Physics Club; Choir, 4 years; Manager of Soccer and Basketball, 1 year; Reflector staff, 2 years; Senior Play-Mr. Burkholder.

SHIRLEY CLARK - Choir 3 years; Reflector staff, 2 years; Student Council, 1 year; President of Future Nurses Club, 1 year; Junior play - Jennifer; Senior play - Mrs. Gunkel; Queen of Junior Prom.

BETHEL CLINE - Choir, 4 years; Senior play - prompter and Mrs. Blackie; Reflector staff, 1 year.

WESLEY CLINE (Wes) - Band, 4 years; soccer, 1 year; Basketball, 2 years; Reflector staff, 4 years; Stage manager for Junior and Senior play.

LELAND CONVERSE - Choir, 4 years; Reflector staff, 1 year; Junior play - Ghost.

ROBERT DICKENS (Bob) - Band, 4 years; Choir, 3 years; Soccer, 4 years; Basketball, 2 years; Baseball, 1 year; Badminton, 1 year.

JAMES GILLILAND (Jim) - President of Sophomore Class; Student Council 2 years; Member of French Club, 2 years; Choir, 1 year; Baseball, 4 years; Soccer, 2 years; Captain, Basketball, 4 years; Captain, Basketball, 4 years; Reflector staff, 2 years; Senior play - Larry Malone.

JANET HORN - Band, 2 years; Reflector staff, circulation manager, 3 years; art staff, 1 year; Member of Future Nurses Club.

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In his speech Mr. Hagerty also told of the need for understanding in the world today.

Mr. Hagerty said: "If I have a quarrel with newspapermen in this country, it is that they do not present as fully as possible the problems of other countries of the world."

Mr. Hagerty says he believes that America should not insist it is perfect and that every other country should be made over like us. He also said a greater understanding of mutual problems among the people of the other countries is needed if world peace is to be achieved.

The final highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the awards in which schools from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Ohio competed. Our school paper, the Reflector, placed second in the group of mimeographed papers in schools with an enrollment of more than 500 students. Audrey Jacobs also received a certificate of merit for one of her editorials.

DONNA BUNNELL

Shop News

The Shop Department of the Belmont Central School has made more progress and projects than ever before. The boys who have taken shop would like to thank Mr. James Smith for his kind help and very friendly attitude toward anything and everything they did all year long.

One of the first major operations of the shop was at the beginning of the year when the Shop III class took up a course of Auto Mechanics. The class had an old car donated to them by the East Side Garage and while it wouldn't run when they received it, it ran like a top when they returned it. The main cause of not running was discovered to be a broken fuel line. The class stripped the car of its hood and fenders, gave it a valve job, cleaned the pistons and cylinders and when they finished had a much greater knowledge of an auto than before.

After the course in Auto Mechanics came a course in Mechanical Drawing which was continued for the rest of the year. It consisted of drawing several plates of both geometric and orthographic projection views of objects.

Next in line of shop projects was the building of a boat by one of the classes. It was a packaged kit but it was so easy that putting it together it happened almost as if it was finished and was just another example of cooperation among the shop boys in building projects.

During the latter part of the school year all the shop classes together had a display of projects for the P.T.A. It included lamps, cedar chests, coffee tables, bookshelves and tables, bowls and many other projects. It was so well liked that it was put in the windows of the phone booth hall for a week.

This year also saw the coming of two new items in the shop. One was metal art which bowls, ash trays, plant dishes, letter openers and others were made. The other was wrought iron where a lot of fancy furniture was made.

The only new machine or device received in the shop this year was the acquiring of an oxy-acetylene torch for welding.

All shop classes are proud to have everyone know that Leo Converse has spent about a half a year building a model car to enter in the Fisher Body Guild's Annual Contest. It has taken many hours of work and everyone is proud of Leo's patience. When others thought something couldn't be done, he found a way and it worked out fine.

This is just a very brief summary of the activities in the Shop but it gives an idea of the vast number of things that can be accomplished there in one year.

Student Council Meets

At their last meeting the Student Council made many plans. On May 20 the nominations for next year's Student Council officers were held. May 23-25 was campaign week, and elections were held on May 27.

The Moving Up Day Party was held on May 27 at 7:30 p.m. The senior class presented a typical class day exercise for entertainment.

Letter awards were presented on the morning of June 3. In the after-

noon of June 3 Field Day was held which consisted of many sports in which high school students could participate.

So ends the Student Council of '55.

JOHN KYR

State Sectional Contest

At the State Sectional Contest at Canton the following rates were given:

Leo's Place — 4th place — A rating in grade 2
Leo's Smith — 4th place — A rating in grade 2
Carol West — 4th place — B rating in grade 3
Fidelity Finance — 4th place — B rating in grade 3
Harold Woods — 4th place — B rating in grade 3
Carol West, Joe Palmer, Marie Schmitt — 4th place — B rating in grade 3
Leo's Place, Memorial Commercial — 4th place — A rating in grade 3
Leo's Place, Carol Smith, Fidelity Finance — 4th place — B rating in grade 3

The band received a 4 rating which was not exceptionally good. Much hard work will be put forth for a higher rating next year.

Band Events

The Senior Band has participated in seven events during the past school year. The dance band has played for three school projects.

A clarinet quartet played for an Eastern Star meeting.

A group of band members played for a P.T.A. meeting where Mr. Ferrell gave a demonstration of the different instruments and their functions.

The Junior Band took a large part in the Winter Concert.

The Beginner's Band held a concert at a P.T.A. meeting and proved to be very successful.

Members of the senior band who are going to receive band letters this year are Clayton Hanchett, Ronald Hottis, Francis Keenan, Donald Peterson, Louella Pingrey, Susan Snyder and John Biancuzzo.

The senior band played for the Memorial Day parade. Graduation service will close the events of the bands for this school year.

SOPHOMORE CLASS



Front Row (left to right): Leo Converse, Elsie Calkins, Janice Brown, Barbara Mitchell, Ronald Monroe, Kenneth Canfield, Alvin Brooks, Louella Pingrey, Beverly Dixon, Maureen Monroe, Clayton Hanchett, Toby Tucker, Lois Baker.

Second Row: Francis Keenan, Richard Kemp, Richard Barnhart, Susan Snyder, Barbara Tronetti, Marie Blackman, Fred Middaugh, Fred Francisco, Roger Middaugh, Donald Peterson, Anthony Moshano, Advisor.

Back Row: Rodney Haynes, Harold Lamb, Mrs. Farwell, Advisor, Ethel Radmore, John Biancuzzo, Donald Perham, William Jones, George Foote, Ronald Hotis, Karen Rems.

Sophomore News

The sophomore officers this year were:

President - Beverly Dixon
Vice-president - Roger Middaugh
Secretary - Barb Tronetti
Student Council Representatives -
Skip Keenan and Dick Kemp.

Many sophomores have participated in sports, cheerleading, Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America, Future Nurses Club, Choir and Band.

F. H. A. News

The F.H.A. began the year by initiating seven new members. They were Marie Blackman, Beverly Dixon, Ethel Radmore, Carol Mead, Peggy Perry, Shirley Shawl, and Barbara Babcock.

The officers were elected as follows: Marjorie Bassett, president;

Beverly Bliven, vice president; Peggy Perry, secretary; and Lois Baker, treasurer.

Events which took place during the year were: a bake sale, a Christmas Party, a hay ride, and the F.F.A. and F.H.A. dance and banquet for their families.

There are some girls who are going to receive an Honor Guard. They are Beverly Bliven, Marjorie Bassett, Louella Pingrey, and Lois Baker. This is for perfect attendance for the year.

The new members are making jackets and then they will receive their F. H. A. pins.

LOUELLA PINGREY

Highlights Of The Trip To St. Bonaventure

On May 19, fifteen members of the Reflector staff including three staff advisors went to High School

Press Day at St. Bonaventure University.

From 11:15 - 12:15 each one of the staff went to sectional meetings which were of benefit to the different types of writers on a school paper staff. At one of these meetings Marcia Frick gave a talk on "Guidance Articles on Social Poise."

After the sectional meetings were over, we went to the dining hall where we were served a most delicious luncheon. Following lunch, we heard a speech by Mr. James C. Hagerty, Press Secretary to the President of the United States, which was in my opinion the highlight of our trip.

Mr. Hagerty was asked to give his speech on the work he has to do in Washington.

For his opening lines Mr. Hagerty had one special rule of his own and this was, "Make it as easy as possible for the reporters to quote, and don't lie to them."

Awards Earned By Reflector Staff Members

Several members of the 1954-55 Reflector staff received pins for their work on the school paper. Winners of these awards are chosen on the following basis: work on at least four issues, cooperation, quality of work, effort, promptness, and constructive criticism.

The following students received pins with the designated inscription:

Audrey Jacobs — Editor-in-chief
Thomas Kyle — Editorial Staff
Marcia Frick — Journalism
Donna Bunnell
Jim Gilliland — Sports Editor
Bruce Caldwell — Reporters
Marjorie Bassett
Ann Biancuzzo — Business Staff
Shirley Baker
Shirley Clark
Janet Horn
Milford Matteson — Production
Kay Saunders
Gene Whitaker
Donna Dickens

Seniors Leave Chorus and Band

The choir is very sorry to see this year's seniors leave, because of the unusually large number participating in so many musical events.

All members of the chorus wish to thank all senior members for their great help in making our choir a success.

Five members of the band are leaving. They are Audrey Jacobs, Carl Peterson, Robert Dickens, Wesley Cline, and Eugene Whitaker. Their absence will be greatly noticed in next year's senior band.

Future Nurses Club

The officers that were elected at the beginning of the year are as follows:

President - Audrey Jacobs
Vice-President - Marie Blackman
Secretary - Marcia Frick

The girls and boys that are going up to the Jones Memorial Hospital for further training are Louella Pingrey, Marie Blackman, Patricia Knox, Karen Rems, Kay Saunders, Marcia Frick, Audrey Jacobs and

Leo Converse. The hospital is very pleased with the work of these girls and boys. Mrs. Dundon receives many congratulations.

The other girls and boys who are in our club are: Barbara Babcock, Joyce Dundon, Patricia Harris, Beverly Francisco, Nancy Lewis, Marian Shuttleworth, Josephine Biancuzzo, Norma Stuck, Keith Sortore, John Winterhalter and Steve Thomas. They are making cancer dressings and swabs.

The activities that the club has done through the year are: Visited St. James Hospital in Hornell, had a movie on nursing and invited our mothers, went to the Worthington Plant, had a talk with the Public Health Nurse, had a Christmas Party, heard Mrs. Hawes from Rochester Regional Council talk on Nursing. At one of the P.T.A. meetings, Miss I. Verdetta Grau of Alfred gave a talk on nursing.

We took a gift to all the people in the County Home. Homemaking Classes made cookies and wrapped them individually for all the people. Mrs. Canty decorated a box and we put the presents and cookies in it.

Our advisors are: Mrs. June Dundon, Mrs. Gladys Roper, Mrs. Elizabeth Canty and Mrs. Mary Ann Miller.

MARIE BLACKMAN

Who's Who In Sports

RALPH BLACKMAN was a good performer in basketball and a top-notch pitcher in baseball.

ALVIN BROOKS played a competent wing in soccer and was a good utility player in baseball.

ARTHUR BROOKS was a defensive bulwark in soccer and the top winning pitcher in baseball, while captaining the team.

TOM BROWN was a steady performer in soccer, a top point getter in wrestling, and a hard hitting outfielder in baseball.

WESLEY CLINE played a good game at fullback in soccer and was a good team player in basketball.

JIM GILLILAND is one of the few boys to ever start his Freshman career in sports on the varsity teams. He has captained all sports and has been a top performer in every one.

He was a soccer goalie, basketball guard and a fine baseball catcher.

JERRY JORDAN was a speedy inside in soccer, a good scorer in basketball, and a sharp hitting second baseman in baseball.

SKIP KEENAN played a good game in soccer, was an excellent defensive player in basketball and a smooth-fielding third baseman in baseball.

DICK KEMP showed great potential in soccer, and won the County Wrestling Championship in his division.

GARY MAGEE played a good all-round game in soccer and showed much promise in wrestling.

TERRY MONROE, one of the hardest working athletes to grace Belmont, was a fine performer in baseball, soccer and wrestling. He is truly one of Belmont's Iron men.

DON PERHAM was a tricky wing in soccer and an excellent team player in baseball.

MIKE REMS was a powerful full-back in soccer and a good "play-maker" in basketball.

PHIL SORTORE was an overpowering wing in soccer, a good scorer in basketball and a good receiver in baseball.

GARY TUCKER was a top scorer in baseball, an excellent all round performer in baseball and while captaining the team in basketball, won All-County laurels for the second year.

JACK WALLACE had a good year in soccer as goalie and won County Championship in his wrestling division.

LEN WATSON performed good in basketball and was a curve-balling pitcher in baseball.

BRUCE CALDWELL was a very competent manager in soccer and basketball and above all a decisive referee in the latter sport.

RAY KEENAN managed both soccer and basketball and was the only person in school who knew what was in the first-aid kit.

BILL LEILOUS managed the baseball team and proved a successful supervisor of his two assistants, Fred Tucker and Tom Baxter.

JIM GILLILAND
TERRY MONROE

FRESHMAN CLASS



Front Row (left to right): Gerald Mayo, Donald Kyle, Ione Clemons, Nancy Lewis, Elaine Benjamin, Peggy Perry, Joyce Mitchell, Ann Biancuzzo, Jon Winterhalter, Harold Wesche
 Second Row: Carol Mead, Patricia Harris, Keith Sortore, Clinton Bundy, Stephen Thomas, Roger Gowdy, Paul Casterline, Beverly Francisco, Marian Shuttleworth, Barbara Babcock, Josephine Biancuzzo.
 Back Row: Mr. Farwell, Advisor; Shirley Shawl, Shelia Matteson, Donna Bunnell, Joyce Dundon, Wm. Leilous, Gary Magee, Raymond Bliven, Richard Whitaker, Norma Stuck, Mr. Patterson, Advisor.

Freshman Class Review

The officers of the Freshman class for the school year were president, Beverly Francisco; vice-president, Carol Mead; secretary, Peggy Perry and treasurer, Joyce Mitchell. The Student Council representatives are Ann Biancuzzo and Don Kyle. The class advisors are Mr. James Patterson and Mr. Gaylord Farwell.

The class colors are turquoise and white. The flower was not chosen.

Some of the "pet" phrases of the freshmen are:

Ah Babe - Raymond Bliven
 OK, Honey - Gary Magee
 Never walk when you can ride in a new Olds - Bill Leilous
 Shake it, don't break it - Don Kyle
 Oh Bunk - Donna Bunnell

You Goof - Carol Mead
 You Fool - Nancy Lewis
 OK foot - Ione Clemons
 I don't know? - Beverly Francisco
 Holy Hor-rors - Peggy Perry
 Huh? - Josephine Biancuzzo
 Well, I'll be a Dirty Bird - Pat Harris
 You don't know, do you? - Joyce Mitchell
 Somebody Goofed - Ann Biancuzzo
 Cool Cat - Jerry Mayo
 Holy Hanna - Shirley Shawl
 Good Grief - Elaine Benjamin
 Ah Comical - Joyce Dundon
 Hardy, har, har - Roger Gowdy
 Oh, nuts - Shelia Matteson

JOYCE MITCHELL

Accomplishments In The Vocal Field

The Belmont High School Chorus has done many things this last

year. The most important activities were: Several participated in All-State sectionals at Arcade; a group of twelve girls sang at an Eastern Star meeting and also at a Literary Society meeting; Marcia Frick sang a number of songs at a Literary Society meeting to illustrate a paper written by Mrs. Katherine Palmer.

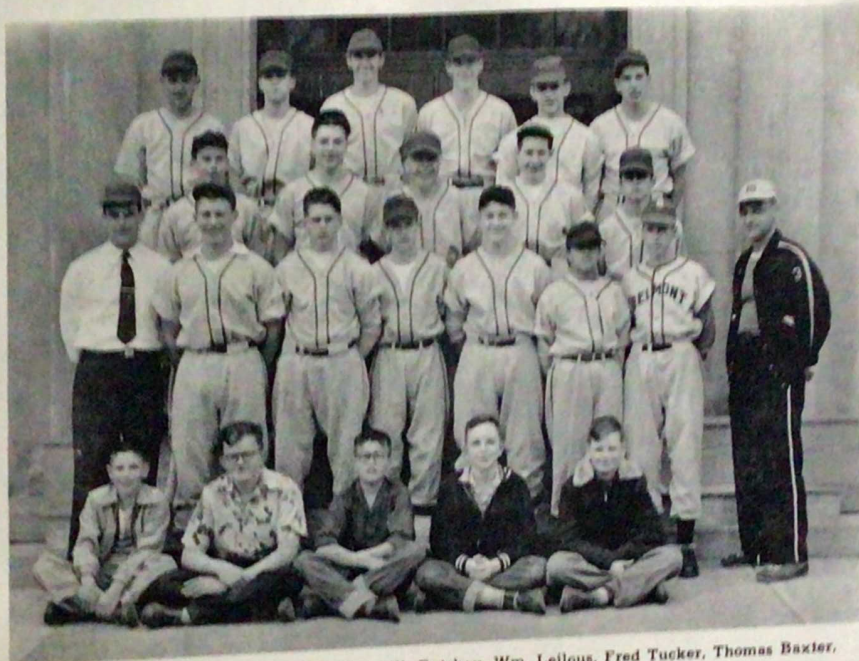
For the first time in many years a large number of chorus members went Christmas caroling.

Two out of town concerts were the All County Concert at Wellsville and the Spring Festival at Bolivar.

At the Spring Concert at home a girls' three part chorus and a group of mixed twelve sang for the first time this year.

There was a grade Operetta which included grades three through six, at Christmas time. It was "The Doll's Christmas Eve."

CLASS B-C CHAMPIONS



Front Row (left to right): Steven Ambroselli, Bat boy, Wm. Lelious, Fred Tucker, Thomas Baxter, Managers, Douglas MacEwan, Bat boy.
 Second Row: Mr. McClure, Asst. Coach, Eugene Johannes, Thomas Brown, Ronald Monroe, Arthur Brooks, Toby Tucker, Alvin Brooks, Mr. Moshano, Coach.
 Third Row: Richard Barnhart, Michael Rems, Donald Perham, James Gilliland, Jerry Jordan.
 Fourth Row: Leonard Watson, Gary Tucker, Ralph Blackman, Francis Keenan, Philip Sortore, Terry Monroe.

Belmont Wins Sports Trophy

Under coach, Mr. Bernard McClure, and Manager, Gene Whitaker, three boys, Harry Hale, Dick Kemp, and Jack Wallace, won the County Wrestling Championships in their respective classes.

In Belmont's second year of wrestling the team completed the year undefeated in their league by twice defeating Friendship, Seio, Angelica, Andover, Richburg, and Fillmore.

Wrestlers and Their Records

Name	Weight Class	No. of Bouts	Won
Dick Kemp	120	11	10
Harry Hale	127	10	7

Gary Magee	132	5	7
Tom Brown	132	12	11
Jack Wallace	138	8	6
Wayne Shawl	160	6	5
Terry Monroe	170	7	5

so that they will stay happy and healthy.
 They are looking forward to becoming first graders next fall.

Kindergarten Completes First Year

The kindergarten boys and girls are completing their first year in school.

Since last September they have learned many things including learning to play, sharing and working together.

This summer they are going to remember their Safety First Rules

Mrs. Horner's First Grade

Our year together has been a happy one. The children have been interesting and enthusiastic throughout the year!

They have contributed much toward making the year a success socially as well as in learning values.

A busy, happy summer is anticipated by all.

Mrs. Clark's First Grade

School started with 21 pupils, 13 boys and 8 girls. Two moved away the first month. Brenda Smith and Sandra Smith joined the group during the year.

It has been a busy year. The children have covered units on Farming, Eskimos, Transportation, The First Thanksgiving. Besides they have become enthusiastic readers. Many have done considerable outside reading. They all feel they are ready for second grade, but first they are looking forward to a long happy summer of playing. They hope everyone else has a very enjoyable summer too.

Mrs. Tompkin's Second Graders Look Forward To Summer Vacation

Mrs. Tompkin's second graders started the year with twenty-four children and have ended up with the same number.

They have worked especially hard on their vowel sounds this year. Most of the pupils have become much better readers and spellers by figuring out unfamiliar words through the use of vowel rules.

The class was very happy to hear that they had won first prize for their Health Poster in county competition. With their prize money, they have purchased a record album of Pinocchio which they have been enjoying greatly.

This spring the pupils are making bird booklets, hoping to recognize our beautiful friends. Many were surprised at how many birds they can now name by sight.

The second graders are all looking forward to a happy summer vacation.

Mrs. Steenrod's Second Graders Make Bird Booklet

Mrs. Steenrod's second-graders have been making a bird booklet this spring. The cover was made in art class. They have colored pic-

tures and written stories about ten common birds.

The pupils have greatly enjoyed their new record album, "Boza and the Birds" which was bought with their P. T. A. prize money.

Their class still has twelve boys and twelve girls which was the same number they had at the beginning of the year. Bonnie Warren took Brenda Blixt's place. So far Joyce Ambroselli has perfect attendance.

The pupils have made fine progress in reading. Everyone is reading well in their last "Second Grade Book".

When thinking about the year's work they decided they liked making their booklets about "America" and the one about "Birds" the best. Of course, their train unit was a lot of fun too. They enjoyed playing with Dennis Grastorf's electric train.

Mrs. Bernice Hall's Third Grade Keeps Busy

As the end of the year nears the third grade has looked back on it to think of the things they enjoyed most.

Several spoke of the contest that was held. Priscilla McNinch and Jerry Smith liked the spell-downs held every Thursday. Patsy Button liked the arithmetic chart. Teddy Seeley is anxious to see who the winner will be in the Library Reading Contest. Ricky Cline liked the phonics lessons. Amy Olmstead had fun collecting jars and filling them with water to learn the liquid measures in arithmetic class. Jean Kish likes to play Beat the Ball in gym class and also do the exercises held in the room. Jean Green likes the walks taken, especially the one to the Dispatch Office to learn about printing. Philip Smith and Lloyd Pelton like the flash card game played after lunch. Pamela Quinn likes to draw flags in art class. Ann Winterhalter likes the Weekly Readers that are read every Friday. James Allen likes the stories read to the class. Danny Ross thought it was fun to learn.

Work Enjoyed By All

As the close of the school year is upon us Mrs. Helen Kane's third grade has been thinking about the work they've enjoyed most of all.

Barrie Barnes, Cynthia Cline, Onalee Middaugh, James McKelvey, and Linda Pendleton enjoyed the spelling classes and the contests, also the frequent spell downs held.

Richard Rose, Jacquelyn Manis, John Schleigh, and Gladys Beech enjoyed the arithmetic work, especially the contest in learning the multiplication tables. Each one enjoyed seeing a bird or flower sticker after his name.

Susan Jacobs, Bonnie Windus, Sharon Rix, Reed Worden, Linda Carpenter, and Marilyn Smith enjoyed the reading lessons. Also the contest to see who improved the most.

Robert Snyder and William Shelley were happy to have taken part in the Old Fashioned Dance during the Gym Demonstration.

The boys and girls hope you all have a pleasant summer vacation and hope to see you next September.

Reading Is Main Item In Fourth Grade

Miss Ruth Rossney's fourth grade has done quite a bit of reading. In addition to reading the geography and history books, each group has read two text books. Each individual has read many of the library books found in the room.

All the children have had a happy year. They have had fun working together. The pupils have enjoyed their studies, along with the parties and treats.

The fourth grade earned seven dollars in prize money this year. With this they bought library books for the room.

Carol Ackerman, Shirley Chind, Virginia Wachter, and Edward Fleischman have perfect attendance records for this year.

Last September the fourth grade started with an enrollment of nineteen. During the year Robert Blixt and Betty Rogers moved away, but Darlene Hickey and Albert Beach came to join the class, ending up the year with nineteen.

Fourth Graders Add To Reading Collection

With the dental health money, Mrs. Gertrude Cline's fourth grade added The Hidden Spring Mystery by Mary Adrian and Ketch Dog by Margaret Phillips to their library. Each boy and girl has written his name on the fly leaf to show that they helped to enlarge the supply of books.

The fourth grade, as a whole, has done a great deal of reading and reading work this year.

The class is nearly finished with the last reading books, Just Imagine and Singing Wheels.

Most of the boys and girls have read many library books, both from the school library and public libraries. The favorites of the children are historical, animal and mystery stories.

Fifth Graders End Enjoyable Year

Mrs. Freda Tower's fifth grade is now nearing the end of a very pleasant school year.

Harold Wachter, Jim Jones and Gordon Clair have had perfect attendance. About 50% of the grade has attained the honor roll so far.

The class is looking forward to its final party and anxiously averaging daily marks.

The teachers for this year were: English, Miss Hammond; Math, Mrs. Tower; History, Mr. McClure and Geography, Mr. Orr.

Fifth Graders Learn Of Coal Plants

This year Miss Grace Hammond's 5A class has enjoyed learning about such things as coal plants and cotton plantations.

Some of the books read were histories and biographies such as Daniel Boone and George Washington Carver. These were among the favorites.

There are 24 students in grade 5A, ten of which are in band. Ten is the average number on the honor roll.

John Osterhout is the only pupil with perfect attendance.

The class would like to say, "Adios now. Be safe in work and play this summer. Then Hola next fall."

Sixth Graders Look Back On Enjoyable Year

Mr. McClure's sixth grade this year has had a very enjoyable year and is looking forward to the seventh grade. This year has been a great experience to all. Each person feels that they have developed both socially and mentally. Problems have arisen some of which have been answered and some of which will be answered in the future.

The class has sponsored three parties this year. The expense of these parties were met by each member of the class paying dues.

The class won second place in the Dental Health Contest held in February. Everyone had lots of fun working on this project.

During the year, the class has lost two students who were transferred to another school, and gained one.

Mr. Orr's Sixth Graders Learn To Enjoy School

This year the sixth graders have tried hard to learn that they should want to enjoy school but that they also have a responsibility. Each person has tried to assume that responsibility.

The class has studied many overseas nations, their customs, their work and play and has learned that for peace they must try to understand their ways and work with them.

The class parties have been fun because each person had a share in planning them.

The dues money has been used for good purposes. During the year the sixth grade has given to the Red Cross and purchased five books.

The class had special periods of first aid, oral book reports, science, and story reading during the year. All of these were enjoyed.

As the year ends the class wants to thank the teachers who have tried hard to make them good seventh graders.

Seventh Grade Has Busy Club

For 1954-55 Mrs. Burke's seventh grade elected the following as their club officers: president, Sally Tower; vice-president, Steven Ambroselli; secretary, Robert Shuttleworth; and treasurer, Dianne McDonnell.

Their club formed last October and was given the name of The Lucky Penny Club. The club donated money to the cancer fund, March of Dimes, and other charities. The treasurer now contains eleven dollars.

The grade has had many parties this year. They had a picnic, skating party, Christmas party, Valentine's party, and plan to have a picnic at the end of the year.

The class wishes to thank Mr. Burton for helping them with their club.

Eighth Grade Has Interesting Year

Mr. Rose's class elected the following officers for 1954-55; president, Thelma Beabout; vice-president, David Spader; secretary, Penny Grastorf and treasurer, Eugene Robbins.

Both seventh grades are looking forward to being members of the eighth grade next year.

During the year of 1954-55 the eighth grade class officers have been as follows; president, Gale McNinch; vice-president, Doug Walldorff; secretary, Carol Baker; treasurer, Linda Keenan; and reporter, Linda Pierce.

During the school year the boys played bitty league basketball. The teams were the Wolves, Cats, Bears, and the Bulls.

In homemaking each girl made a skirt.

The grade has been writing poems in English, Part II class. The class poet is Fred Tucker.

Two of the eighth grade boys took part in the Junior Play. They

were Fred Tucker and Bob Frank. The grade has fifteen hand meetings. Five of them played basketball at the state contest in Charleston. They were Linda Paves who earned A in a victory, Linda Korman, Patricia Brownstein, and Jim Finkley all received B rating.

The eighth grade class has been busy studying out of previous books moving to past legends. They are all looking forward to being freshmen.

Autographs

The Story of A Mother Bird

by Carol Baker

Have you ever seen a bird on the wing?
Have you ever heard a warbler sing?
If you have you know it's a glorious thing.
Have you ever watched a bird build
its nest?
The bird never stops, to wait, and
rest,
But goes right on and does its best.
Away up high in the shade
And when the eggs are finally laid
Who watches o'er like a loyal maid?
Then one day the babies creep,
From out of the shell and begin to
peep.
And who waits close by to sing them
to sleep?
When finally they are able to fly
Away up high and across the sky
Dear Mother can at last close her
watchful eye.

The Playful Leaves

by Maureen McCaffrey

The leaves are all such happy things
Away up in the tree.
They dance and play and wave their
hands,
And nod to you and me.
When Jack Frost comes and sets
them free.
They jump down to the ground,
And play all sorts of silly games,
And scamper all around.
Then daddy takes them in a pile,
And makes a blaze so high,
But mother says "They've burned to
smoke."
Then they play up in the sky.

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